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Matoushka Anne and beloved Hopko family

Very Reverend John Behr and St. Vladimir's Orthodox
Theological seminary family

Christ is Risen

With great sorrow I heard that Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko reposed peacefully in the Lord. He was a distinguished pastor and preacher who inspired many and many of his parishioners, students and colleagues. He will always be a distinct theologian.

My deepest and warmest sympathy to his wife Matoushka Anne (Schmemmann) Hopko and his children with their families, and to every member of St. Vladimir's seminary family.

May God rest his soul among the Saints and grant him to celebrate the genuine Pascha in His divine kingdom, and bestow His peace upon the heart of his close and extended family.

+ Elias

Metropolitan of Beirut