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And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord.” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them.”  
Revelation 14:13

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I would like to express, on behalf of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church, Germany and Surrounding Areas Diocese, our condolences on the loss of His Holiness Patriarch Irinej, the head of the Serbian Orthodox Church. He was surely respected and beloved among you and the entire Oriental Orthodox Churches community.

I extend our deepest sympathies to you and your family during this period of mourning.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Yours in our Common Lord,

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