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Her Majesty The Queen Buckingham Palace London SW1A 1AA

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Your Majesty,

It was on 24th January 2013 that your husband His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, paid his final visit to our Serbian Orthodox Church of St. Sava in Ladbroke Grove, London. We were this Friday immensely saddened to learn of his passing. On behalf of the whole diocese, which includes all the Serbian Orthodox people of the United Kingdom and Ireland, I would therefore like to extend my deepest condolences to you and to all of your family on your enormous loss. And to wish you also that inner strength which I understand your support and stay was always determined to help you have.

During these days of mourning we shall be grieving with Your Majesty and your family as well as the people of the UK and the Commonwealth. The loss of such a charismatic, international public figure as was His Royal Highness the Prince Philip will of course impact world-wide, but permit me to proffer a few words of support to you on your personal loss, and that of HRH Prince Philip's children and grand-children. For, as Our Lord tells us: "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation, but has passed from death to life. (John 5:24)

I shall pray to the All-Merciful Lord that He grant fortitude and consolation to Your Majesty and your family at this time.

With most sincere condolences,

On behalf of +DOSITEJ

Goran Spaic

The Right Reverend Bishop of Great Britain and Scandinavia The Very Rev'd Goran Spaic, General Vicar

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