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## **THE PASSING OF PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD 38th President of the United States**

A statement from  
Archbishop Scott McLaughlin  
*Presiding Bishop of The Orthodox Anglican Church  
Metropolitan and Primate of The Orthodox Anglican Communion*

We are saddened to learn that our nation's 38th president, Gerald R. Ford, has died. However, we take great joy in the reports that he was a faithful Christian who knew Christ as his Saviour. We are also thankful that his life was full and active that its end came peacefully at home, surrounded by his family.

President Ford's life was one of humility and selfless service. He fought for his nation in war, he served his constituents and our Congress honorably in peace, and he stepped forward to lead this nation in time of turmoil, scandal, and transition.

He made decisions he believed were guided by God and that were best for America, rather than those that were best for his political career.

The willingness to serve and lead when called upon, even in a position he never sought nor desired, the willingness to sacrifice personal gain for the best interests of all, and the desire to be led by God are excellent examples for all Christians to remember. In a sense, President Ford's life reflected basic lessons taught by Christ.

Regardless of political opinion, we would all do well to follow these examples of faith, service, and honour.

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### Note

*A Prayer of Thanksgiving for the life of President Gerald R Ford will be said at noon on Wednesday, January 3, 2007 at The Orthodox Anglican Centre chapel. Likewise, all clergy and parishes in the United States are encouraged to observe the same.*