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Archbishop Anastasios of Tirana, Durrës, and All Albania has fallen asleep in the Lord.



The Orthodox Autocephalous Church of Albania, with the deepest of sorrow, announces the falling asleep in the Lord of His Beatitude, Archbishop Anastasios of Tirana, Durres, and All Albania. His Beatitude fell asleep in the Lord today, January 25, 2025, at 08:30 AM, at the age of 95, at “Evangelismos” Hospital in Athens, due to multiple organ failure, following a prolonged hospitalization at “Hygeia” Hospital in Tirana.

We call upon the faithful of the Church of Albania *(and throughout the world) * to pray for the repose of the soul of our departed Primate.
The indelible Archbishop Anastasios restored and renewed of the Orthodox Autocephalous Church of Albania, which he raised from its ruins following the fall of the atheistic regime. Through his God-inspired vision and tireless labor, he rebuilt ecclesiastical life from its very foundations, erected hundreds of churches, established educational and philanthropic institutions, and educated and ordained

new clergy, offering unceasing sacrificial service for over thirty-three years.

May his memory be eternal!

Kisha Orthodhokse Autoqefale e Shqipërisë