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Dear Brother Priests, Deacons/Subdeacons, Consecrated Men and Women,

On Sunday we received the sad news of the passing into eternal life of Abbot William Driscoll. In keeping with their cloistered life of simplicity the funeral was held on Monday September 20, 2021 at the Most Holy Trinity Monastery in Petersham, Massachusetts, with Abbot Patrick presiding. Abbot William, for the past several months, received round the clock care by the monks, and just before he passed, he received the last rites of the Church and made his last confession. Abbot William was buried in the Monastery cemetery next to the 3 other monks who went before him.

The Abbot lived and died with simplicity and devotion to God, and has inspired his monks to the same kind of life. The Abbot is the founder and first Abbot of the community, and has left to the Eparchy of Saint Maron, and the entire Church, a legacy of great spiritual value.

On behalf of the clergy, religious and laity of the Eparchy of Saint Maron, I extend to Abbot Patrick and his monks, as well as to all the family and friends of Abbot William, our heartfelt condolences and prayers. May God's faithful servant rest in peace.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Gregory*

+ Gregory John Mansour

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