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**Dear and Venerable
Father Protopresbyter VALERY!**

In Holy Scripture it says, You did not choose Me, but I chose you and set you up, that you go and bear fruit, and that your fruit abide, that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He give you (John 15:16).

On the day of your 90th birthday, on behalf of the brethren of the Monastery of the Holy Trinity, the professors and students of our Holy Trinity Seminary, we are sincerely happy to congratulate you, dear Father Valery, with this significant date. You deserve a great deal of sincere and warm words. Fifty-four years ago, our Lord, the Chief Shepherd, vouchsafed you to receive the priestly rank. Since then, and until now, you have toiled in the vineyard of Christ, showing us an example of a sincere and deeply faithful Orthodox pastor. The best testament to your zealous work in Christ's vineyard is the St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral in Howell, one of the pearls of the Eastern American Diocese and of our entire Russian Church Abroad!

Your whole life has been dedicated to church ministry. You are a renowned spiritual writer, author of books and textbooks, an irreplaceable laborer on the Architectural Commission at the Synod of Bishops.

On this solemn and festal day, we wish you, dear father, good health and God's abundant aid.

With love in Christ,

Archimandrite Luke
*Rector of Holy Trinity Monastery
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