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MEDIA RELEASE

Statement from the Coptic Orthodox Church in New Zealand concerning the terrorist attack in Christchurch

We express our deepest sorrow at the shocking terrorist attack that took place in Christchurch on the 15th of March, that resulted in the loss of lives of many innocent people. We extend our sincere condolences to the families of the victims. Our prayers and our thoughts are with them, and we pray for the healing of all those wounded.

In our Coptic Orthodox Church in Auckland, the solemn tolling of the church bells at 12 noon on Sunday 17 March 2019 will be sounded to pay our respects and as a sign of our remorse and our solidarity with our Muslim brethren. We ask God to grant the world peace. May God bless New Zealand and make it a land of religious tolerance and love.

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