

WE GRIEVE AT THE PASSING OF HIS GRACE ABUNA ZENA MARKOS, OUR GREAT CHURCH FATHER OF THE ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Tewahdo)

Abuna Zena Markos died on Saturday February 13, 2010. We celebrate the exemplary life of Abuna Zena Markos, a life of service and compassion, of one of the great Fathers of our Ethiopian Orthodox Christian Church. Let us all remember the life he lived and be lifted from our daily grind in the glory of God's infinite grace for favoring us with the service of one of his most dedicated and humblest servants, Abuna Zena Markos. Let us not be discouraged in his passing, but be uplifted by his Christian life's work. For he had dutifully followed in the footsteps of the Christ in the service of his fellow man, he continues to live in the heart of all of us. We thank also ethiomedia.com and several other media for posting in timely manner the sad news of the passing of our much loved and admired Spiritual Father, His Grace Abuna Zena Markos. **Requiem Eternum.**



His Grace Abune Zena Markos

Some time back I wrote my admiration of Abuna Zena Markos that I quote herein as my humble witness: "In late 1991, Abune Zena Markos, a truly dignified and charismatic personality as is often the case with almost every Ethiopian Church Father, came to my office (as you may guess I was totally overwhelmed by his presence) to see me at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where I was holed up at the time, to discuss with me about several problems the Church was having and asked me for some help such as the opening of the main gate of the Cathedral of the Trinity, the return of the Church's property near Arat Kilo, the release of budgetary fund for the Church et cetera. Of course, I protested to his visiting with me on the ground that as the august Father of our Church he could simply have summoned me to come to his office rather than make a trip to see some lowly advisor like me." [See "The Role of Religion in the Political Life of Ethiopia: The Ethiopian Orthodox Church 'Synod in Exile'" www.tecolahagos.com] TH