

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA**

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Brother Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, and Beloved Faithful in Christ:

Joyous festal greetings to you in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ! Today we celebrate the triumphal entry of Him who came “in the name of the Lord” to redeem us (Matthew 21:9). We enter the commemoration of His sufferings with shouts of victory, for we know that the forces of evil are no match for Him. Yet let us be careful to cling to our Faith and remain faithful to our King, not imitating the treachery of those who shout “Hosanna” today and then “Crucify Him” on Friday. Instead, let us continue to shout in praise of Him even as He leads us down the road to Golgotha, and let us be willing to suffer there with Him so that we might also be raised with Him.

As has been our custom for many years, today we remember our Father in Christ, Patriarch JOHN X, and all our brothers and sisters of the Patriarchate of Antioch, especially those in its historic homeland of the Middle East. Christians there know the path of suffering better than most of us, as they have endured decades of wars, leading to countless deaths, crippling destruction, and economic collapse. Yet they do not give up, but through the humanitarian work of our patriarchate, they continue to minister compassionately to the needs of those around them, caring for Christ by caring for “the least of these” (Matthew 25:40).

Once again, I ask you to donate generously in support of our patriarchate and its humanitarian work. Through our gifts we show our solidarity with those who are keeping the Christian Faith alive in these apostolic and historic places by practicing the love that defines followers of our Lord Jesus (John 13:35). By helping them, we share in this beautiful work and show that Christ’s love still burns within our own hearts.

Wishing you all a deeply meaningful Holy Week and a glorious Pascha, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Metropolitan Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive style and is preceded by a large, stylized cross symbol.

+JOSEPH
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“The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch” (Acts 11: 26)

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