

His Eminence  
The Most Reverend  
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and  
Metropolitan of  
All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE  
OF NORTH AMERICA**

**TO BE READ FROM THE PULPIT**

October, 2017

Beloved Clergy and Faithful of our Archdiocese:

Blessings and greetings in the name of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ. We pray that you have enjoyed a peaceful and productive beginning of the new ecclesiastical year.

Once again we bring to your attention that October in our Antiochian Archdiocese is “Youth Month and Seminary Month.” This year we have 20 students in three seminaries. Most, if not all of these students will someday serve this Archdiocese as priests. It is vital that we not only support and subsidize their education, but that we also support the institutions that provide this vital education. While we do not have our own seminary in this Archdiocese at this time, we are fortunate to have three different schools in America in which to educate our future priests, each with its own emphasis and strengths. These same schools also train choir directors, youth ministers, and Christian education leaders. As such, it is our duty to help them as much as we can so we can share in the fruits of their labors.

To that end, we ask for your generous donations today in order to support the institutions that educate our seminarians, youth workers, choir directors, and Christian education leaders.

May the Lord continue to bless all your efforts in His name as well as those theological schools that train our men preparing for the Holy Priesthood and our future youth and lay leaders for their vital ministry to the Church.

Your Father in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Metropolitan Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**+JOSEPH**

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

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