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His Eminence JOSEPH Archbishop of New York Metropolitan of All North America P.O. Box 5238 Englewood, NJ 07631-5238

Your Eminence,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

It is with great joy that we congratulate Your Eminence on your election as the Metropolitan of the Self-Ruled Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.

It is our hope and expectation that during the course of your leadership within the Antiochian Archdiocese we will continue to build upon the decades of common work for the glory of God. May the Orthodox Church in America and the Antiochian Archdiocese journey together, inspired by the shared vision of Orthodox mission in America and committed to unity in Orthodox ministry and witness. We look forward to greeting Your Eminence with brotherly love in person.

We pray that God will generously endow you with gifts of strength and wisdom and clarity of vision. We rejoice with the Church of Antioch and the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America. Axios!

Your brother in Christ,

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