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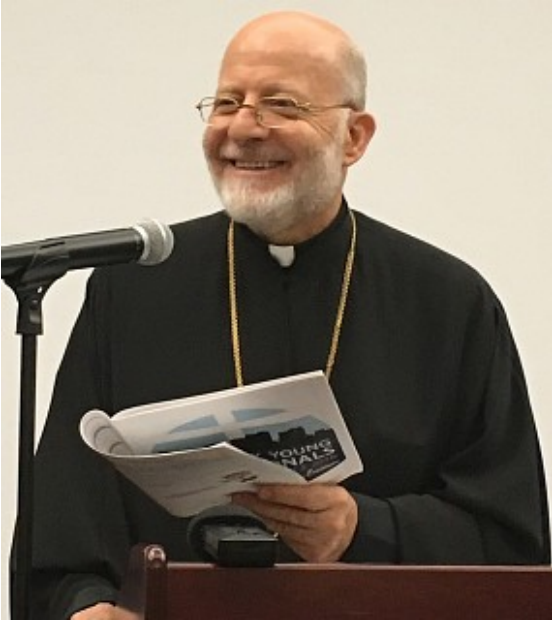
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LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD IN SUPPORT OF TRUTH



LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD:
THE HOLY SYNOD MEETS ON OCTOBER 11

"I am struggling for God; I don't care what people say, even if they revile me, even if they mock me, even if they slander me, even if they dishonor my name, even if all of creation busies itself with speaking against me."

-- Elder Joseph the Hesychast

It has come to our attention that there is an overwhelming desire by many to express their support and concern for His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH during the recent course of events. Messages in support for His Eminence, from the clergy and laity of the Archdiocese, could make a positive impact on the upcoming meeting of Holy Synod of Antioch on October 11, 2022.

You may express your support and concern in the following ways:

- 1) Copy and paste one of the Sample Letters into the Message Form below
- 2) Write a personal letter, in your own words, addressed to "Your Beatitude and Your Eminences" using the Message Form below. We ask that you keep all messages respectful and dignified.

These messages will go directly to the Patriarch and the members of the Holy Synod of Antioch in hopes that it might lead to a positive outcome, or at least let them know that the clergy and laity of the Archdiocese of North America will not be silent in the face of this enormous injustice and attack on our beloved Metropolitan, and on the Holy Orthodox Church.

Please send your messages by October 9 so they are received ahead of the October 11 meeting.

May God have mercy on us all, and may His will be done in all things.

Send Your Message to the Holy Synod of Antioch

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SAMPLE MESSAGE 1

I am writing to offer my unwavering support for Metropolitan JOSEPH. Through his paternal affection for us, his flock, we have come to know him as a strong spiritual father, teacher, and example of the Orthodox Faith. As a leader he has stood firmly against those who wish to corrupt the Church with secular agendas which are driven by the evil one. Metropolitan JOSEPH's humble, self-sacrificial, response to these slanderous personal attacks bears witness to his Christ-like love for his spiritual children and this Archdiocese. Our beloved Hierarch has selflessly sacrificed himself, by offering to retire from his position, to allow the archdiocese to begin the healing process. This choice demonstrates his undying devotion to his flock rather than an admission of guilt! Metropolitan JOSEPH has made this Archdiocese “bear much fruit” by teaching his spiritual children to remain focused on God, rather than the secularism that surrounds us. If he were not a God-fearing man, this Archdiocese would have withered and died away rather than being the light to those in darkness. It is shocking for those who are behind these lies, to convict our beloved Hierarch based on gossip that cannot be proven. The fact that an innocent man is being condemned unjustly is direct evidence of the willful, political motives created by those who are attempting to disrupt the sacredness of our Holy Church. If those who have anathematized Metropolitan JOSEPH are successful in their quest to destroy him, the ramifications on Holy Orthodoxy will be immeasurable.

Metropolitan JOSEPH has declared his innocence, against these malicious allegations, and we the faithful of this God protected Archdiocese stand firm in our belief that he is in fact being truthful and is innocent. We ask that His Beatitude, Patriarch JOHN and the Holy Synod stand with their brother, Metropolitan JOSEPH, in solidarity and truth against the wiles of the evil one.

SAMPLE MESSAGE 2



December 31, 2020

Christ is born. Glorify Him.
Thank You from Antiochianladiocese.org

Fifteen years ago, a small team brought Antiochianladiocese.org to life. Its goals, among others: to keep the clergy and faithful in the loop about the travels and outreach of His Eminence Metropolitan Joseph -- who was, at the time, Bishop of the Antiochian Diocese of Los Angeles and the West -- to provide regular updates of the life of parishes and organizations throughout the Diocese; and to connect them liturgically with the Service Texts used for worship.

The team thanks Almighty God for blessing this ministry; Sayidna Joseph for his support, encouragement and trust; and you for your patronage. Antiochianladiocese.org finds new life on [Antiochian.org](#) and the [Archdiocesan Facebook page](#). Please join us there!

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