

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan SABA



Archbishop of New York
and Metropolitan of
All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
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TO BE READ FROM THE PULPIT

October, 2024

“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” (Matthew 9:37-38)

Beloved Clergy and Faithful of our Archdiocese:

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

The month of October in our God-protected Antiochian Archdiocese is designed as “Youth Month and Seminary Month.” This is intended to bring awareness to the importance of the pastoral and theological training initiative of our Archdiocese.

This year’s records of our Archdiocese show more than 25 students enrolled in three seminaries whose training supply our churches with priesthood candidates, choir directors, youth workers and Christian education leaders.

Your generous donations today in support of our seminarians and these institutions will ensure that our parishes will continue to be supplied with exemplary priests equipped to serve the needs of our parishioners, and competent staffing that will be able to perpetuate their vigorous programs. These men are preparing for the holy labors of baptizing our infants, marrying our young people, preaching the gospel, laying to eternal rest our loved ones, granting solace to those in distress, and offering guidance to those in need of direction. In other words, we are supporting them as they prepare to support all of us in our journey to the Kingdom of Heaven.

We are grateful for your invaluable and innumerable initiatives in providing financial and moral support over the many past decades toward this worthy cause, and for subsidizing the vital educational programs of these institutions, and the needs of our seminarians.

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Also, we appreciate the hand-on training and the financial support offered to our students by the following parishes this year: St. Anthony, Bergenfield; St. George, Allentown; St. George, Little Falls; St. George, Boston; St. George, Worcester; St. Ignatius, Florida; St. Mary, Brooklyn; St. Mary, Wilkes-Barre; St. Mary, Yonkers; St. Nicholas, Bridgeport; St. Nicholas, Brooklyn; St. Paul, Emmaus; St. Philip, Souderton; and St. Stephen, South Plainfield.

Recent studies have shown that we are facing a shortage of clergy in the coming years. We need your generous financial support to educate as many priestly candidates and their families as possible to work in the Vineyard of our Savior. May the Lord reward you accordingly for your emotional and financial support in his name and to his glory. Your thoughtfulness has made you worthy recipients of the spiritual dividends of the fruits produced through the labor of these schools and the priests they have trained.

Your Father in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "T. Saba". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "T" and a period after the first name.

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