

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and
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V. Rev. Theodoros Daoud
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Dear Fr. Theodoros:

Blessings to you as we prepare for the Holy Season of the Great Fast!

I write to you with sadness to inform you that I have received a very large number of letters and phone calls which have made serious accusations against you and the way that you conduct yourself as a pastor. It has come to the point where it is necessary for me to take action.

Therefore, according to my episcopal authority, and consistent with ecclesiastical law, I am suspending you immediately from the active priesthood. As such, you may not celebrate any sacred services of the Church, you may not have any contact with the people of the Church, and you may not engage in any priestly activity whatsoever. Specifically, you are not permitted to enter into any part of St. Mary's Church at any time for any reason.

This suspension will remain in effect until I complete the current investigation. At that time, a specific decision will be made about your future and that decision will be communicated to you in writing.

I pray that you will humble yourself during this Holy Lenten Season and follow a path of true repentance.

Your Father in Christ

+Joseph

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Joseph', written in a cursive style.

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cc: Bishop Thomas, Fr. Gregory Matthewes-Green,
Members of the Parish Council of St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church in Hunt Valley, MD

"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)

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