

His Eminence  
The Most Reverend  
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and  
Metropolitan of  
All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE  
OF NORTH AMERICA**

*“The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.” Is 40:8*

March 15, 2017

Beloved Hierarchs and Clergy of this God-protected Archdiocese:

Blessings and greetings to you and your family in the name of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ. We pray this letter finds you in good health during this third week of the Great Fast.

Sunday, March 19, 2017 will mark the third anniversary of the repose of our beloved Metropolitan Philip of thrice-blessed memory. As such, all of the parishes and missions of this Archdiocese are directed to do the following on that day, the Third Sunday of Great Lent:

1. During the Proskomedia, the priest shall commemorate “His Eminence Metropolitan Philip of thrice-blessed memory and eternal repose” as the first among the departed.
2. During the Great Entrance, the priest shall commemorate “His Eminence Metropolitan Philip of thrice-blessed memory and eternal repose” as the first among the departed.

May his memory be eternal and may your ongoing journey through the Great Fast be spiritually rewarding.

Wishing you all of God’s blessings, I remain,

Your Father In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Metropolitan Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

**+JOSEPH**

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

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