

His Eminence  
The Most Reverend  
Metropolitan SABA



Archbishop of New York  
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All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE**  
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**The Sunday of Orthodoxy**

March 1, 2026

Venerable Hierarchs, Reverend Fathers, Esteemed Members of the Parish Councils,  
and Beloved Faithful in Christ,

Greetings and blessings to you in the Name of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus  
Christ!

I pray that your Lenten journey has begun with renewed strength and a spirit of  
repentance. As we enter more deeply into this holy season, I am reminded of the  
words of St. Isaac the Syrian, who taught: “Enter eagerly into the treasure-house that  
is within you, and so you will see the treasure of heaven.”

This difficult yet profoundly hopeful exhortation calls us to anchor our hearts in  
humility while never losing sight of the boundless mercy and love of God. Great Lent  
offers us a sacred opportunity to cultivate this spiritual vigilance through prayer,  
fasting, and almsgiving.

On the Sunday of Orthodoxy, our hearts turn to the sacred legacy we have received—  
the faith preserved through the courage of the martyrs, the struggles of the ascetics,  
the devotion of our spiritual ancestors, and the teachings of the Holy Fathers. God  
has placed this precious inheritance in our care, that we may keep it alive and radiant  
for future generations. One of the main ways we do this is through the education and  
formation of our future clergymen who will be our priests, pastors and fathers.

Our seminarians, together with their wives and families, have embraced a life of  
sacrifice, faith, and service to Christ and His Holy Church. They are preparing their  
hearts and minds to shepherd Christ’s flock, to teach the Gospel, and to sustain the  
very faith we celebrate today. I am grateful for my regular opportunities to meet with  
them, learning their stories, their hopes, and the unique gifts God has entrusted to  
them. These encounters assure me that the future of our Church is in faithful and  
capable hands.

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

As we do every year on this day, I ask each parish to offer a generous gift in support of the seminarians and their families. This responsibility belongs to all of us. As they prepare to give their lives for us, let us lovingly support them in advance.

Wishing you a grace-filled and spiritually fruitful journey to the Passion and the glorious Resurrection of our Lord, I remain,

Yours in the Service of 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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