

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan SABA



Archbishop of New York
and Metropolitan of
All North America

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To the Beloved Hierarchs, Clergy, and Faithful of our God-Protected Archdiocese:

As we walk together through the Great and Holy Fast, the Church calls us to deepen our repentance, strengthen our prayer, and express Christ's love through compassionate action. In this spirit, I write to you with a pastoral appeal on behalf of our brothers and sisters in the Antiochian Archdioceses of Mount Lebanon and Zahle, who are facing a severe humanitarian crisis.

Ongoing instability in Lebanon has forced many families—including numerous Christian households—to flee their homes with only the most basic necessities. In response, the Archdioceses of Mount Lebanon and Zahle have opened their churches, monasteries, and institutions to provide shelter, food, medical care, and pastoral support, and above all, the dignity of being received with love.

Their Eminences Metropolitan Silouan and Metropolitan Antonios—both of whom sacrificed their own time by leaving their flocks to serve our Archdiocese faithfully during times of transition—now labor tirelessly to care for the displaced. We also offer our fervent prayers for His Eminence Metropolitan Elias of Tyre and Sidon, whose archdiocese includes many of the areas affected by forced displacement, and for all who have been impacted by this crisis. We pray for the swift restoration of peace and for the safe return of families to their homes.

During this holy season, we are blessed with the opportunity to respond with generosity and love. I therefore ask every parish, mission, family, and individual to prayerfully consider making a financial offering to support these urgent relief efforts.

Donations may be made through the Archdiocese's [online giving platform](#) and [Antiochian.org](#).

May our Lord Jesus Christ bless your compassion, reward your generosity, and grant lasting peace to Lebanon.

Yours in the service of Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "T. Saba". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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

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