

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan SABA



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Reverend Clergy and Beloved Faithful of this God-protected Archdiocese,

With gratitude to God, I write to you regarding *Joy Magazine*, a ministry of our Archdiocese devoted to the spiritual nurturing of our young children. In a time when many voices compete for the hearts and minds of the young, this work places before them—through stories, lessons, and activities—the beauty of the Gospel and the life of the Church.

Thanks be to God, this ministry has already begun to bear fruit. Drawing from Holy Scripture, the lives of the saints, and the treasures of our Orthodox tradition, *Joy Magazine* helps awaken love for Christ in our children, and it offers families practical tools to continue the conversation of faith at home. I am grateful to all who have labored, supported, and encouraged this effort, and to the clergy who care for the children of your parishes with pastoral attention and prayer.

As the magazine enters its third consecutive year, I ask that you continue to announce and promote *Joy Magazine* in your parishes, encouraging families to make use of it as a resource for spiritual growth.

To assist in this effort, each parish will receive five (5) subscriptions for the year 2026. You will be receiving the first issue soon, and the remaining three issues will be sent in the same manner as they are released. These copies are intended for parish display and for Sunday School families to see and become familiar with.

Details regarding how to submit payment for these parish subscriptions will be shared by the *Joy Magazine* team.

May the Lord bless your service, your families, and your communities, and grant you strength and true joy in all things.

With paternal love in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "T. Saba". The signature is stylized, with a large, sweeping "T" and a cursive "Saba".

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

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