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His Eminence JOSEPH Archbishop of New York Metropolitan of North America Antiochian Archdiocese of North America 358 Mountain Road Englewood, NJ 07631

Your Eminence, Metropolitan Joseph,

Please convey my sincere and prayerful condolences to the bishops, clergy and faithful of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America on the sorrowful occasion of the repose of His Grace, Bishop Antoun. He was a faithful servant of Christ and a strong pastoral presence in North America, where he served with zeal and dedication to the Church.

I have sent the attached letter of condolence to His Beatitude, Patriarch John X, but wanted to take this opportunity to directly convey to Your Eminence my respects and prayers on behalf of a co-laborer in the North American vineyard.

Sincerely yours in the risen Christ,

+TIKHON Archbishop of Washington Metropolitan of All America and Canada