



ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE  
OF NORTH AMERICA  
ANTIOCHIAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Your Eminence, Archdioceses Board of Trustees, esteemed Clergy and Laity, at this 53<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Antiochian Archdiocese Convention

Your Eminence,

“May the Spirit of Truth abide in our midst forever”.

To recapitulate our efforts for our God Protected Archdiocese in the special awareness of our spiritual legacy:

- In December 2016, at the celebration of the St. Nicholas Feast Day, I spoke at the luncheon and raised \$18,000 for the Orthodox Institute, which was transferred to the Archdiocese.
- In January 2017, I transmitted the legal documents to His Eminence for 17.5 acres of land in Virginia valued at approximately \$100,000 for the foundation of a monastery. Attorney Albert Mokhiber in Washington D.C. has volunteered to do the necessary work to transfer this property from the donors to the Archdiocese. The donors have requested that the property be utilized for a monastic community. I have additional donors lined up once this project is undertaken.
- I have been working diligently to establish a honor wall entitled: “Lest we Forget”. After authoring Ancient Church on New Shore: Antioch in North America, I came to the realization that it is important to commemorate the past Vice-Chairmen of the Archdiocese as well as the many honorable clergy that have faithfully served this God protected Archdiocese since the beginning of the Syrian mission, headed by St. Raphael (Hawaweeny), to the present day. There has been a “cloud of witnesses” from Antioch who laid the foundations in the maturation of the Archdiocese. The pioneers and all clergy and laymen as the Vice-Chairmen who have given and sacrificed so much of their lives for the glory of God and Antioch.

These are a few that have already stepped forward (*alphabetically, not in order of importance*):

Father Hanna Assaf  
Father Gregory Ofeish  
Father Mark Sahady  
Deacon Farid Farkouh  
Tammy Alvarez  
Bob Andrews  
Dorothy Schneirla Downie  
Doctor Michael Farrow

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



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Former Ambassador Theodore Kattouf  
Fadi Madanat  
Albert Mokhiber  
Nabil Shagoury  
Dimitri Zeidan

As well as family members of deceased hierarchs and Vice-Chairmen of the Archdiocese Board of Trustees whom through telephone contact and discoveries, families whose fathers and/or forefathers were priests. For example; Fathers Fernini, Kherbawy, Mahfouz, Mickael, Dalack and so many more!!!

Dimitri Zeidan will oversee the construction and placement of the Honor Wall at the Antiochian Village.

- I am awaiting word as to return to visit the Los Angeles area, San Francisco and other locations in California in order to increase awareness of the Antiochian Orthodox Institute and its importance for the perpetuation of the Antiochian legacy and spirituality for the next generation of clergy and lay leaders.
- I began work with Jason Bolanis of Montreal and His Eminence to disseminate the vision of our Primate and the mission of the Archdiocese and its various commissions for its continued growth through social media and video.
- Besides visiting parishes, it is also important to bring leading laymen to meet with His Eminence and for SAIDNA to articulate the short and long term goals.
- I am working to complete a pledge to set up a fund for the Antiochian Village's Special Olympics. The donor is to be announced as soon as the specifics have been ironed out.
- Since the nomenclature of this Department is concerned with our heritage, I am composing Reflections on the Priesthood which includes not only of the journey that was traveled but also the historical developments of the Archdiocese and our Heritage.
- Forms with letters of intent have been submitted to various agencies or foundations, seeking the possibility of grants for the Archdiocese. There should be preliminary results by the end of the summer. There is a search committee seeking the possibility of governmental and charitable institutions as to their interest in the mission of the Archdiocese. More information is available on request. A great deal of work has gone into this project. We continue in hope!

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His Eminence  
The Most Reverend  
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and  
Metropolitan of  
All North America

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This is a brief summary of the work of the Antiochian Heritage Foundation, which it is our fervent hope that the Antiochian legacy and heritage will be in the forefront of our minds and hearts as an antidote to the “shifting sands” of our North American life.

There is an evolution in raising the awareness of the history, tradition and legacy of our Antiochian Orthodox faith.

Giving is a gift. Giving is not done by force, but is a privilege and an opportunity.

" in the sphere of material things, giving means one is being RICH. Not HOW MUCH is rich! BUT, He who "GIVES MUCH."

Respectfully submitted to His Eminence for his blessings.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Antony Gabriel'.

Antony Gabriel  
Great Economos  
Chairman - Antiochian Heritage Foundation

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