



## **OCA to be represented at enthronement of Antiochian Metropolitan Joseph**

His Beatitude, Patriarch John X of Antioch and All the East, will come from Damascus, Syria to preside at the Service of Thanksgiving and Enthronement rites.

His Eminence, Archbishop Nathaniel of Detroit and the Romanian Episcopate; His Eminence, Archbishop Benjamin of San Francisco and the West; His Grace, Bishop Mark of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania; His Grace, Bishop Michael of New York and New Jersey; and His Grace, Bishop David of Sitka and Alaska, will attend the Enthronement, representing the Orthodox Church in America.

Metropolitan Joseph was selected by the Holy Synod of Antioch on July 3, 2014 to succeed His Eminence, Metropolitan Philip, who fell asleep in the Lord on March 19. Metropolitan Joseph formerly served as the Bishop of the Archdiocese's Diocese of Los Angeles and the West. He now heads the entire Antiochian Archdiocese, with nine bishops, over 400 clergy, and 266 parishes and missions throughout the US and Canada.

According to the Archdiocese's web site, the Patriarchate of Antioch is the largest Arab Christian church in the world, with communities in the Middle East, Europe, North and South America and Australia. It was founded by Saints Paul and Barnabas in 42 AD by Saint Peter the Apostle, who later went on to establish the Church in Rome. As recorded in Acts 11:26, "the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch."

A wealth of related information and resources, including links to a live broadcast of the Enthronement, may be found on the web site of the Antiochian Archdiocese at [www.antiochian.org/enthronement](http://www.antiochian.org/enthronement).