

Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS STATEMENT

Axios! On the Selection of His Eminence Metropolitan John X as the 158th Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Antioch and All The East

WINNIPEG, MB – On behalf of His Eminence Metropolitan Yurij, His Grace Bishop Ilarion, His Grace Bishop Andriy, the clergy, the monastics and the faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, the Office of Communications of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada expresses its immense joy at the selection of Metropolitan John X as the 158th Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Antioch and All The East on December 17, 2012 in Beirut. We join our sister Orthodox Churches in congratulating Patriarch John X and wishing him God's blessings as he assumes this most important position by God's Holy Grace. We greet the Holy Synod, Hierarchs, the reverend clergy, the monastics and the faithful of the Greek Orthodox Church of Antioch and All The East with the selection of Patriarch John X.

The election of Patriarch John X comes at a critical time for the Antiochian Orthodox faithful in this turbulent period of history for Syria and the region. By God's Holy Will, the fervent prayers of the Holy Synod and the faithful were heard with the selection of Metropolitan John, who possesses so many of those qualities necessary in our complex world of today, from English language fluency to diplomatic talents to compassion in pastoral care of the faithful. Esteemed throughout the world as an academic, theologian and, foremost, as a monastic, who has helped to revive monastic life in Syria and Lebanon, Patriarch John has shown himself to be a true servant of God by his humanitarian and youth works and endeavours for dialogue and conciliation.

We fervently pray for the health and well-being of His All-Holiness Patriarch John X. We pray that the Holy Spirit may grant him wisdom, patience and strength in this important service to the Lord. We pray for the intercession of the Most Holy Theotokos and all the Saints, especially of St. Peter and St. Paul, founders of the See of Antioch. May the Lord God grant Patriarch John X many years of fruitful work in the vineyard of the Greek Orthodox Church of Antioch and All The East.

Αξιος! Truly he is worthy!
Многая літа! God grant him many years!

In Christ,

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