



ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA

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Subject: Establishment of the IT Department

Beloved Hierarchs, Esteemed members of the Archdiocese Board of Trustees, and Department Heads,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

It is with great joy that I share the exciting news of the establishment of an **Information Technology (IT) Department** for the Antiochian Archdiocese. This achievement is the result of the cooperative hard work of the IT Committee of the Board of Trustees and the dedicated clergy of our God-protected Archdiocese.

The mission of this newly established department is to empower the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America through innovative and reliable IT solutions, facilitating the achievement of our spiritual mission, improving operational efficiency, ensuring compliance with regulations, and safeguarding the secure and effective use of information technology.

This department will be responsible for:

- **Strengthening IT Security:** Enhancing and implementing cybersecurity policies and protocols to safeguard Archdiocesan data and IT infrastructure, ensuring the confidentiality and integrity of organizational and parishioner information.
- **Supporting Staff and Volunteers:** Providing training and resources to improve productivity by secure utilization of IT systems, including but not limited to email, financial systems, websites, and databases across the Archdiocese departments.
- **Developing Reliable Infrastructure:** Developing a secure, scalable, and reliable IT framework to support the growth and operational needs of the Archdiocese.

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- **Guidance to Parishes:** Offering best practices and guidance on IT and security to parishes, ensuring uniformity, compliance, and protection of sensitive information across all levels of the Archdiocese.

It is imperative that all departments fully cooperate with and adhere to the directives of the IT Department to ensure the success of this vital initiative. This cooperation is crucial for achieving a secure, sustainable, and unified IT infrastructure that will support the mission of the Archdiocese.

I am appointing a taskforce to oversee this critical initiative comprised of:

- **The V. Rev. Fr. Joseph Samaan, Protosyngellos**
- **The Rt. Rev. Archimandrite Paul Matar**
- **The Rev. Deacon Elias Nicolas**

This taskforce will work closely with the IT Committee of the Board of Trustees, which includes the **Rev. Archdeacon Emile P. Sayegh**, the **Rev. Deacon Christian Manasseh**, **Mr. Salim Abboud** and **Mr. Emil G. Sayegh**.

This initiative marks a critical step toward better equipping our Archdiocese with the tools and resources necessary to support our spiritual mission in the modern world. We ask for your **prayers, support, and active participation** in ensuring the success of this department as we work together to enrich and secure the tools necessary for spreading the faith.

Let us give thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ for His abundant gifts, poured upon our God-protected Archdiocese through your prayers, dedication, and sacrificial offerings, I remain,

Yours in the Service of Christ,



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Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

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