

**RESOLUTION AFFIRMING OBEDIENCE TO THE
DECISION OF THE HOLY SYNOD OF ANTIOCH OF
FEBRUARY 24, 2009 WHICH NORMALIZED THE STATUS
OF BISHOPS ACROSS THE ENTIRE SEE OF ANTIOCH**

*Approved by the hierarchs of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North
America at a special meeting of The Archdiocesan Synod held in Englewood, New
Jersey, April 24, 2009*

WHEREAS, The Holy See of Antioch is an autocephalous Orthodox Church with multiple Archdioceses located around the world;

AND WHEREAS, The Holy Synod of Antioch is the highest authority in the entire See of Antioch, and all of its Archdioceses are under the ecclesiastical authority of the Holy See of Antioch;

AND WHEREAS, the ultimate ecclesiastical authority of the Holy See of Antioch is affirmed by Article 1, Section 2, Paragraph B of the Archdiocesan Constitution which reads as follows:

B. Ecclesiastical

This Archdiocese was granted its ecclesiastical authority to function as a self-ruling Archdiocese from the Holy Synod of the Apostolic Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and all the East ("Holy Synod"). Its Primate is a member of said Holy Synod and is the duly elected Metropolitan Archbishop ("Primate", "Metropolitan" or "Archbishop"), serving under a canonical Praxis issued by His Beatitude, the Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Antioch and all the East ("Patriarch"). ;

AND WHEREAS, The Holy Synod of Antioch, in a special meeting held on February 24th, 2009 in Damascus, Syria did approve an amendment to the by-laws of the Patriarchate which normalized the status of all bishops across the entire See of Antioch to that of Auxiliary Bishops ;

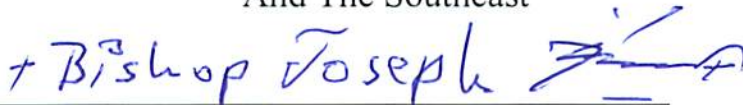
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the hierarchs of The Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, assembled in a duly convened meeting of the Archdiocesan Synod on April 24th, 2009 in Englewood, New Jersey do affirm by their signatures affixed below, their obedience to the decision of the Holy Synod of Antioch of February 24, 2009 which normalized the status of all bishops across the entire See of Antioch to be that of Auxiliary Bishops.



His Eminence Metropolitan PHILIP, Primate and Archbishop of New York, Washington D.C. and All North America



His Grace ANTOUN, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Miami And The Southeast



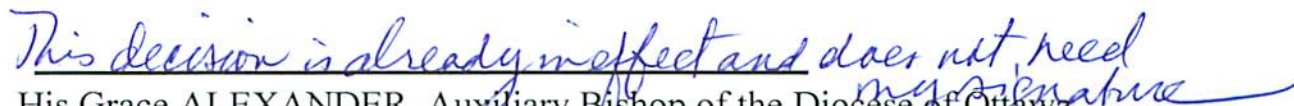
His Grace JOSEPH, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Los Angeles And The West

His Grace BASIL, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Wichita and Mid-America



His Grace THOMAS, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston, Oakland and the Mid-Atlantic

His Grace MARK, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Toledo and The Midwest



His Grace ALEXANDER, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Ottawa Eastern Canada and Upstate New York