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The Antiochian Archdiocese organization Food For Hungry People (FFHP) has announced the observance of World Food Day, to be held this year on October 16



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World Food Day was especially designed to heighten public awareness of hunger issues in North America and around the world. The Archdiocese is one of the sponsoring organizations on the International Committee for this yearly observance, along with hundreds of other voluntary food and agriculture organizations throughout the United States and 150 countries around the world.

For 36 years FFHP has pledged our support to help our neighbors in need. **This fall, we are asking each parish to sponsor a canned food drive.** Please ask your parishioners to bring canned goods to church any time from October 5 — December 29. Last year 100 parishes reported participating in this much needed program. Additionally, 58 Antiochian parishes participated all year long, and distributing 500,269 pounds of food within our communities.

Now more than ever, we are witnessing the impact of hunger, poverty, and homelessness in our own neighborhoods. Hunger is one of the world's most pressing problems, affecting over one billion people. Projections are that next year, hunger will be experienced by over six million people in the United States alone. Behind these grim statistics are children and families loved by God who are deprived of their right to a full life because they do not have enough to eat.

Contact [Food For Hungry People](#) for further information.

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