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Archbishop Nikitas of Thyateira and Great Britain - Communication with Metropolitan Silouan





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His Eminence Metropolitan Silouan
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of the British Isles and Ireland

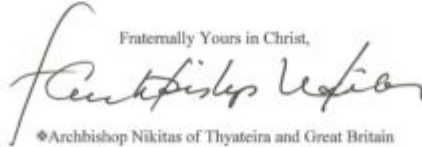
Your Eminence,

It is with a heavy heart that I continue to follow the aftermath of the devastating earthquakes in Türkiye and in various parts of Syria, and I would like to convey my personal prayers and condolences to You, and through You, to the illustrious and ancient Rum Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East. Know my sentiments are also accompanied by the entreaties and solidarity of my entire Archdiocese. We remain in prayerful solidarity with all those suffering and offer our collective supplications for the repose of those who have departed.

Today, I will formally ask all the parishes of the Ecumenical Patriarchate here, to pass a special collection in support of the relief and humanitarian efforts. All the funds gathered will be conveyed only through the ecclesiastical channels and not individuals, in order to assure the utmost transparency and accountability, as these will be designated funds. We will do whatever we can to assist those suffering. Please inform me if we are also able to help individuals that may arrive here in the aftermath for medical support or placement.

I would like to also wholeheartedly thank You for accepting my invitation to concelebrate on Sunday of Orthodoxy (March 5) at St. Andrew's Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Kentish Town. I look forward to our being together and to our "breaking of the bread" and in the sharing of the "one Cup". We will be in touch concerning the service schedule.

Thanking Your Eminence, once again, and conveying my fraternal prayers and readiness to assist You always, I embrace You with a "holy kiss" and remain always

Fraternally Yours in Christ,

✠Archbishop Nikitas of Thyateira and Great Britain