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## **MICHIGAN MONASTERY TO HOLD FUNDRAISER FOR THOSE SUFFERING IN GAZA**



St. Sabbas Monastery (Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia) in Harper Woods, Michigan, will be a host to a fundraiser to benefit the Jerusalem Patriarchate and those suffering in Gaza later this month.

The abbot, Fr. Pachomy, was especially inspired to hold the upcoming event after speaking with his friend, His Eminence Archbishop Alexios of Tiberias, after buildings of the St. Porphyrios of Gaza Monastery where hundreds of locals were taking shelter were destroyed in an attack last month.

“He was very broken,” Fr. Pachomy told the Detroit Free Press. “He had just buried the babies that were killed in the bombing, and it was his responsibility to pull the corpses and limbs out of the rubble and he was sitting propped in his bed and was holding the phone up, because we did have the visual at that point, and then he

just started weeping.”

In response, St. Sabbas Monastery is hosting a fundraiser at its restaurant, the Royal Eagle on November 21, to raise funds for relief efforts.

“This relief will be for everybody. We’re just trying to help the innocent,” Fr. Pachomy said. All proceeds will go directly to the Jerusalem Patriarchate treasury.

The monastery is asking for a \$260 donation for each 6-course meal, and is also accepting donations of any amount via PayPal. See the menu, register for the fundraiser, or donate online here.

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