



Melkite – Greek Catholic Patriarchate

Of Antioch and all the East
Of Alexandria and of Jerusalem

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H.E. Mr. Ján Figel
Vice President of the National Council of the Slovak Republic
President of KDH

Dear Mr. Ján Figel,

Greetings and best wishes!

We would like to thank you for your efforts in establishing love and brotherhood in the political relations at the local level and the European level. And we thank you also for your activities especially your effective contribution in the march that you organized for solidarity with the suffering people in the Middle East.

We thank through you whoever participated in that solidarity march that shows the Christian solidarity.

Your Excellency,

The Middle East is the cradle of Christianity. Jesus was born in Palestine, but Christianity was born in Syria (in the historic sense of the term.)

In Syria we are at the end of the fourth year of the way of the cross of the whole people in all aspects of life. We are at a loss in front of the suffering of our beloved people. Everyone is suffering! There has long been poverty, hunger and cold and lack of clothing, disease and pain and disability, and everyone is equal in suffering!

We have in our patriarchate in Damascus a relief committee that provides assistance to displaced and suffering people in Syria.

We have to cope with different kinds of help for the future to create different projects to get incomes to cope with ransoms for kidnapped people.

Help us to alleviate the suffering of our people!

We hope you may support our service and help us continue to provide ongoing assistance, or recommend us to other institutions that can help us.

We are ready to provide all necessary documents and information.

And we pray to God to bless us with peace, as we say with prophet Isaiah, "O Lord! Give us peace for thou hast given us everything."

With my love, prayers and apostolic blessing


+Gregorios III

Patriarch of Antioch and All the East
Of Alexandria and of Jerusalem



Attached please find the following documents:

- Preliminary Report on Emergency Aid provided by the Melkite Greek Catholic Patriarchate in Damascus to displaced Syrian families.
- Statement from the Statistics Committee of the Melkite Greek Catholic Patriarchate for 2014.
- Proposed projects and funding requirements of the Melkite Greek Catholic Patriarchate.
- Statistics on damaged and destroyed churches, as of December 2013.