

+ John X Patriarch of Antioch

His Beatitude Patriarch **John X (Yazigi), Patriarch of Antioch and All the East** is the primate of the Greek Orthodox Church of Antioch. Prior to his election as patriarch on December 17, 2012, he led the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of Europe headquartered in Paris, France. Before his election and enthronement as Metropolitan, he had been titular bishop of Pyrgou (al-Hosn), Syria. He was also formerly the dean of the St. John of Damascus Institute of Theology (Tripoli, Lebanon), the patriarchal seminary attached to the University of Balamand. His Beatitude has a Degree in Theology from the Balamand seminary (1978), a Diploma in Byzantine Music from the Byzantine Music Conservatory in Thessalonica (1981), and a Ph.D. in Theology with a specialization in Liturgics from the University of Thessalonica (1983). While at the Balamand, he served as Professor of Liturgics (1981-2008), as well as in the abbacy of St. George Al-Humayrah Patriarchal Monastery (1993-2005) and the Monastery of Our Lady of Balamand (2001-2005). Since April 2013 his brother, Paul the Metropolitan of Aleppo was kidnapped together with Youhanna Ibrahim, Metropolitan of Aleppo of the Syrian Orthodox Church. His Beatitude is also the author of numerous books and articles on Orthodox theology and liturgics.

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