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الأبرشية الإنطاكية  
المسيحية الأرثوذكسية  
للجزر البريطانية و إيرلندا

Registered Charity Number: 1175538

Archbishop: His Eminence, Metropolitan Silouan Oner

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The Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers of our God-protected Archdiocese,

Grace and peace be unto you all.

I hope and pray that you are all in good health, especially spiritually.

Following the most recent advice, for the sake of all within our God-protected Archdiocese, I direct all clergy and faithful to “**Stay at Home.**”

These restrictions are likely to stay in place for some time. We will not celebrate any services in our churches **until further notice**; this includes all the services for Great and Holy Week and Pascha.

I desire that you take particular note of the following:

1. Because of our love for the faithful we will not open any church but encourage all to pray fervently in their homes and so we may save lives.
2. Where possible, please celebrate services in your own homes with only your family present and broadcast via social media so the faithful may pray along with you.

Pray for the UK, Ireland and all the world to protect everyone from this virus.

With paternal love, I remain yours in Christ,

+ Silouan, Metropolitan of the British Isles and  
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Patriarchate of Antioch and all the East