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"Y los discípulos fueron llamados cristianos por primera vez en Antioquía"
(Hechos 11:26)

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**Biography of His Eminence
Metropolitan Silouan of Buenos Aires and all Argentina**

Metropolitan Silouan was born in Maracay, Venezuela, in 1967, from a Lebanese father, Jaudat Muci, and a Syrian Mother, Souad Georges. He has one brother and a sister.

He graduated in 1985 from the *College des Frères de la Salle* in Tripoli, Lebanon. Then, he studied engineering at the *École Supérieure d'Ingénieurs de Beyrouth* (E.S.I.B.) of *Saint Joseph University* in Beirut, from where he graduated in 1990 as an electrical engineer with major in Computer Engineering. He worked in Beirut and Paris as analyst and chief project in developing software for Banks and Financial Institutions in the Middle East and Europe.

He resigned from work at the end of 1994, and started studying theology by correspondence at the *Saint Serge Institute* in Paris, before traveling to Thessalonica, Greece, in 1995 where he studied theology at the Faculty of Theology of *Aristotle University*. He graduated with honours with a bachelor (2000) and a master (2001) in Theology.

He was ordained to the diaconate in 1996 by His Eminence, Metropolitan Youhanna of Lattakia, Syria, and to the holy priesthood in 2000, with the rank of Archimandrite, by Metropolitan Paul of Aleppo, Alexandretta, and Dependencies. Patriarch Ignatius IV of Antioch of thrice-blessed memory consecrated him to the holy episcopate in October 2006.

He served as a priest in 2001 for a short time in Sydney Australia, under His Eminence, Metropolitan Paul of Australia, New Zealand and Philippines. Later on, he served in Aleppo under His Eminence, Metropolitan Paul of Aleppo until his election by the Holy Synod of Antioch as Metropolitan of the Archdiocese of Buenos Aires and all Argentina, which he is serving since December 2006.

Metropolitan Silouan has dual nationality, Venezuelan and Lebanese. He is fluent in Arabic, French, English, Greek and Spanish. He translated into Arabic books on Orthodox spirituality such as *"The Life of Saint John of Kronstadt"* (Balamand, 1998); *"The Life and Writings of Saint Nil Sorsky"* (Balamand, 1999); *"The Interpretation of the Divine Liturgy"* (Balamand, 1999); *"The History of Balamand Monastery"* (under publication); and *"The*



Interpretation of the Epistle of Saint Paul to Philemon" (Balamand, 2004). He also published these books in Arabic: *"The Mystery of the Incarnation"* (Al Nour, 2006); *"The Mystery of the Resurrection"* (Al Nour, 2006); *"The Mystery of the Passion"* (Al Nour, 2007). He is author of numerous unpublished articles and translations in Spanish.

In addition, Metropolitan Silouan is member of the *"Synodal Committee of Candidates to the office of Metropolitanate and Episcopacy"*. He is also president of the Ecumenical Commission of Christian Churches in Argentina (C.E.I.C.A.). He was secretary of the *Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in South America*. He represented His Beatitude, Patriarch John X of Antioch in March 2013 at the enthronement of His Holiness, Pope Francis in the Vatican, and in early March 2014 at the Synaxis of the Primate of Orthodox Churches in Constantinople (Istanbul). Patriarch JOHN X appointed him as the Patriarchal Vicar of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America on March 20th to administer the Archdiocese until the election of a new metropolitan by the Holy Synod of Antioch.

His Eminence, Metropolitan Philip of thrice-memory, invited Metropolitan Silouan to attend the 50th Archdiocesan Convention in Chicago in 2011, the 17th Clergy Symposium in 2012 held at the Antiochian Village, and the 51st Archdiocesan Convention in Houston in 2013. The Word Magazine published his addresses to the assembly on these occasions.