

September 2, 2009

Dear Reverend Fathers and Youth Advisors:

We invite you and your junior and senior high age young people (grades 6 to 12) to participate this year in our annual Southern California Bible and Church History Tournament! Our young people in the Southland love this tournament - they enjoy learning about the Scriptures and our Church as well as meeting other Orthodox young people from different parishes of our various jurisdictions. The day includes games, activities, lunch, the presentation of trophies to the winning teams, and concludes with the Service of the Ninth Hour. This year our tournament is scheduled to take place at Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Los Angeles on Saturday, December 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. We thank Saint Sophia Cathedral parish for their kindness and hospitality. We also thank Fr. Bill Tragus and Dean Tripodes of Saint Sophia for organizing the set-up of our new Bible Bowl website at www.scbiblebowl.org !

Enclosed are the rules and regulations--please read these over carefully. Also enclosed are the flyer and the **COMPLETE TEXTS** for our Bible and Church History Tournament this year. The texts include: Gospel of St. Matthew, Chapter 6; Galatians, Chapter 5:1 through Chapter 6:2; Ephesians, Chapter 6; Hebrews, Chapter 11; Life of St. Moses the Black of Scete; Life of St. Dionysius of Aegina; Life of St. Eugenia of Rome; Life of St. Irene Chrysovalantou; "The Fifth Century" from Fr. Thomas Hopko's "The Orthodox Faith: vol. 3—Bible and Church History"; and "Humans and Animals in the Kingdom" by Robert Flanagan from [Jacob's Well](http://www.jacobswell.com), Newspaper of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey, Orthodox Church in America, Spring/Summer 1997. There is a total of five two-sided sheets--10 pages total. Please make photocopies of these texts so that each of your young people receives a complete set for study purposes.

Please complete the team registration forms--please make copies so you have one for each team. Although you may not have more than 4 people on team, you may have fewer than 4 people on a team (you can have a 3-person team or 2-person team or theoretically even a 1-person team!). You may return the registration forms to Dean Langis c/o Saint Paul's Greek Orthodox Church at 4949 Alton Pkwy, Irvine, CA 92604-8606. The registration fee this year is \$35 per team and must be included with the registration form. This covers our costs for lunch, materials, and trophies. Please return the registration forms and fees to St. Paul's as soon as possible so that we may know how many to prepare lunch for. You may also register online at www.scbiblebowl.org and either mail in your registration fee to Saint Paul's or bring it to Saint Sophia's on December 5th. For directions to Saint Sophia's please see the map on back or go to www.mapquest.com or call Fr. Bill Tragus at 323-737-2424.

Please encourage all your young people to participate--they will enjoy learning these wonderful texts as well as having fellowship with the other Orthodox young people from our various parishes. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of the following tournament organizers/advisors:

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| Father Nicholas Andrews | St. John's Greek Orthodox Church | (714) 827-0181 |
| Father Norman Kosanovich | St. Steven 's Serbian Orthodox Cathedral | (626) 284-9100 |
| Father Timothy Pavlatos | St. Elias' Greek Orthodox Church | (909) 885-6213 |
| Father Bill Tragus | St. Sophia's Greek Orthodox Cathedral | (626) 449-6943 |
| Irene Albeck | St. Anthony's Greek Orthodox Church | (626) 792-8122 |
| Judie Christopoulos | St. Anthony's Greek Orthodox Church | (626) 792-2394 |
| Christina Hanna | St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral | (323) 737-2424 |
| Khouria Elaine Manneh | St. George's Antiochian Orthodox Church | (714) 998-3422 |
| Dean Peratsakis | St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral | (323) 737-2424 |
| Dean Langis | St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church | (949) 733-2366 |

We are looking forward to seeing you and your youth on December 5th!

Respectfully yours,

Dean Langis
Pastoral Assistant

Directions to: Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral
1324 S. Normandie Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90006-4310
323-737-2424

From the 10 (Santa Monica) Freeway just west of the 110 Freeway:

Exit onto Normandie Avenue going North.

Go about 1/2 mile to 1324 S. Normandie Avenue - the Church is on your right/north side.