

September 13, 2010

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 St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church in Anaheim on Saturday, December 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. We thank our host pastor, Fr. Cornel Avramescu, and St. Mary's parish for their kindness and hospitality. We also thank Fr. Bill Tragus and Dean Tripodes of St. Sophia for maintaining our Bible Bowl website at www.scbiblebowl.org.

Enclosed are the rules and regulations--please read these over carefully. Also enclosed are flyer and the COMPLETE TEXTS for our Bible and Church History Tournament this year. The texts include: Gospel of St. Matthew, Chapter 7; Gospel of St. John, Chapter 17; I Corinthians, Chapter 15; Ephesians, Chapter 4; Hebrews, Chapter 1; Life of St. Steven the First Crowned King of Serbia; Life of St. Spyridon; Life of St. Catherine; Life of St. Helen; "Small Entrance" and "Offertory: Great Entrance" from Fr. Thomas Hopko's "The Orthodox Faith: vol. 2--Worship--The Divine Liturgy"; and "Alms-Giving" from Fr. Thomas Hopko's "The Orthodox Faith: vol. 4--Spirituality--Prayer, Fasting and Alms-Giving". 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 St. 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 St. Paul's or bring it to St. Mary's on December 4th. For directions to St. Mary's please see the map on back or go to www.mapquest.com or call Fr. Cornel Avramescu at 714-776-1972.

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:

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 Bill Tragus	St. Sophia's Greek Orthodox Cathedral	(626) 449-6943
Father Yousuf Rassam	St. Innocent's OCA Orthodox Church	(818)-881-1123
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
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Diana Fowler	St. Spyridon's Greek Orthodox Church	(760) 741-1390
Dean Langis	St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church	(949) 733-2366

We are looking forward to seeing you and your youth on December 4th!

Respectfully yours,
Dean Langis
Pastoral Assistant

Directions to: St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church
555 S. Walnut St.
Anaheim, CA 92802-1450
714-776-1972

From the 5 (Santa Ana) Freeway:

Exit onto Harbor Blvd. going North.

Go 0.3 mile to Ball Road. and turn left/west.

Go 0.8 mile to Walnut Street and turn right/north.

St. Mary's will be on your left/west about 1/2 mile up the street.