

September 22, 2011

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. George's Antiochian Orthodox Church in Upland on Saturday, December 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. We thank our host pastor, Fr. George Manneh, and his wife Khouria Elaine who is on our Bible Bowl committee and all of St. George's parish for their kindness and hospitality.

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: 1) Gospel of St. Matthew, Chapter 21; 2) Gospel of St. Luke, Chapter 10; 3) Romans Chapter 12; 4) I Corinthians Chapter 6; 5) I Corinthians Chapter 12; 6) Martyr Mamas of Caesarea in Cappadocia; 7) Martyr Christina of Tyre; 8) St. Sophia the Mother of Orphans/Martyr Sophia of Thrace; 9) Martyr Philothea the Monastic (1522-1589); 10) St. John of Kronstadt (1829-1908); 11) Hiero-confessor Luke (Voino-Yasenetsky) (1877-1961); 12) "Marriage" from "The Sacramental Life of the Orthodox Church" by Fr. Alciviadis Calivas in A Companion to the Greek Orthodox Church with an addendum by the 2007 Bible and Church History Tournament Committee; and 13) "Sixth Century" from Fr. Thomas Hopko, "The Orthodox Faith: An Elementary Handbook on the Orthodox Church--Volume 3: Bible and Church History". 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. For directions to St. George's please see the map on back or go to www.mapquest.com or call Fr. George and Khouria Elaine Manneh at 714-998-3422.

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 John Kariotakis	St. John's Greek Orthodox Church	(714) 827-0181
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 Christos Kanakis	St. Anthony's Greek Orthodox Church	(626) 449-6943
Christina Hanna	St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral	(323) 737-2424
Khouria Elaine Manneh	St. George's Antiochian Orthodox Church	(714) 998-3422
Dean Langis	St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church	(949) 733-2366

We are looking forward to seeing you and your youth on December 3rd!

Respectfully yours,

Dean Langis
Pastoral Assistant at St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church

Directions to: St. George's Antiochian Orthodox Church
2098 N. Benson Avenue
Upland, CA 91784-7941
909-985-6844

From the 210 Freeway:

Exit onto Mountain Avenue going north (towards mountains);

Go about one block to 21st Street./Benson Avenue and turn left (going west);

The Church is about 100 feet on the left side of the street.

(Please note that 21st St. turns into Benson Avenue as soon as you turn left from Mountain Avenue!)