

September 27, 2012

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. Steven's Serbian Orthodox Cathedral in Alhambra on Saturday, December 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. We thank our host pastor, Fr. Nicholas Ceko, and his assistant priest, Fr. Norman Kosanovich who is on our Bible Bowl committee, and all of St. Steven's cathedral parish for their kindness and hospitality.

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: 1) Gospel of St. Matthew, Chapter 5; 2) Gospel of St. Matthew, Chapter 16; 3) Gospel of St. John, Chapter 6; 3) Ephesians Chapter 5; 4) Philippians Chapter 4; 5) St. George, the Holy and Great Martyr; 6) St. Mary Magdalene; 7) Great martyr Marina (Margaret) of Antioch in Pisidia; 8) Daily Cycle or Hours of Prayer in the Church; 9) Living in the Liturgical Cycles of the Church: The Weekly Cycle. 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!). 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. You may return the registration forms and fee to Dean Langis c/o St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church at 4949 Alton Pkwy, Irvine, CA 92604-8606. 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. Steven's please see the map below or go to www.mapquest.com or call St. Steven's Cathedral at 626-284-9100.

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 Christos Kanakis	St. Anthony's Greek Orthodox Church	(626) 449-6943
Father Norman Kosanovich	St. Steven's Serbian Orthodox Cathedral	(626) 284-9100
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
Dean Peratsakis	St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral	(323) 737-2424

We are looking forward to seeing you and your youth on December 8th!

Respectfully yours,

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

Directions to: St. Steven's Serbian Orthodox Cathedral
1621 W. Garvey Ave.
Alhambra, CA 91803-42222
626-284-9100

From the 10 Freeway:

Exit onto the Atlantic Blvd. exit toward Monterey Park, going south.

Go a little less than a mile to Garvey Ave. and turn right, going west.

The Church is slightly less than a mile on the right/north side of the street.