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Dear and Pious Parishioners

Blessings to each of you during these very hot days. I have just returned from the 2014 Parish Life Conference hosted by St. Nicholas Church in San Francisco. There we enjoyed 5 days of edifying lectures by Fr. Irenei Steenberg and a collage of homilists, prayers, ministry working groups for the Ladies, Youth, and more, and received His Eminence, Metropolitan Joseph, at Vespers on Friday night just after he got off the plane from Lebanon.

His Eminence was elected by the Holy Synod of Antioch to be the successor to Metropolitan Philip, as our new Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of North America. Already His Eminence, Metropolitan Joseph has flown to the East Coast to our Archdiocesan Headquarters in Englewood, New Jersey. He will preside over the clergy symposium at the Antiochian Village this coming week.

I ask you all to pray for Metropolitan Joseph that God would sustain and inspire him in what must be a gargantuan task.

We are now without a bishop in our Diocese of Los Angeles and the West, and His Eminence did not tell us anything definitive about when a new election for our diocese will take place. For now, Met. Joseph will oversee the West as well.

Following the Parish Life Conference, I joined the Teens and Counselors for the annual summer camp out. I am burned to a crisp after spending more hours than I would like to relate standing up to my neck in the ocean and helping the teens learn to stand on a surf board and ride waves. Summer Youth Director, Thomas Hernandez, and I

were joined by adult youth advisors, Kent Sammons and Jason Covarrubias, their wives Theodosia and Lauren, junior counselors Joseph Thornberg and Melissa Ruben, as well as chef Dr Jim Roum, Khouria Catherine, and more. The 40 of us traveled to St. Barbara Monastery in Santa Paula where we worked and prayed, then set off to the beach for "Surfing the Psalms."

Check the parish facebook site for photos. Thank you to all the parents and parishioners who prayed for us these last few weeks.

Assuring you of my love and prayers,

Fr Josiah



*His Eminence,
the Most Reverend JOSEPH,
Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of All North America,
May God Grant our Master and
Chief Shepherd
Many Years!*



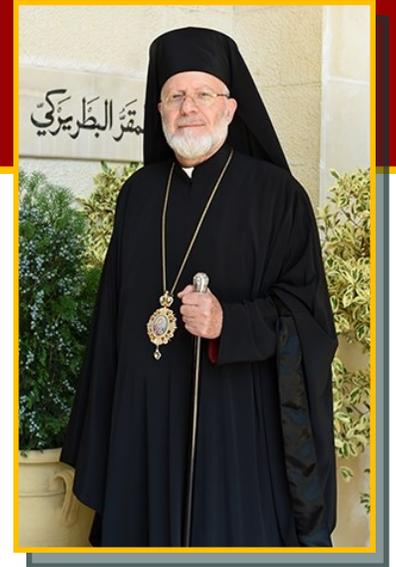
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Archbishop JOSEPH Elected Metropolitan of All North America... AXIOS, AXIOS, AXIOS!



St. Andrew parish joins the Holy Antiochian Orthodox Christian Diocese of Los Angeles and the West and the whole Antiochian Archdiocese of North America in celebrating with greatest joy the election of our Father-in-Christ, His Eminence, Archbishop JOSEPH as the new Metropolitan of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. Led by His Beatitude, Patriarch JOHN X, the Holy Synod of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East elected Sayedna JOSEPH at its meeting on Thursday, July 3, 2014 at the historic Our Lady of Balamand Patriarchal Monastery in Northern Lebanon.

Through the grace of the Holy Spirit, Sayedna JOSEPH was one of three hierarchs nominated by the Special Convention of the Archdiocesan clergy and laity in Chicago, Illinois on Thursday, June 5, 2014.

Coincidentally, Sayedna JOSEPH's first pastoral visit after his election was to San Francisco, California, just like his predecessor, His Eminence, Metropolitan PHILIP of thrice-blessed memory and eternal repose. Sayedna JOSEPH arrived back from Lebanon on Friday afternoon, July 4, and presided over the 2014 Diocesan Parish Life Conference; Sayedna PHILIP presided over the 1966 Archdiocesan Convention in San Francisco.

The clergy and laity of the Diocese of Los Angeles and the West were at hand to greet His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH when he arrived at the PLC just in time for Friday evening vespers.

His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH was consecrated to the Holy Episcopacy on June 30, 1991 at the St. Mary Cathedral in Damascus, after many years of

service as a deacon and a priest. His Eminence was born in Damascus, Syria, in November 1950. He was consecrated with the title, Bishop of Katana in Syria, and served as Patriarchal Assistant and Secretary of the Holy Synod of Antioch.



With His Beatitude Patriarch JOHN X following the election of His Eminence Met. JOSEPH in front of the Patriarchal headquarters.

In 1995, he was sent by Patriarch IGNATIUS IV of blessed memory to America. Here in our Archdiocese, Bishop JOSEPH was assigned to the West Coast Chancery by Metropolitan PHILIP of blessed memory. After self-rule status was awarded to our Archdiocese, Bishop JOSEPH was enthroned at St. Nicholas Cathedral by Metropolitan PHILIP as the first Bishop of the Diocese of Los Angeles and the West on September 12, 2004. On December 11, 2011, at the Church of the Dormition of the Theotokos in the Patriarchal Monastery of Our Lady of Balamand in Lebanon, Patriarch IGNATIUS elevated Bishop JOSEPH to the rank of Archbishop, in honor of his many years of service as a bishop both in our Archdiocese and in the Patriarchate of Antioch.

To learn more about His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH, go to the following site to read the tribute produced by the Diocese of Los Angeles and the West in 2010 on the occasion of his 15th anniversary of his service to our diocese.

<http://www.antiochianladiocese.org/files/SayidnaCommemoration.pdf>

2014 PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE...



Thursday evening at the Order of St. Ignatius Dinner.

The 2014 Parish Life Conference was held at the Airport Hyatt Regency hosted by St. Nicholas Church, San Francisco. The photos on this page highlight some of the main events. Every morning began with Bible Study then Divine Liturgy followed by organizational meetings, workshops, Keynote address, Vespers and various dinners and evening functions. Free time in between allowed attendees time to sight see and visit the Cathedral of St. John of Shanghai and receive a blessing from his incorrupt body.



Making a presentation about the 2015 PLC which will be hosted by St. Andrew Church.



Antiochian Women Meeting and Brunch, Friday.



Clergy wives lunch



Keynote Speaker, the V. Rev. Irenei Steenberg (left) and Sunday Hierarchical Divine Liturgy (right & below).



ST. ANDREW COMMUNITY NEWS...

Basil Trenham wins the Oratorical Contest, again!



Our own Basil Trenham, the talented son of Fr. Josiah and Kh. Catherine, won the Diocese of Los Angeles and the West Oratorical Contest for the second year in a row at the 2014 Parish Life Conference.. In the photos above right, Kh. Catherine rushes to give her son a congratulatory hug.

Look for the text of Basil's oration in the August Bugle.

His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH with Basil and his parents pose for a picture to commemorate the happy occasion.



Congratulations to the 2014 high school, college and beyond Graduates. God grant you many years.

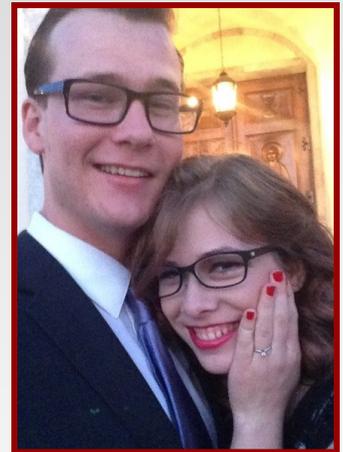
Yes, you guessed it! Another engagement....



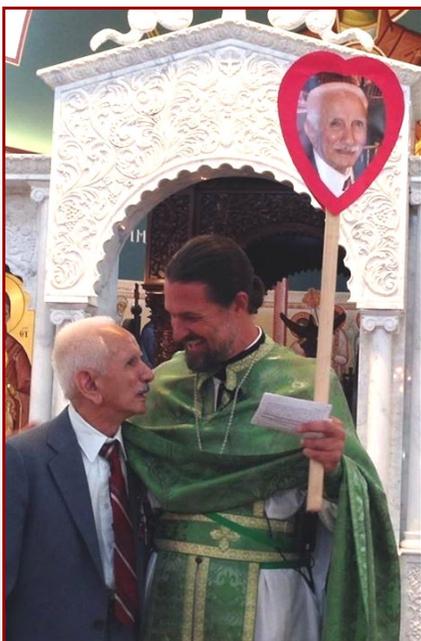
On Sunday, June 22, 2014, Fr. Josiah blessed the engagement of Ted Laurman and Hannah Stoltenberg.. The parish of St. Andrew rejoices with the newly engaged couple and their families. May God grant them many years!

Ted had been attending St. Andrew Church for about a year when he met Hannah. They met in November 2011 at a Protestant Bible Study and didn't see each other again until April 2012 at the same Bible study. Over the next few months they became friends and started dating in June of 2012. Hannah then began attending St/ Andrew that Summer and became a catechumen in May of 2013. They were both baptized on Holy Saturday 2014.

Ted proposed to Hannah on June 14, 2014. They plan to wed on October 26, 2014. Their godparents will be the sponsors at their wedding. Ted's godparents are Maximus and Rebecca Diaz. Hannah's are Kirk and Elizabeth Beck.



Khalil Dabbour turns 90.....



On Sunday, June 15, the family of Khalil Dabbour along with his St. Andrew family, gathered around him to wish him a happy 90th birthday.

May God grant him many more years!



Teen SOYO trip to the San Jacinto Wilderness via the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway

By Reader Tomas Hernandez

Our trip to the mountain top was refreshing. It was a time of Christian fellowship, physical and spiritual challenge, and admiration at the great wisdom and beauty of our Creator.

The day began at nine 'o' clock in the morning on 24 June 2014. After receiving a blessing from Father Josiah, fourteen of us made our way out to the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway for the voyage straight up the side of the mountain. The ride up was exciting, and for some, quite nery. In the ten minute ride up to the top, we traveled two and a half miles and roughly gained 6,500 feet in elevation.

Changes in the local climate were immediately evident. Having began on the warm, desert floor, the mountain top breeze and the smell of pine and fir was a welcomed change. We headed down into the valley for our hike into the wilderness. With the majestic San Jacinto peak as our backdrop, the group decided to take the challenge of the Round Valley Loop trail. The three mile trail took us into the quiet and serene beauty of God's creation where we were challenged physically by the geographical terrain.

We were also challenged spiritually.

A short way into our hike, we found a nice place to sit and have a brief discussion on the importance of fighting to embrace silence in our lives. As revitalizing as it is to escape into the mountain wilderness and enjoy the beauty of the physical world in all its testimonies, so also must we fight to embrace silence in our own lives in an effort make examine our thoughts actions through prayer. The modern world is filled with many distractions that have done away with silence as enjoyed in times past: television, radio, cars, adverts, cellular phone, computers, tablets, etc. all distract us from silence. St John Chrysostom, in his commentary on Psalm 4, teaches that we can imitate the Desert Fathers and strive towards good by "seeking out solitude in the center of the city." The challenge for us, therefore, is to try and find ways to take our experience of silence in the wilderness and create moments - to fight for them - in our lives for solitude in order to have a more disciplined life of repentance, prayer, and contemplation of the Divine.

After finishing our trek through the wilderness, we enjoyed lunch back at the tram station. Lunch was not the only thing we enjoyed; the view from the top of the escarpment was unlike any other. There are not many words I can think of to describe its excellence! From the top we could see the desert floor of the Mojave over Joshua Tree National Park to the North. To the East we could see the entire populated area of Palm Springs and Co. and the Salton sea.

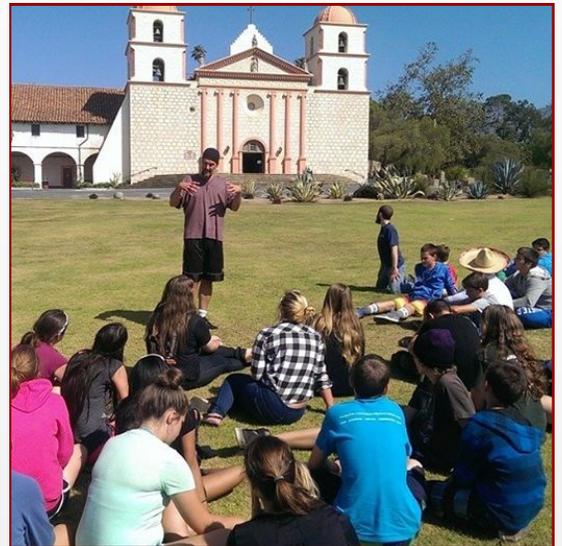
Finally, we boarded the Aerial Tram for our trip back down the side of the mountain and ventured back St Andrew having been thankful for the time together in fellowship and in the wilderness.



SOYO Summer Camping Trip



Left: Giving thanks before digging into the Pizza.



Right: a 5 minute history lesson on one of the oldest missions in CA...



Stopping for a hearty breakfast



Waxing up their boards...



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