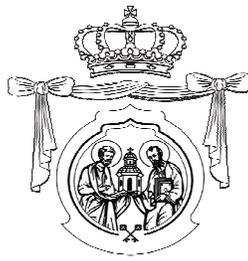


His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA**

May 30, 2018

To: All Pastors and Parish Councils of our Parishes

Re: Sacred Music Institute

Beloved in the Lord,

Blessings and greetings in the Name of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ. Once again, the spring is upon us and we are preparing for our various Parish Life Conferences, the Clergy Symposium, the camping season for our children, and other important gatherings this summer. One of the most important of these gatherings is the Summer Sacred Music Institute from July 11-15, 2018 at the Antiochian Village under the direction of our Chairman of the Department of Sacred Music, Mr. Paul Jabara. This year the department will celebrate its 50th anniversary. Thanks be to God we have made great progress over the past 50 years in our liturgical music, making full use of the great talent we have in the archdiocese.

We are pleased to announce that the registration for the youth component of the Sacred Music Institute is already at record levels. God bless our youth and their zeal to become proficient in the ancient chants and choral music of our Orthodox faith. I would encourage our choir directors and other interested people to attend, reminding them and our parish councils that it is mandatory for each parish to send at least one person, preferably the choir director, to this conference. This will not only strengthen the ties between the archdiocese and each parish, but will also benefit the parishes by helping the choir directors with their unique and individual needs and circumstances. Therefore, please fulfill the spirit of this letter by making sure your parish is represented.

Wishing you and your families all of God's blessings, I remain,

Your Father in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Metropolitan Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

+JOSEPH

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"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)

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