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# THE TORCHBEARER

The Newsletter of the Church of St. John of Damascus, Dedham, MA

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## *From the Pastor...*

*The following was written for the September, 2001 Torchbearer, and updated for this issue. While the facts and figures may be different in some cases, the mission of the archdiocese and The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch remain the same. Please accept this invitation to join with your other Antiochian Orthodox brothers and sisters in furthering the mission and goals of our beloved archdiocese.*

### **"The Archdiocese? What do they do?... More than you think!"**

From October 5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup>, our church will host our Father in Christ – His Eminence, Metropolitan PHILIP. Saidna will visit St. John's for to lead us in celebrating our centennial. Imagine that, the Church of St. John of Damascus is 100 years old! What a blessing. Because the Metropolitan and the diocesan bishops don't visit St. John's that often, and when they do it is only for a weekend, we don't see their role in shepherding the whole Church. We sometimes think that the archdiocese consists of the parishes of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Whenever an appeal for financial help is made by the archdiocese to us, we often wonder why. So what exactly does the archdiocese do for us? For our parish?

As you may know, each year the archdiocese assesses each parish 9% of our budget (it will go to 10% next year). In our case, we send the archdiocese around \$31,000 per year. This money is raised by using a portion of your yearly pledge to the church. But what does this mean in the life of our parish and in the life our archdiocese? We so often here the comment, "What does the bishop want now? More money, again?" or maybe "What does the archdiocese do for our parish?" If you read on, you may discover that the archdiocese does more than you think.

In 1966, when His Eminence, Metropolitan PHILIP became Primate, the Antiochian Archdiocese had 65 churches and a minimal budget. As we approach 2008, our archdiocese has, thanks be to God, 250 churches and a budget of almost \$5 million dollars. Each year, the archdiocese sends us a copy of its budget, which is kept in the church office. You are welcome to look at it at your leisure, but I would like to spend a little time going over some of the budget items and show how it affects us on the grassroots level.

The archdiocese provides much support to the parishes and the faithful. Some of these areas are:

*Children:* Without a doubt, the needs of our children and young people are of paramount importance. Whenever teens of any church host a function or whenever the church school puts on something, they are usually very well attended. Our parishes always go out of their way "for the kids." What does the archdiocese do for our kids? In three words? The Antiochian Village. This camp, in Western Pennsylvania, I feel, is responsible for a renaissance that has taken place in the life of the Church. Since 1978, when I was part of the first staff at the camp, until now, the camp has stood as beacon - engulfing the children who attend with Christian love, understanding, morals, and the like. In addition to "regular" camp activities, the children attend church twice a day, have bible studies, chant the hymns of the Church, and live in a totally Christian environment devoid of TV and radios. To accommodate those children who had to be turned away because of space limitations. Last year a new dining hall and infirmary, at a huge cost of to the archdiocese; who helped fund these additions? None other than the of the Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch. In addition, the Order provides around \$100,000 in financial help to families, through the local churches, whose children might not be able to go to the camp otherwise. Talk to any of the 30 or so children from St. John's that we send to camp each summer and see what they tell you.

In addition to the camp, the Archdiocese has a full time Youth Department and a full time Christian Education Department. Between these two departments, the needs of our youth are well taken care of until their late teens. In addition, the Archdiocese provides church schoolbooks to newly established missions free of charge. Who pays to help educate these children? You do! And don't forget the Festivals that take place at the Parish Life Conferences each summer - Bible Bowl, Oratorical, Writing, and Art - all designed to highlight our children and encourage their development in the Faith.

*Parish Needs:* Did you know that the Archdiocese provides a workshop for all choir members and chanters at the Antiochian Village every summer? Did you know that the Archdiocese runs a Parish Council workshop every two years to help our lay leaders assist the clergy in the running of our parishes? Did you know that the Archdiocese runs a Christian Education conference each fall designed to help our teachers? Did you know that the Archdiocese sends *The Word* magazine free of charge to every home, so that communication can be kept open between parishes, the archdiocese, and the whole world of Orthodoxy? Did you know that the Archdiocese has four auxiliary bishops to assist the Metropolitan in ministering to us more effectively? Did you know that the Archdiocese has five chanceries in Toledo, Ohio, Wichita, Kansas and Los Angeles, Charleston, WV, and Montreal in addition to Englewood, so that the ever-growing flock can be ministered to by her archpastors locally?

*Clergy:* It may seem obvious but as more parishes are established more clergy are needed. Unlike most other Orthodox jurisdictions, our archdiocese provides a full scholarship to qualified seminarians that study for the Holy Priesthood at the various seminaries throughout the United States. If it were not for this aid (\$250,000 in 2007), one has to wonder how many qualified men would be unable to study and serve you - when you are sick in the hospital, when you need someone buried or baptized, or a myriad of other things our priests do for us. The archdiocese now has over 270 priests and 80 deacons.

In addition to scholarship assistance, the Archdiocese, again with help from the Order of St. Ignatius, provides retired clergy with a housing allowance plan, which gets better as time progresses.

Don't our clergy deserve to retire with dignity and security after serving our parishes for so many years?

*Charity:* Did you know that 13.6% of the archdiocese's budget goes to charity? Whether it is the annual Food for Hungry People program or aid for those who suffered due to the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>, in the Middle East, Hurricane Katrina, or the other areas of need our archdiocese always heeds the words and spirit of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

St. John's is not an island and does not, nor should it, exist in a vacuum. It must, as a Christian community, be in communion with the broader aspects of the Church, namely the archdiocese. The archdiocese too doesn't exist in a vacuum. She must respond not only to the needs and desires of the parishes but to the Orthodox world, the moral condition of our country, and to human rights in the Middle East and elsewhere. As the world grows more complex so too must the Archdiocese's response. As more and more people embrace Orthodoxy through our Archdiocese more funding is needed. When you have more "mouths to feed" doesn't your family's budget also increase? How can we turn away those seeking Christ? We just can't! It would be an insult to God and to the memory of our forefathers and mothers who came to this great country and built up our churches and archdiocese.

To respond to the ever-changing needs and growth of the archdiocese, without increasing the burden of the parishes, Metropolitan PHILIP established the Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch in 1976. The Order is a growing (about 3,500 members) and vibrant movement in the life of this archdiocese, which is always searching for new members to support "the cause." Despite the fact that much has been written about the Order and its deeds, many still don't know what the Order does. Did you know that the Order contributes 26.3% to the budget of the archdiocese? Did you know the Order, as mentioned above, provides every parish in the archdiocese with a two-week scholarship to the Antiochian Village? Did you know that the Order gives \$10,000 to the youth to help defray the costs of the Special Olympics camp? Did you know that the Order is the primary source of funding for the Clergy Retirement plan? And the list goes on and on and on. Last year, the Order's total commitment was \$999,000. Won't you consider joining the Order when Metropolitan PHILIP comes to St. John's in October for our church's centennial?

I hope this attempt on my part has helped to elucidate you on the importance of supporting the archdiocese through our parish's contribution and has encouraged you to join the Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch. Yes, it is true that the "bishop wants our money"; to help you, your children, your loved ones, the world and the Orthodox Church. I invite you to look at the budget of the archdiocese and examine the pages of the *Word* magazine to see what is being done in the life of this archdiocese. If you do this, I'm convinced that you'll see the fruit of investment, and will want to join the Order of St. Ignatius. *Your coworker in the Lord, Fr. John K. Teebagy*

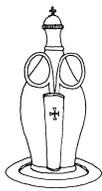
### *Liturgical notes:*

❖ We will return to our regular liturgical schedule on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, with Matins at 9 a.m., the Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m. Confession is offered from 8:45-9:40 a.m. or by appointment. As a reminder, confession is *NOT* available after Liturgy.

❖ To celebrate the Nativity of the Virgin Mary on September 8<sup>th</sup>, St. George, Norwood will join us for liturgy on Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. In addition, for the Elevation of the Holy Cross on September 14<sup>th</sup>, we will join St. George, Norwood for the liturgy and procession on Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. The procession of the Holy Cross will also take place on September 16<sup>th</sup> here at St. John's.

❖ **Many Years** to the new officers and members of the Executive Board. They are: Wayne Zahka, Chair; Abe Sabbag, Vice Chair; Kathy Tawa, Treasurer; Donald Khouri, II, Recording Secretary; Rosemary Sabby, Corresponding Secretary; Richard Ahto, Douglas Arbeely, Raymond Hamwey, and David Shagoury. They, along with the returning board members, will be formally installed on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Church Records...



*"As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ"*

- Benjamin Thomas, son of Mark and Kim (Kadehjian) Bradshaw of Arlington, was baptized on April 29<sup>th</sup>
- James Michael, son of James and Wanda (Saltzman) Johnson of Dedham, was baptized on May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Sophie Grace, daughter of Patrick and Lisa (Mattar) Arena of Franklin, MA was baptized on May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Jake Stephen, son of Justin and Elizabeth (Zarras) MacNeil of Needham, was baptized on June 9<sup>th</sup>
- Lucy Rebecca, daughter of Paul and Cindy (Knights) of Needham, was baptized on June 10<sup>th</sup>

### *Many Years!*



*"Blessed are they whom thou has chosen and taken O Lord!"*



+Rose Abdelahad (83) of Roslindale fell asleep in the Lord on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Her husband and 3 daughters and their families survive her. Burial was at Fairview Cemetery in Hyde Park.

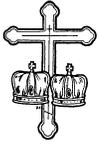
+Mary Haddad (86) of Brookline fell asleep in the Lord on April 10<sup>th</sup>. She is survived by 2 brothers and sister. Burial was at Fairview Cemetery in Hyde Park.

+Selma Karem (89) of Revere fell asleep in the Lord on May 17<sup>th</sup>. She is survived by her children. Burial was at Fairview Cemetery in Hyde Park.

## *Memory Eternal!*



*"O Lord our God crown them with glory and honor!"*



Stephen Douglas and Elizabeth Vartabedian were united in marriage on May 28<sup>th</sup>. We congratulate them as they begin their new life together in Boxborough.

*Many Years!*



*From the Executive Board Chair...* Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

We have a very exciting year ahead of us. In October we will be celebrating 100 years as a parish. That is an enormous accomplishment. God had blessed our ancestors with the fortitude and foresight to gather in his name, as immigrants to a new land, in Boston 1907. They did this to enhance the lives of their families. This celebration therefore, is not only for us but for the generations before us and those still to come. Visit our website [www.stjohnd.org](http://www.stjohnd.org) to see all that we have planned, and to make your reservations.

As many of you know, I have the honor of being chairperson for the Night of Memories Event. I had the great pleasure of spending many hours reviewing, scanning, and organizing, the photos (over 1000) that were given to me from parishioners. This was truly a labor of love and I want to thank you all for your enthusiastic participation. It is fantastic to see people ready and willing to lend a helping hand to achieve a common goal.

We truly have a great parish. In the capacity of your recently elected Chairperson of the Executive Board, I want to ensure that our parish and our church remain an invigorated parish within the archdiocese. This church was entrusted to us by our forefathers. I am committed to handing over to the next generation a church which is financially sound, busy with ongoing events, and brimming with attendees ready to be active Christians.

I welcome any suggestions any one may have, at any time. I welcome and urge you to get involved in the church and all it has to offer. I urge you to reach out to those who may have drifted from the church and help to bring them back into our community. Thanks to so many people who have done so much for the church, and its members, over the years. I'll see you at church. I'll be looking for you as a committee volunteer. I'll be looking for you at the Centennial events.

*Yours in Christ, Wayne E. Zahka*

*From the Choir. . .* Stop singing quietly in the pews - raise your voice in song and join us in the choir loft! This, our centennial year, is the perfect time to become part of one of the finest choirs in the New England region. By joining now, you will be able to participate as a choir member in the memorable Centennial Gala weekend and the Hierarchical Diving Liturgy with His Eminence, Metropolitan PHILIP. There is open enrollment in all voice parts and no experience is necessary. Rehearsals are Sunday morning before Divine Liturgy and you only need to participate in three Sundays per month. The first Choir Liturgy of the 2007-2008 season is on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> with rehearsal at 9 am sharp. I look forward to seeing you there. Please contact me with any questions or thoughts at 617. 489.9456. **Sincerely, Mark Haddad**

*From the Church School. . .* It's "**Back to School Time**" once again at St. John of Damascus Church School! We are eager to work with you towards the spiritual education of your children. Classes begin on September 9<sup>th</sup> for grades Preschool 2 through Grade 10.

We also offer a Preschool 1 class for children who will be three years old by September 1, 2007. This class is organized as a "Parent Cooperative" – all parents of Preschool 1 students help out on a rotating basis. There will be a brief parent meeting on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> (during Church School time) to explain how this class operates, set up the parent volunteer schedule, and distribute the curriculum. The first class will be held on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Classes begin immediately after Holy Communion. Children will be dismissed from their pews into the Communion line, and then will proceed directly to their classrooms. Adults will be ushered into the Communion line after all children and Church School staff have gone, so that we may start our program as quickly and smoothly as possible. School will be in session until noon each Sunday, at which time children will be sent into the hall area where you can meet them.

In order for children to benefit from our Church School program, regular attendance at the Divine Liturgy and in class is essential. The continuity provided by weekly attendance makes it possible for students to understand, appreciate and embrace our Orthodox faith. **All students who have attained at least 50% attendance during the school year will be awarded a certificate of completion and will be eligible for other awards at graduation.** If you have any questions concerning our attendance policy, please contact me at any time.

We have a busy, productive year planned – make sure your kids are part of it!

*In Christ, Nancy Close, Church School Director, 978-692-0857 / [school@stjohnd.org](mailto:school@stjohnd.org)*

*From the Parent Guild...* We hope everyone is enjoying the final days and weeks of summer. As usual, the Parent Guild will be hosting the "Welcome Back Barbecue" on the first day of church school, September 9<sup>th</sup> after liturgy. The cost is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child over 5 years of age. Please mark your calendars and plan on staying after Divine Liturgy for a delicious barbecue meal and fellowship. Please make a reservation by calling Carol Hazerjian at (508) 660-0072 or Bertina Kurker (781) 721-1647, or by e-mailing the church office at [churchoffice@stjohnd.org](mailto:churchoffice@stjohnd.org). The Guild is running the brunch taking place on Saturday morning of the Centennial weekend. If you would like to help with the brunch, please contact Carol Hazerjian. Be sure to make your reservation through the

Centennial committee – all centennial events require a reservation. The first Parent Guild meeting of the school year will be Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at noon, at which time we will schedule our activities for the year. We also need to decide on the gift we plan on presenting to Metropolitan PHILIP during the Centennial weekend. We are hoping to increase attendance at our Family Nights, which started last September, and we will be sending out a notice once the date is set for the next one. Family Nights are a relaxing, enjoyable evening of Vespers, supper, and socializing for adults, teens and children. We would like to increase our e-mail distribution list, so if you are not receiving Parent Guild information via e-mail, please send your e-mail address to Carol at [chazerjian@verizon.net](mailto:chazerjian@verizon.net). All parents of church school children are members of the Parent Guild – there are many opportunities during the year for you to get involved and help with our activities. We hope you will do so this year! Looking forward to seeing you in church and at the barbecue on September 9<sup>th</sup>! *Yours in Christ, Carol Hazerjian and Bertina Kurker*

*From the Order of St. Ignatius. . .* I just returned from the 48<sup>th</sup> Self-Ruled Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese Convention in Montreal. At the General Assembly of The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch, it was announced that EFT (electronic fund transfer) has been expanded to include those joining The Order for the first time. New members simply pay the \$60 induction fee and authorize The Order to withdraw a fixed amount each month from their checking or savings bank account for membership dues. For the Knight level, this amount is \$41.67 per member per month, annually; for Commander, the amount is \$83.34 per member per month, annually; for Life Member, \$416.67 per member per month, for 3 years. If you are currently paying annually and would like to switch to EFT, please see Fr. John or Chris Bezreh, or pick up an EFT form at the Bengarri.

The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch is the charitable branch of the Archdiocese. Project contributions for the year 2006 exceeded \$1.4 million. Over the past 30 years, the Order has contributed over 19 million dollars to the Archdiocese, charities, and special projects such as the Clergy Housing Retirement Allowance. At this year's convention, Metropolitan Philip was presented with a check for \$250,000 contributed by Order members in order to raise the monthly housing allowance. The Order also supports the Al-Kafaat Foundation in Lebanon. This hospital, school, rehabilitation center, and employment center serves the mentally and physically handicapped with its mission statement, "Potentials, not Handicaps." For the past fifty years, through war and hardship, this special place has served the "least of our brethren." You will hear more about Al-Kafaat in the coming year.

Now that our campers are home, we can hear and feel their enthusiasm for the Antiochian Village. God bless them! The Order contributes over \$200,000 EACH YEAR for the camp. Camps of this quality and caliber usually cost over \$1,000 a week. With the help of the Order, camp tuition is subsidized making it possible for everyone to attend. We see time and again that campers become our most active and dedicated adults in the parish. If your child, grandchild, niece or nephew has ever attended camp, please join the Order to keep this lasting legacy for future generations.

The Order membership nationwide stands at almost 3,600. Metropolitan Philip has directed newly elected Chair Dan Abraham to reach a goal of 5,000 by the 2009 convention. St. John of Damascus parishioners can help by joining The Order at our Centennial Weekend. Current members

might consider upgrading to Commander or particularly to Life Member. Keep in mind that Life Membership dues of \$15,000 are never spent and generate interest for projects every year. Upgrade forms are available at the Bengarri. *Sincerely, Christine Bezreh*

*Centennial Information...* Hello Everyone, The Night of Memories event is shaping up to be a beautiful evening of friends, families, and memories. I hope to see you all there. Don't forget to make your reservations for the evening! They can be made on our website [www.stjohnd.org](http://www.stjohnd.org) or on the order form when you reserve your tickets for other Centennial events. **I'm looking to you, the parishioner, for some help.** In late August and early September, as we put the final touches on the evening, I'll need some volunteers for the following: 1. I would like a group of people that can help me to identify people in pictures from our earlier years. 2. I would like a group of people that can help cut and paste together collages of pictures. Look for my plea for help in the church bulletin and by email when we schedule the date and times. Thanks to all of you! *Wayne E. Zahka, Chairperson, Night of Memories*

*From the Bazaar Chairperson:* **St. John's Bazaar - Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> - Help Needed**  
Bazaar time is coming soon! The following help and items are needed: **Grape Leaves Needed** – Now is the time to be picking. Anyone who can pick, please do so and contact Gail Kurker when you are ready to bring them to the church. Thank you in advance! **Auction** – The committee is looking for donations of new items, restaurant gift certificates, sport event tickets, theatre tickets, etc. Every year the auction helps to make the bazaar successful and it's because of the generosity and donations we receive. If you have anything you would like to donate please contact the church office. **HELP** is needed for the 2007 Bazaar. Please consider helping and joining others in the fun and camaraderie! If you have thought of getting involved in the church this is a great way to come and meet your fellow parishioners. There are many areas that can use your talent and help. Please contact Gail Kurker or Kathleen Tawa if you would like to help. *Gail Kurker & Kathleen Tawa, Bazaar Co-Chairs*

*From the Stewardship Committee...* Our stewardship program launched with great success. At the current time we have received back 492 pledge forms, or 82% of the total sent out in December of 2006. We made follow up phone calls in March, and then in June we sent out a second mailing to the parishioners we hadn't yet heard from. Our goal still remains to have 100% participation from all of our parishioners. We are still trying to update our active parishioner database and need everyone's help to do so. If you know of a friend or relative that has moved and is not receiving our mailings please ask them to call the office.

Thanks to everyone who has submitted their talents listing so that they can be leveraged by all of the church organizations when help is needed. We still need to hear from more parishioners on the talents they can provide. To date we have only received a small fraction of the forms identifying your talents and desire to support your church. We would like to see more parishioners fill out their talent form next year. Don't be shy, we know we have a lot more talent out there!

We are planning on celebrating Stewardship Sunday on September 16<sup>th</sup> and hope that you will be in church to join us.

Our board and the stewardship committee feel that the Stewardship program is off to a great start, and that change, although difficult can be good, and that our parishioners will step up when asked to, and for that we are thankful.

*From the Maintenance Committee.* . . . Recently, some work has been done around the church by some of our faithful parishioners at little or no cost to the church. Using their expertise, these parishioners have been a big help to all of us! They are: Jim Boyle, Steve Cardoos, John Sarro, Joe Spruce, and Robert Zahka. God grant them and their families many years! ***Richie Homs and Chris Bradley, Co-Chairs***

*From the \$1,000 Club.* . . . As an update, the winners thus far are: Lorraine Aswad #28, James Boyle #165, Donna Boyle and Valerie Chobanian #164, Tony and Ellie Tawa #86, John Pilitsis #2, Madelyn Tawa #117, and Matthew Barrett #115. Watch for details on next year's *\$1,000 Club* in the coming months.

### *Announcements. . . .*

➤ **Centennial Gala Update** We would like to thank those of you who have participated in our Centennial Ad Book and purchased tickets to the events. Sponsorship opportunities remain available. The Friday evening Night of Memories and the Saturday evening Centennial Ball are both SOLD OUT. A waiting list for both functions is currently underway, in the event additional seats become available. To be placed on the wait list, please call the church office and leave your name and phone number. We invite you to attend the Saturday Brunch and Sunday Luncheon with Metropolitan Philip. Tickets can be purchased for these two events by visiting the Centennial table after church, or online at [www.stjohnd.org/100th](http://www.stjohnd.org/100th)

➤ **MANY THANKS** to all who donated to the 2007 *Food for Hungry Program* campaign. Because of your generosity, the church was able to send \$3,264 to the Archdiocese to help those in need.

➤ **ST. GEORGE, WEST ROXBURY** announces their 31<sup>st</sup> annual bazaar and food fair on October 19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> at their church hall. For more information, please call St. George at 617.323.0323.

➤ **ST. GEORGE, LOWELL** is pleased to announce the elevation of their pastor Fr. Leonard Faris to archimandrite by Metropolitan PHILIP. A dinner is being planned to mark this occasion on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover. For more information, contact Nicole Skaff at 978.323.0732 or John Maria at 978.375.7427.

➤ **SNOWBIRDS** Before leaving for Florida please give the office your temporary address. This ensures that you get the church's mail in a timely manner and reduces postage costs for the church.

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### ST. JOHN' S BAZAAR AND AUCTION 2007

NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup>

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#### *Orthodox Etiquette...*

##### **BEING AROUND A BISHOP**

With the arrival of His Eminence, Metropolitan PHILIP in October for our centennial celebration, it is good to go over proper etiquette in the presence of a bishop.



First of all, we look to the bishop as an icon of Christ in our midst. St. Ignatius of Antioch wrote in his epistle to the Smyrneans, "Where the bishop appears, there let the people be, just as where Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church" (8.2). We honor Christ through showing honor to the bishop. Therefore, here are a few tips of etiquette to follow during Saidna PHILIP's visit to our parish. (*Actually, most of these tips of etiquette are also applicable when around a priest, although much of this, unfortunately, has fall out of practice in America.*)

- When a bishop enters a room or is introduced, everyone should stand and remain standing until he is seated.
- When greeting the bishop or when being introduced to him, it is proper to kiss his right hand.
- When addressing an Orthodox bishop, one uses his title before his first name (i.e. Metropolitan PHILIP, Bishop BASIL, etc.). Orthodox bishops use only their first name, not their last. In conversation, a Metropolitan is addressed as Your Eminence, a bishop as Your Grace. It is also acceptable to address him as "Saidna" (Arabic for Master).

It is important that we show the proper respect to Metropolitan PHILIP. Be sure to teach your children these rules of etiquette, too. They need to know how to greet their bishop as well.



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Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Immediately following the Divine Liturgy

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the church office at [churchoffice@stjohnd.org](mailto:churchoffice@stjohnd.org)

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**Sunday Services:** Matins 9:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

**Church Office Hours...**Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The deadline for the Sunday bulletin is Thursday at 10 a.m.

Please plan accordingly.

DEADLINE for the November/December 2007 Torchbearer will be October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Please consult the Weekly Sunday Bulletin for any changes, corrections, etc.**