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Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines

PRIMATE HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP PAUL SALIBA



Merry Christmas:

We are, once again, preparing to welcome the Son of God to our world. Some of us have been working the whole year to prepare his/her heart to be a better place for the indwelling of the new Emmanuel". We have been more involved with our churches activities; we have a better feeling toward the sick, hungry, and lonely; we have better understanding with our children. We have been giving them the good Christian Model. The sacraments are becoming more meaningful and more influential on our everyday dealings with the others. We have cut down many of the worldly activities, in order to have more time to give to prayers and work of love. We will begin our New Year with new determination to return to our spiritual Beth-Lehem on a new path.

Divine Child, fill up our mind with the grace of the Holy Spirit to lead us in your path throughout the coming years.

Merry Christmas

Christmas Services:

Christmas this year is falling on Sunday:

Saturday the 24th: Christmas services at 7:30 PM.

Sunday the 25th: Matin begins at 9:30 AM.

Divine Liturgy at 10:30 AM.

Please see your church Bulletin for the time of Christmas services.

The Metropolitan will welcome the faithful on Christing Day at the Headquarters from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

Board of Trustees:

To be held on the weekend of February 9-11 2012 at

St. Nicholas – Victoria. The members will listen and study three reports about the spiritual social and leadership situation and the ways to deal with them.

The three Committees of the B. O. T:

1- The family's.

2- Leadership.

3- Social and ecclesiastical issues.



New Churches

The Archdiocese in cooperation with the Local Churches Councils has begun the following new church building or enlargement:

- 1- St. Michael - Sutherland.
- 2- Archangels – Ryde.
- 3- St. Nicholas – Punchbowl (enlargement).
- 4- Sts. Peter & Paul – Rooty Hill
- 5- Purchasing of St. Mary – Melbourne.

Child Care:

The Archdiocese is focusing, as first step, on the educational and family activities:

- 1- The Building of the first Child Centre is in its final stage at Mays Hill.
- 2- The work is progressing on another Child Care at Punchbowl.

Theology Classes:

Your Archdiocese has been conducting theology classes since the year 2000. The sessions are held every Thursday at the Archdiocese Headquarters- Punchbowl, beginning at 7:00 P. there is two semester in a year. Each semester 12 sessions and one off in the Middle. The next semester to start, Thursday, February 9th 2012.

- 1- Topics: the church Fathers.
- 2- St. Paul Epistles.

Instructors: Drs. Frs. Karaan, Fr Basilios and Dr. George Fiani.

Catechism Classes:

The AOCNA youth Archdiocese organization will conduct a course on “the discovering the Orthodox Faithful, to begin on: Saturday 4th of February, 2012

Venue:

For more information and registration, please call:

- 1- Rt. Rev. Kachab on 0409 866 811- 02 9319 4456
- 2- The Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese Website: www.antiocharch.org.au

New Churches in the Philippines:

The Archdiocese had begun construction of New Church Building in the Philippines. We have purchased a building in Davao, and consecrated it; His Eminence puts the corner stone for two churches in Manila.

