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PRIMATE HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP PAUL SALIBA

Monthly News Letter, May 2010



Prayer from Proverbs 30:7-9

Two things I ask of you: "God". Do not refuse me before I die: keep deception and lies far from me, give neither poverty nor riches. Feed me the food that is my portion, lest I be full and deny "thee and say, who is the Lord?" or lest I be in want and steal, and profane you r name of my God". Enough so we are not tempted to take life into our own hands and steal; but not so much that we are tempted to think life is in our own hands and feel no need to pray.

Major Holidays

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman.
Blind Man
Ascension Thursday
Holy Fathers
Pentecost

Symposium:

The annual Clergy Symposium to be held beginning Monday, May 3rd and will end Friday, May the 7th 2010.

The Topic for this year is:

The sacraments and their role in the spiritual life of the faithfuls.

Foundation Stone for a New Church

On Sunday, March the 14th, His Eminence Metropolitan Paul presided over the Divine Liturgy at St. Michael Church. Following the services, a large crowd of the faithful proceeded to the new place where the New Church will be erected.

Following the service of "the Breaking ground" for the Foundation Stone, His Eminence blessed the Location with Holy Water.

Congratulation to the faithful of St. Michael.

New Mission in Melbourne:

A New Mission to be established in Melbourne:

His Eminence, and after some negotiation with Rev. Robert Bohn, accepted him as a Candidate to the Priesthood in the Archdiocese. Rev. Robert will establish a New Mission in Melbourne. Welcome home.





New Ordination

On Sunday, April 11th 2010, His Eminence ordained Sub-deacon John (Isaac) Zoghaib to the Rank of a deacon. The new deacon will be working with the youth of St. Mary- Mays Hill, and help the Priests whenever needed.

On Wednesday, May 5th, and during the Symposium, His Eminence will elevate deacon Stanley Nield to the rank of Priest. Fr. Stanley will serve the Parish of St. Michael Dunedin and help the Church in Wellington.

Arrival

*The Rt. Rev. Archimandrite Basil Kodseie had arrived to Sydney on Wednesday, April 21st. to assist His Eminence in the administration of the Churches. Welcome to the new addition

*Deacon Ifram had arrived to Sydney. Welcome.

Both Clergymen will stay and work from the Headquarters.

Vanuatu

A plan for a Priest to travel to Vanuatu is under way. We are in the process of registering the mission under the Antiochian Archdiocese, and begin a mission on the island.

The Vicar General in the Philippines:

The V. Rev. Fr. Yitzak, the Vicar General in the Philippines will be travelling to the USA to deliver different talks about the Antiochian Mission in the Country. Fr. Yitzak had received many invitations especially from the Convert churches there.

A New Clinic

With the support of Professor Afif Hadj, the Archdiocese will establish the first Clinic in Manilla to provide "First Aid" to the needy in that City.

Caritas

We would like to thank our Priests ad Faithful for their response to our call during the Easter Holiday to contribute to the humanitarian and educational effort of CARITAS. The Archdiocese had dedicated the "Third Sunday of Great Lent" a Sunday for Caritas where our people will be given the opportunity to support the work of Caritas in Lebanon, Syria and Palestine etc...

This year collection was Eight Thousand and Eighty Dollars. Thanks to everyone.

Board of Trustees

The B.O.T. will hold its meeting in St. Paul-Brisbane from Friday June 25 to Sunday 27th 2010. Hoping to see all the Members contributing and participating in the work of the Board of Trustees as representative of all the churches of the Archdiocese.

New Headquarter in Melbourne

A new Headquarters to be established in Melbourne. All of our Churches will be asked to contribute toward this important project.

Thanks to the Members of the Board of Trustees who already contributed toward the project. It is a needed place where the Metropolitan or someone (Bishop) in the future can stay months organizing, and teaching in the Churches. The Archdiocese must plan for the future and provide whatever means needed to accomplish the goals.

