

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and
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All North America

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
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2019 Sacred Music Institute
July 10-14, 2019

*“Sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless His name;
proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.” (Psalm 96:1-2)*

Your Grace Bishop ANTHONY, Reverend Clergy, Honored Members of the
Department of Sacred Music, Beloved Participants of the Sacred Music Institute:

Greetings and blessings to you in the Name of our Great God and Savior, Jesus
Christ!

The Sacred Music Institute has become over the years a vital gathering of our choir
directors, singers, and chanters to learn more about their holy calling to lead the
faithful in worship through the offering of their voices in prayerful harmony. There is
a rich program once again this year which will inspire you and equip you to continue
growing in your sacred vocations in the life of our Archdiocese.

The psalmist invites us to “Sing to the Lord a new song!” Of course, we do not have
new hymnology to sing, but we can chant with a new and refreshed spirit. We can
learn new techniques to chant and direct. We can learn new and updated pieces of
music that enhance our repertoires. Most importantly, we can sing with a new
understanding of our tradition and a new sense of piety and prayerfulness.

I offer my gratitude to all of those who worked so diligently to put together this
program and all those who will offer workshops. With prayers and best wishes for a
beautiful time of fellowship and learning, I remain,

Yours in the service of Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Metropolitan Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

+JOSEPH

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

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