

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and
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Mrs. Mareena Boosamra Ball
740 S. Erin Ave.
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Dear Mareena,

Greetings to you and your family in the Name of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ. I pray you are well as we begin the Nativity Fast and prepare for the coming of Our Lord and Savior in the flesh.

It is with great joy that I am appointing you as the new chair of the Department of Sacred Music, effective immediately. You are no stranger to this department and, more importantly to the music of the archdiocese, having directed your local choir for many years and being part of the fabric of our archdiocese from birth. With that in mind, we are eager to have you continue the work of your predecessors in building up both the body of music and the spirit of our choirs through your own ideas, hard work and leadership. We are ready to support you in your efforts and equip you as best as we are able with the resources you need to improve and expand on the work of the past.

As you begin your work, please also be in touch and cooperate with our Byzantine Music team led by Deacon John (Rassem) El Massih and both our Liturgics department led by Fr. Thomas Zain and our Translations Department led by Fr. Michel Najim and Fr. Patrick O'Grady as all of you work together and interface with each other on many common projects and efforts in streamlining the sacred music of our archdiocese.

I look forward to seeing you in Tuscon in December when I come to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the parish. In the meantime, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact my office.

Wishing you a blessed Fast, I remain,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Metropolitan Joseph". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

+JOSEPH

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

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