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“So let each one *give* as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a *cheerful giver*” 2 Corinthians 9:7

To the Parish Council,

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we pray this letter finds all parishes in good health and success. Consider this letter to be your Fall Gathering invitation, and SOYO dues reminder. Please keep in mind that all active SOYO Chapters must pay dues to the diocese by October 11, 2009.

Whether you GIVE:

Because you want to help fund the diocesan retreats and other events in which your teens participate... or

Because you want to pay the portion of our NAC dues that maintain your SOYO chapter's title membership and membership benefits... or

Because you want highly-educated youth workers to train the young people of your parish, so they will become tomorrow's Church leaders... or

Because you want your parish represented in SOYO at the diocesan and international levels...

Your payment of dues will help the Church realize her purpose and responsibility as a protector and teacher of the young people in your parish. The diocese is in financial need and can only function with your support, so we ask you to please pay what is due to the diocese. The dues policy is listed below. Remember, this money will in turn benefit you. Dues money is necessary in helping our diocese SOYO run, so please contribute what is owed.

Dues are allotted by the number of teens in your congregation. If there are 0-5 teens, \$150 is due; 6-15 teens, \$200 is due; 16-25 teens, \$250 is due; and 26+ teens, \$300 is due.

In the past, many parishes have not paid their dues. We want the parishes to be able to afford their dues so we have decided to allow everyone to start anew and forget any past unpaid expenses. As of May 2009, we have paid your unpaid dues from past years, and ask that you pay this year's dues before June 1st in order to rebalance our budget.

From this year forth, SOYO dues will be due by the Fall Gathering. This year's Fall Gathering will take place in Torrance, California, October 9-11, 2009. Usually, the current President attends, but we encourage all parishes to promote the Fall Gathering to all the Parish members. For the first time ever the SOYO Board has planned to theme our meetings. This year's theme: Blast from the Past! Be sure to dress up! More Fall Gathering Information at: www.antiochianladiocese.org

Should you have any questions regarding SOYO membership dues, please contact your diocese SOYO President, Jenna Badra at 619-985-6623 or jennab@san.rr.com . Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours in Christ,

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