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Blessings to the Vicar, office-bearers and members of all the parishes in the American Diocese

Dearly beloved,

The Sunday school and OVBS in the American Diocese are flourishing, and we are very happy to inform you about the highlights regarding current activities. We are in the process of revising the Sunday school textbooks. We are working diligently in making the new books available by August 2008. We have started a new website exclusively for the Sunday school and OVBS (indianorthodoxsundayschool.org.) This website will provide all timely information. We hope this will enhance better communication among the Sunday schools and the administration. As you know, we have centralized examinations, talent shows, talent competitions, teacher certifications, and many other programs. Topics and guidelines for the diocesan level competitions for the current year are posted on the website. Please contact Rev. Dr. Raju Varghese, our Sunday school Director for further information.

The theme for the 2008 OVBS is "God who heals" (Psalms 103:3). We are organizing teachers' conferences across our Diocese, detailed information is available on the website. We exhort all our respected Achens, Sunday school teachers, and everyone interested in the ministry of children to be a part of the teachers' conferences. OVBS study materials are available on the website. Please download and make copies as needed for the upcoming OVBS. The downloadable textual materials are free of charge; songbooks and music CDs will be available for a nominal fee in order to cover production costs. Orders can be placed through the website. Please contact Mrs. Omana Philip, our OVBS Director for more information.

We appreciate the leadership of our respected Achens, the dedicated services of our Sunday school teachers, and the cooperation and support of the parents. Children are our future. We exhort all of you to pray for our Sunday school and OVBS activities and extend your assistance in every possible way.

May the blessings and mercies of God Almighty be showered up on us all.


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