



THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH & PARISH MINISTRIES

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA
METROPOLITAN JOSEPH, PRIMATE

PO Box 389 ▪ Westwood, MA 02090-0389 ▪ www.antiochian.org/youth

Re: Special Olympics Awareness Day (October 21st)

Dear Brother in Christ,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

As Teen SOYO prepares to host its 38th Annual SOYO Special Olympics Sports Camp, I ask for your help.

October 21, 2018 is Special Olympics Awareness Day (SOAD) across our Archdiocese. Your teen group (or if you have none, your designated representatives) are asked to seek the financial donations of your parishioners in funding the 2019 SOYO Special Olympics Sports Camp to be held this coming August. This ministry is funded and hosted by the North American Council of Teen SOYO. Our teens work very hard to provide this ministry and rely on the generosity and support of the faithful of your parish.

We Need YOUR HELP!

1. Please publicize Special Olympics Awareness Day. Enclosed you will find two bulletin inserts, one for October 14th and the other for October 21st. Please include the bulletin inserts in your parish bulletin, online, and share this cause from the pulpit. Your enthusiastic promotion of this important SOYO ministry will go a long way in producing fruitful results from our faithful.
2. Go to <https://teensoyo.org/soad> to find the various bulletin insert sizes in both black/white and in color. Enclosed in this mailing is the standard size color parish bulletin for the week before and the week of Special Olympics Awareness Day.
3. We have found it beneficial to have two teens stand next to each breadbasket at the end of Liturgy, one holding a basket for contributions and the other handing out the enclosed Icon bookmarks, which are given as an expression of gratitude for the donor's financial contribution.
4. Also included in this mailing is a one sheet message for one of your teens to share with the faithful in Church on October 21st. Please be sure a teen is prepared to read this message in Church on October 21st.
5. Enclosed is a letter from Metropolitan JOSEPH for you to read from the pulpit and publish in your parish bulletin.
6. Immediately following Special Olympics Awareness Day, your teens or parish treasurer should send their check for the full amount collected to:

Special Olympics Awareness Day
Department of Youth and Parish Ministry
PO Box 389 – Westwood MA 02090-0389

Please make the check payable to *NAC Teen SOYO* and write in the memo: *SOAD*.

We appreciate your help and participation in this life-changing ministry.

Your brother in Christ,

V. Rev. Dr. Joseph F. Purpura

