



## 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](http://www.antiochian.org/youth)

### Re: Special Olympics Awareness Day (October 20<sup>th</sup>)

Dear Brother in Christ,

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

We ask for your help as Teen SOYO prepares to host its 39<sup>th</sup> Annual SOYO Special Olympics Sports Camp.

**October 20, 2019 is Special Olympics Awareness Day (SOAD).** Your teen group (or designated representative) is asked to seek the financial donations of your parishioners in funding the 2020 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 hard to provide this ministry and they rely on the generosity of your faithful parishioners.

#### We Need Your Help!

1. Please publicize Special Olympics Awareness Day. Enclosed you will find two bulletin inserts, standard size color bulletin inserts for the week before and the week of Special Olympics Awareness Day, October 13<sup>th</sup> and October 20<sup>th</sup>. Please include these 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.
2. Go to <https://teensoyo.org/soad> to find the various bulletin insert sizes in both black/white and in color.
3. We have found it beneficial to have 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 cards, which are given as an expression of gratitude for the donor's contribution. Teens should be encouraged to say, "Good Morning, please donate to SOYO Special Olympics."
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 20<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure a teen is prepared to read this message in Church on October 20<sup>th</sup>.
5. Enclosed is a letter from Metropolitan JOSEPH for you to read from the pulpit and publish in your bulletin.
6. Immediately following Special Olympics Awareness Day, your teens or parish treasurer should send their check for the full amount collected in the enclosed self-addressed envelope to:

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

#### Do not send checks to your diocese.

Please make the check payable to *NAC Teen SOYO* and write in the memo: *SOAD 2019*.

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

Yours in Christ,

  
V. Rev. Dr. Joseph F. Purpura

  
Kh. Kathleen A. Purpura



**SAINT GENEVIEVE**  
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"By thine abundant tears thou dost water and make fertile the desert of barren hearts; and by thy prayers and sighings thou hast borne fruit a hundredfold. Intercede for thy city, O Saint Genevieve, and for those who with love venerate thy holy memory."

"tes larmes abondantes ont arrosé et fécondé le désert des cœurs stériles; tes prières et tes soupirs ont produit des fruits au centuple. Prie pour ta cité, ô sainte Geneviève, et pour ceux qui vénèrent avec amour ta sainte mémoire."