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Blessings to the Vicars, office-bearers and all the faithful of our Diocese, especially the teachers and students of Sunday School!

Dearly beloved,

The Orthodox Vacation Bible School (OVBS) continues to be an opportunity for our children to gather during summer vacation and spend time together in fellowship and study. This year's theme is taken from Psalm 23:1 (OSB), "The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein." This is certainly an applicable theme as we learn how to be good stewards of God's creation.

We express our gratitude to the several volunteers who have worked in various capacities over the past few months to produce the materials and coordinate all efforts with the Northeast American Diocese. All of the OVBS resources will be sent via e-mail and made available online on our Diocesan website.

We take this opportunity to extend our prayers and blessings for the success of this year's OVBS. In local areas where there is more than one parish, we urge the parishes to join together and coordinate an area level OVBS so that it will be an opportunity for all the children to come together and share resources. We hope and pray that the OVBS will be conducted throughout our Diocese and will provide an environment for fellowship and learning among our children.

Your shepherd in Christ,

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