



By the Grace of God
METROPOLITAN ZACHARIAH MAR NICHOLOVOS

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Blessings to Very Reverend Chor Episcopoi, Reverend Fathers, Reverend Deacons, and faithful of the Northeast American Diocese, especially our MGOCSM & FOCUS members!

Dearly beloved,

The MGOCSM of the Northeast American Diocese will be holding its One Day Conference on Saturday, November 25, 2023 at our Saint Thomas Indian Orthodox Church of Philadelphia, located at 1009 Unruh Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from 9AM to 4PM, under our chairmanship.

The Reverend Deacon, Sampson (Ryan) Nash, an ordained Deacon of the Orthodox Church, a medical doctor, bioethicist, and world renowned scholar, will be presenting on the topic '*Our Identity in Christ: Healing the Illnesses of the Soul: Explorations in Health, Gender and Sexuality.*'

Our faithful, especially our youth, are challenged with a variety of philosophies, and ideologies, that may make them question, or even abandon our Orthodox faith. Our MGOCSM has been actively addressing such difficult topics to encourage our youngsters, and strengthen them in our faith. Hence, it is important that our clergy strongly encourage maximum participation from our high school/college/post graduate, students, and FOCUS aged faithful who may find this conference to be beneficial to them.

We anticipate the prayerful support, and presence of all our clergy, and the MGOCSM and FOCUS members of all our parishes, so they may reap the benefits of this conference.

Further information including, the registration link can be found in the flyer attached to this Kalpana. For more information, please contact our MGOCSM Vice President, Rev. Fr. Daniel Mathai, or our MGOCSM General Secretary, Rev. Dn. Shojil Abraham or any of the MGOCSM Council members.

May the blessings and mercies of God Almighty be showered upon us.

Yours in our Lord,

Metropolitan Zachariah Mar Nicholovos