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Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Very Reverend Protopresbyters, Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers, and Diocesan Faithful,

Our Diocese is pleased to offer our third annual **Family Camp** at Camp Nazareth this year in conjunction with Family Day. The event is exactly what it sounds like. Families “camping” together in the Camp cabins and participating in a weekend of services, games, discussions, activities and challenges that are all designed to help families deepen their relationship with God and with one another. Encourage them to come, and, if you are able, come yourselves with your families.

Last year we had 10 Families and a total of 36 participants. We had a wonderful time together and look forward to being together again this year. We know our families need support and help, especially in this day and age. Here is an event to support and sustain our families as we continue to develop our own Diocesan Family Ministry.

The Registration Form, Flyer, and Schedule are all available on the Camp website: campnazareth.org.

First, and most important, please note the date of **FAMILY DAY: SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2015**. The Family Camp is scheduled for the 2 days prior: Friday, June 5 - Saturday, June 6, and will then join the Family Day celebration on Sunday.

Please advertise Family Camp in your parishes and encourage your faithful to get a “flavor” of what Camp is like as a family. There are a variety of discussions, events, games and activities planned for those that come. Each segment of the schedule is designed to help families draw closer to God and one another as they enjoy themselves in the Camp’s peaceful environment.

At Camp, especially during its events, time is measured in between services rather than in between sporting events, TV shows and Facebook responses. The time our families will spend at Camp for this event will be time well-spent in growing closer together.

Space is limited to the first 10 families, so please encourage your faithful to respond quickly. Registration Forms are available on the Camp website and are due by Friday, May 22, 2015.

Working in His Vineyard,

+ Bishop Gregory of Nyssa

The American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese of the U.S.A.

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