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Christ is born! Glorify Him!

Greetings and blessings as we celebrate the incarnation of the divine Son of God who as the "New Adam" is the icon of true Manhood.

Among the many challenges of our day that threatens to diminish many of our core beliefs as Orthodox Christians is the vision of manhood which is portrayed by our secular culture.

"The Pursuit," produced by Faithtree is a positive approach in addressing the false images of manhood of our day with the purpose of engaging men in discussions with their priest and fellow laymen. Most importantly this curriculum equips men with a clear vision of Christ, the God-Man, and helps to define their calling as sons of God.

We know from the studies of congregations that men who are engaged in the life of the church have the greatest effect in involving the lives of their families. This has been one of the motivating factors, in addition to the changing moral climate in our country that has made a discussion on this topic very important.

We are grateful for the efforts of our clergy and laity who have worked diligently to address this subject in a way that provides clarity to our Church's teaching.

By this letter I hereby bless this program for use throughout the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. Praying that it will be of great help to the clergy and laity in our communities, I remain

Your Father in Christ,

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