

LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT

Great-martyr Demetrios
October 26, 2001

To all of the pious Orthodox Faithful in North America:

Dearly Beloved,

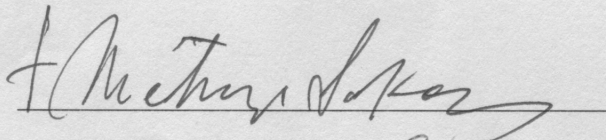
Greetings in the name of our Lord and God and Savior, Jesus Christ!

As the ruling Hierarchs of the various SCOBA jurisdictions in the Greater Chicago area, we are pleased to inform you of the newly founded *SOCIETY OF SAINT ROMANOS THE MELODIST*, based in Chicago and organized to promote the knowledge and understanding of the rich musical tradition of Orthodox cultures here and abroad. We sincerely endorse this new Society, its cultural activities, and the efforts of its Artistic Director, Dr. Peter Jermihov.

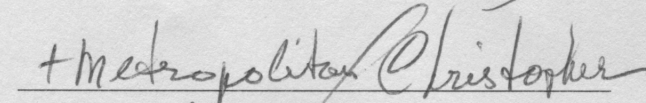
Furthermore, we encourage the faithful in our respective Dioceses to give the Society their support, both financial and of other available resources.

Invoking the Blessing of the Lord upon you, and assuring you of our warmest regard for all of you, we remain

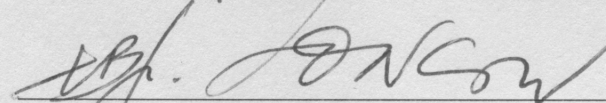
Faithfully yours in Christ,



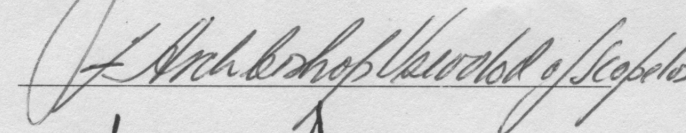
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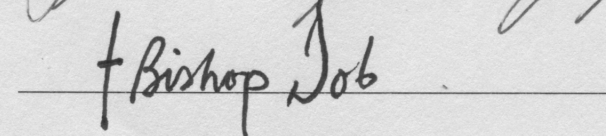
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