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THE BETHANY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS:
Appeal and "Matching Grant"

Dearly Beloved in the Lord,

Christ is in our midst!

It is with great joy that I announce the news that an anonymous benefactor has offered the Diocese a matching grant in support of our Nativity Appeal on behalf of the Bethany School for Girls in Jerusalem.

For every two dollars that is donated by Diocesan parishes, organizations, clergy and/or faithful, this benefactor will donate one dollar -- up to $5,000. This means that if the Diocese could reach a goal of $10,000, an additional $5,000 would be matched. Therefore, I urge all our parishes, organizations, clergy and faithful, to consider supporting with even greater zeal this Russian Orthodox orphanage and school for girls in the city of Jerusalem.

When I visited the Holy City this past May, I was greatly impressed and deeply moved by the quality of education and the sincerity of care that the nuns of Bethany offer these Orthodox orphans and young students. I wholeheartedly urge your support and am grateful for whatever generosity you are able to share, in the Name of the One born so humbly, so long ago, in that Holy Land.

For more information about the Bethany School for Girls, visit:
pravoslavie.ru/english/54148.htm

Donation checks may be made payable to the Diocese of New York and New Jersey, with "Bethany School" in the Memo section, and mailed to **Marge Kovach, 8 Ginesi Drive, Clark NJ 07066**. Ms. Kovach may be reached at mjkovach@aol.com if you would like further information.

I extend my sincere gratitude and humble prayers that God will richly reward you for your charity.

With love in His Name,

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Bishop of New York and the
Diocese of New York and New Jersey

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