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Today we are pleased to announce a new and dynamic feature on our diocesan website. ***"Lessons in Our Faith"*** will be a series of brief videos (8-12 minutes), displayed in HD quality, in which topics of Orthodox faith, belief, and practice will be presented by His Grace, Bishop Michael. A permanent graphic icon (as seen to the right) on the homepage will make it easy to find and enter the special webpage.

The first installment is already on-line and ready for viewing! In this lesson, Bishop Michael presents *"The Theotokos: 7 Questions and 7 Answers."* He discusses the most common questions raised by non-Orthodox people about the Church's understanding of, and relationship with, the Mother of God. Using solid biblical evidence and sources -- united to the doctrinal teaching, worship, and experience of the Church -- His Grace provides words and language to concisely and clearly communicate answers to these essential questions. It is Bishop Michael's intention that presentations such as this will not only deepen the knowledge of our faithful, but also assist them in talking to others about their faith while expanding their experience in the fullness of the faith.

Available on-line are the HD video (which requires high-speed Internet connectivity for downloading), a much more rapidly downloading audio version (for slower Internet connections), and a printable copy of the lesson outline (PDF format) with notes.

The next installment is scheduled for production in the middle of January 2012.

Clergy of the diocese are encouraged to inform their faithful about this accessible and valuable resource. A headline news item about the launching of ***"Lessons in Our Faith"*** is published on the diocesan website: **nynjoca.org**

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