YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY UPDATE

Archdiocesan District Y2AM Office
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• Sports Leagues
  - GOBL broke another record with over 2000 participants! We are currently wrapping up the season at St. John’s Prep for the finals.
  - GOVL season went by smoothly with a record number of teams joining the league. We are currently in the playoffs and finishing the season up on Saturday April 6th!
  - CEOBL had a great season! Looking forward to the planning of next season.

• Olympics
  - The new Olympics board is up and running planning for this year’s Olympics on Memorial Day Weekend. Registration has opened for parishes!

• Parathosi 2024
  - Parathosi saw a record number of participation for it’s first year back since COVID!
  - The Youth Office and the Parathosi board are already working on plans for Parathosi 2025. We will posting the next date in the coming weeks!

• Scavenger Hunt
  - RSVPs have been sent to all regarding the GOYA Scavenger Hunt that will be hosted at the Intrepid Museum on May 11th. Please fill these out as we are looking to gather the correct numbers to reserve a lunch spot.

• GOYA Leadership Retreat
  - The Youth Office is working with Fr. Demetrios Kazakis in planning a leadership retreat for the GOYA in the fall of 2024. We plan on taking the GOYA to Boston to visit the seminary as well as historical sites.
CAMPING MINISTRIES 2024

• CSP Winter Camp 2024 GOYA Retreat
  - 60+ participants we’re present at our winter camp where we discussed prayer for everyday life.

• CSP Summer Camp 2024
  - Registration officially opened on March 9th at 12 PM where Session 2 sold out within 3 minutes.
  - There is still limited availability for campers in Sessions 1, 3, 4, & 5
  - We are still taking applications for Young Adults who wish to serve on staff! Please encourage your young adults to serve our camp for a week!

• The Youth Office has been making Parish visits to promote camp and speak to families about this life changing ministry. If your parish is interested, please reach out to the Youth Office to schedule a visit!
A growth in Young Adult Ministry has been seen across the District with the formation of many parish young adult groups. The Youth Office is working hand in hand with these young adult groups to facilitate events in which they collaborate and meet each other. Our first event titled “YAL meet and greet” was hosted at The Grand in Astoria. Over 100 young adults were present bringing stronger interest on these groups collaborating. The Youth office will continue to work hand in hand with parish YAL groups to assist in growing their ministry to reach a wider audience.

Orthodoxy On Tap
- Starting with a small group of 10 Young Adults, Orthodoxy on Tap has grown into a thriving ministry seeing a consistent group 40-50 young adults.
- For the Lenten Period, the group will be going to different parish services! The regularly scheduled Orthodoxy on Tap speakers will begin again post-Pascha.
- From this ministry a new pan-Orthodox Young Adult Group has been formed. The Youth Office is continuing to meet with them weekly to discuss possible plans to have smaller District events that include all Orthodox jurisdictions in the area.

YAL Conference Board
- The Youth Office is working hand in hand with Kostas Ouranitsas, former chairman of the National YAL Conference held in 2022, to build a board in hoped of having a YAL conference.
- We are still in the beginning stages, if you have any young adult leaders within your parishes that would be interested in joining, please reach out to the Youth Office!
CONTACT INFORMATION

- If you or anyone in your respective communities have any ideas or need assistance with anything involving Youth and Young Adult Ministry, please forward the Youth Offices Contact Information

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