



Office of Young Adult Activities

Report to the 2017 Diocesan Assembly

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2016 Winter Teen Retreat

The annual Winter Teen Retreat was held at Spruce Lake Retreat Center in Canadensis, PA, the weekend of February 26-28, 2016. There were 37 attendees at the 2016 event, including 33 students and 5 adult chaperones. Our keynote speaker was Fr. Timothy Hojnicky (Holy Apostles, Mechanicsburg, PA).

After having experienced a significant drop in attendance at the 2015 event, we made additional efforts to advertise for the 2016 event. As a result, participation returned to a more normal number.

Registration for the 2017 Winter Retreat will already be closed by the time of the Diocesan Assembly in 2017, with the event taking place at Spruce Lake Retreat Center the weekend of February 10-12.

St. Tikhon's Summer Camp

The 2016 season of St. Tikhon's Summer Camp was held from July 3-9. A total of 105 campers ages 7-17 came from across the country (and various jurisdictions) to participate in the program. Our hard-working staff of 54 adult volunteers helped make the event a success once again.

- Our theme for the week was **Word, Image, and Song: Liturgical Arts in Orthodox Worship**. Our youth education program remains under the direction of Anna Marie Black (Holy Trinity, Pottstown, PA).
- V. Rev. Timothy Hojnicky was present as the Youth Chaplain for the week. His Eminence, Archbishop Mark visited with the campers this year, as did His Eminence, Archbishop Michael.
- In addition to field games, boating, swimming, and arts & crafts, campers also had the opportunity to participate in iconography classes (Susan Shiposky; Holy Cross, Williamsport, PA) and ethnic dancing classes (Emilia Resanovic; Serbian Orthodox Monastery Marcha, Richfield, OH).
- Forty-two of the 105 campers participated in the Teen Camp program led annually by John D. Bohush IV (St. Elia, Akron, OH).

The 2017 season will take place July 2-8. Registration for campers and counselors will begin in late January at www.sttikhonscamp.org. *Now Featuring Online Registration and Payment Options!*

Many Thanks

The prayers, encouragement, and involvement of the clergy and people of our Diocese are vital to the success of our youth programs. Thank you for your continued support of our efforts.