

***The Parish of St. Peter and Paul Orthodox Christian Church
Invites You to
The 2015 Orthodox Christian Youth and Family Conference
In Mt. Union, Pennsylvania, USA***

Conference Theme: The Local and Contemporary Saints of the Orthodox Christian Church

Preliminary Program Agenda

Thursday October 8th, 2015

- 3pm to 5pm - Hotel Check in and registration at Millstone Manor
- 5:15pm Opening Dinner and Welcome at St. Peter and Paul Church
- 7pm Akathist at St. Peter and Paul Church
- 8pm to 11:30pm - Movie Night "Ben Hur" at the Clifton 5 in downtown Huntingdon, PA
- Return to Hotel and Rest

Friday October 9th, 2015

- 7:30am - Morning Prayers and Breakfast at Hotel/Late Registration
- 8:15am - Commute from Hotel to Church of St. Peter and Paul (10 minutes)
- 8:30am to 10:30am - Orthodox Christian Scavenger Hunt Challenge
- 11am to 12:30pm - Morning Panel
 - Primary "How to Make Prospora Workshop"
 - Junior "Alter Boy and Chanting Practice"
 - High School "Archbishop Demetrius on Giving your Youth to Christ"
 - Adult "Marriage and Monasticism" with Fr. Cristos and Bishop Sergios
- 12:30pm to 1:30pm - Lunch and Announcements
- 2pm - Afternoon Panel I
 - Primary "Alter Boy and Chanting Practice"
 - Junior "How to Make Koliva Workshop"
 - High School "Marriage and Monasticism" with Fr. Cristos and Bishop Sergios
 - Adult "Archbishop Demetrius on Giving your Youth to Christ"
- 3:30pm - Afternoon Panel II
 - Primary "Lives of the Saints Activity"
 - Junior "Iconography Workshop"
 - Joint Session (High School/Adult) "How to Make Prospora/Koliva Workshop"
- 5:30pm to 7pm - Dinner and Announcements
- 7:45pm to 9:45pm - Youth Conference Concert and Music Event at HAHS Auditorium
 - St. Mark's Byzantine Choir
 - Greek/Russian/Ethnic Instrumental Music Performance
 - Presbyteria Katina Folk Music
 - Feats of Strength/Audience Competitions/Triva/Etc.
- Transport Back to Hotel and Rest

Optional Activity: 10:15pm Bonfire at Fr. Chris and Presbyteria Field (Smores and Snacks Provided)

Saturday October 10th, 2015

- 7:30am - Morning Prayers and Breakfast at Hotel
- 8:30am - Commute from Hotel to Church of St. Peter and Paul (10 minutes)
- 9am to 11am -Morning Panel
 - Primary - "Orthodox Christian Activities in the Synod: St. Xenia Camp, SPFL, Pilgrimages"
 - Junior - "Trip to Lincoln Caverns and Talk"
 - High School/Adult - "Trip to Raystown Overlook and Talk"
- 11am to 12:30pm -Morning Panel
 - Primary - "Trip to Lincoln Caverns and Talk"
 - Junior - "Orthodox Christian Activities in the Synod: St. Xenia Camp, SPFL, Pilgrimages"
 - High School/Adult - "Trip to Raystown Overlook and Talk"
- 12:30pm to 1:30pm - Lunch at Firehall
- 2pm - Afternoon Panel I
 - Primary/Junior - "Trip to Raystown Overlook and Talk"
 - High School - "Orthodox Christian Activities in the Synod: St. Xenia Camp, SPFL, Pilgrimages"
 - Adult - "Trip to Lincoln Caverns and Talk"
- 3:30pm - Afternoon Panel II
 - Primary/Junior- "Trip to Raystown Overlook and Talk"
 - High School - "Trip to Lincoln Caverns and Talk"
 - Adult - "Orthodox Christian Activities in the Synod: St. Xenia Camp, SPFL, Pilgrimages"
- 5pm to 6pm - Dinner
- 6pm to 7:30pm - Vespers and Liti
- Recreational Activity to be Announced
- Transport Back to Hotel and Rest

Sunday October 11th, 2015

- 7:00 am to 2:00 pm - Matins and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at St. Peter and St. Paul Church
- 2pm to 6pm - Closing Dinner at Juniata College
 - Oratorical Contest
 - Iconography Contest
 - Other Announcements/Raffles/Door Prizes/Awards

Optional Activity for those staying till Monday

- 6pm till late evening - TBD

Other Information

- *Tickets can be purchased on "EVENTBRITE.com" under "Orthodox Christian Youth and Family Conference 2015" or directly at this link: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/orthodox-christian-youth-and-family-conference-2015-tickets-17102494020?aff=es2>*
- *We appreciate any donations, sponsorships, support that will help assist us in the creation and organization of an excellent event.*
- *Please contact Church Secretary of St. Peter and Paul Church, Demetri Patitsas at djmpatitsas@gmail.com for volunteer opportunities and/or with requests/proposals to present.*

Description of Event

The Orthodox Christian Family and Youth Conference offers Orthodox Christians an opportunity to meet other Orthodox Christians from around the country while learning about their Faith. We have an exciting schedule of cave visits, a movie theatre night, a scenic lake view, a music concert, and much much more scheduled for the 3 day event! Please join us! We want you to meet your future wife, husband, best friends, and reconnect with your spiritual family and friends :).

FAQs

1. What shall I bring to the conference?

Please bring appropriate clothing for Church services, and casual wear for conference outings. No alcohol, drugs, bad attitudes, etc. permitted.

2. Does the registration fee include the main banquet ticket as well as lodging?

The registration fee does not cover the final Sunday banquet ticket or lodging. Instead the registration fee covers all your meals, excursion fees, and activities from Thursday evening the 8th of October until Sunday morning before liturgy on the 11th of October. Lodging can be reserved at the Millstone Manor for all attendees by calling 814-643-0108 and use the name "Orthodox Church Conference" to get the discounted group rate.

3. Are there any age limits to enter the event?

There are no age limits to attend although children under 12 must have a parent or designated chaperone that is responsible for them.

4. What are my transport/parking options getting to the event?

The closest airport is SCE (State College University Park Airport) 60 minutes from Mt. Union and/or Harrisburg, PA International Airport which is 2.5 hours from Mt. Union. Amtrak train service provides a daily train that goes directly to Huntingdon, PA which is only 10 minutes from Mt. Union. Megabus and Greyhound bus lines go into State College, Pennsylvania which is 60 minutes from Mt. Union. We encourage attendees to organize carpools, buses, etc. for transportation to Mt. Union. There will be limited transportation offered locally during the days of the conference. We encourage attendees again to carpool. Your hotel has plenty of parking.

5. Where can I contact the organizer with any questions?

Please email djmpatitsas@gmail.com with any further questions or call 814-386-5254.

6. Is my registration/ticket transferrable?

Yes, you can transfer your ticket to anyone with your written or oral authorization up until the day of the conference at no cost although the original cost of the ticket will be honored in full unless the person you transfer it to requires a higher fee wherein the difference will be collected on site.

7. Do I have to bring my printed ticket to the event?

Yes, please bring your printed ticket to the event for final registration purposes.

8. What is the refund policy?

No refunds will be provided.

9. Do I need to bring cash as well to the event?

Attendees are encouraged to bring some spending money to casually buy snacks, merchandise, etc. while at the event.

10. Can I sponsor some part of the event?

In order to keep our costs as low as possible for traveling attendees to the conference, we welcome any donations, sponsorships, etc. For more information write Demetri Patitsas at djmpatitsas@gmail.com.

11. Is there a cost for Children?

Children under 8 years old are FREE for the conference, but separate charges apply for the Banquet event.

12. Where can we stay the night and what are the prices per room?

Lodging can be reserved at the humble Millstone Manor for all attendees by calling 814-643-0108 and use the name "Orthodox Church Conference" to get the discounted group rate up until September 17th. Other rates can be found with other hotels, but be prepared to pay much more as it is Columbus Day weekend and a big Penn State Game Weekend. Room information below:

Double room sleeps up to 4 people.

Queen room sleeps up to 8

King room sleeps up to 8 people.

Thursday and Sunday Rates: Double (\$59/night) ~ Queen(\$65/night) ~ King(\$108/night)

Friday/Saturday Rates: Double (\$90/night) ~ Queen(\$83/night) ~ King(\$135/night)

13. What happens after I /we buy my/our tickets?

Following your ticket purchases, you will receive a confirmation email with your tickets that you will want to bring a hard copy of to the event when registration opens up on the 8th of October. Second, you will want to reserve your room at the Millstone Manor using the group rate code "Orthodox Church Conference." Then you will receive an email with a "Preliminary Program Itinerary" along with a survey requesting your parties demographic information, interests, etc. in order to provide you the best Orthodox Christian Youth Conference experience possible. This information will be collected so that when you arrive, you can just enjoy! Also, please help us spread the word to make this Orthodox Christian Youth an Family Conference the best yet!!!