

DIOCESE OF NEW YORK & NEW JERSEY

Department of Youth Ministry

Lenten Teen Retreat ~ March 10-12th, 2017 ~ Saint Basil Academy, Garrison, NY 10524

ANNUAL LENTEN TEEN RETREAT

The Annual Diocesan Lenten Teen Retreat is scheduled for **March 10-12, 2017 at Saint Basil Academy located at [79 St Basil's Rd, Garrison, NY 10524](#)**. There is **no charge** to participate in this three day event. Participants may start arriving for check-in on Friday, March 10, beginning at 6:30 PM.

"The Challenge: Who Are We Called To Be?" is this year's retreat theme. We have designed a weekend program with guest speaker **Greg Fedorchak, a Ph.D. candidate at Cornell University, Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) chapter president, and parishioner of Holy Apostles Mission in Lansing, NY**, who will have candid discussions addressing participants' aspirations and suggest ways in which they can keep God and the Church in their lives while in pursuit of their goals. Additionally, as this is a Diocesan sponsored event, Archbishop Michael will be joining us for part of the weekend.

Venue: *Saint Basil Academy* sits on the Hudson River across from West Point Military Academy, and is approximately an hour north of New York City. During their free time, participants will be able to take advantage of the center's indoor gym/basketball court, and quaint chapel.

Sleeping arrangements and attire: All members of the group will be staying in dorm-style buildings. Bedding will be supplied by the Academy. All participants should bring their own toiletries, along with proper clothes for the liturgical services. Shorts or sweats should be brought for athletic and outdoor activities. We will be traveling outdoors from venue to venue, so be sure to pack warm clothes and a jacket.

Chaperones: Two chaperones will be needed for every six/seven participants. Adult participants will serve as chaperones. All chaperones **must** fill out the Chaperone Registration form/agreement.

Duration of stay: Participants who are staying only one night may be picked up on Saturday, March 11 after Vespers. If they are staying until Sunday, March 12 they can be picked up after the Divine Liturgy and the morning meal. Fr. Stephen Evanina will remain until the last participant is picked up.

How do I sign up? Registration forms **must** be filled out for each participant and chaperone no later than **MARCH 6th**.

You may fill out and submit your registration forms either:

- 1) Online at: <http://nynjoca.wixsite.com/nynjocayouth/upcoming-events>
- 2) By US Mail to V. Rev. Stephen Evanina at St. Gregory the Theologian Orthodox Church, 1500 Route 376 Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

Please contact Danielle Geeza with any questions!

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ABOUT OUR SPEAKER



Greg Fedorchak was steeped in the Orthodox Faith from birth, and grew up altar serving at Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church in Endicott, NY. After graduating from Maine Endwell high school in May 2007, Greg attended the University of Rochester (U of R) where he obtained a BS in Biomedical engineering and a minor in Chemical engineering. Greg served as a freshman Resident Adviser for two years and earned a leadership certificate. He attended the Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Spirit and was inspired by the loving people he met there. This initiated his involvement in the Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) of Rochester, of which he would later become president and also prompted him to apply for the Take Five Scholars Program, which provided the opportunity to study in Athens, Greece.

During his semester abroad, Greg supplemented his classroom studies in theology, history and Greek language with a transformative Fall Break pilgrimage to Mount Athos. Greg's Odyssean adventure landed him in Ithaca, NY to pursue a PhD in Biomedical engineering at Cornell University. Greg was awarded the prestigious National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship to investigate mechanisms underlying different types of muscular dystrophies. Greg attends Holy Apostles Orthodox Mission in Lansing, NY where he has sponsored several newcomers into the faith and helps to lead the choir. He is also the president of a very active OCF chapter at Cornell.

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Friday, March 10, 2017

Check-in starts at 6:30 PM. Come hungry: pizza will be served! There will be a welcome meeting and icebreaker games once the majority of participants arrive.

9:30 PM.....Evening Prayers

11:00 PM.....Lights Out

Saturday, March 11, 2017

8:00 AM.....Meet in Chapel for Choir Rehearsal

8:30 AM.....Greeting of His Eminence, Archbishop Michael, Vesting, Third & Sixth Hours

9:00 AM..... Divine Liturgy

10:30 AM.....Brunch

11:30 AM.....Session 1: *The Challenge*

12:45 PM.....FREE TIME! (Chaperones will be needed at the gym and at the dorms)

2:00 PM.....Session 2: *Who Are We Called To Be?*

3:15 PM.....Mid-day snack available in the Main Building Dining Room

3:30 PM.....FREE TIME! (Chaperones will be needed at the gym and at the dorms)

5:00 PM.....Vespers/Confessions

6:00 PM.....Dinner

****Participants who are not staying overnight will start to be picked up****

7:00 PM.....Evening Session/Activity

11:30 PM.....Lights Out

Sunday, March 12, 2017

9:00 AM.....Proskomedia Lesson

9:30 AM.....Divine Liturgy

11:15 AM.....Brunch. Remaining participants should be picked up after Brunch.

Fr. Stephen Evanina will remain at St. Basil's until the last participant has been picked up