

The Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix
Office of Vocations
presents

ALIVE IN CHRIST 2018 –
an “Ascetical Boot Camp” Retreat for Byzantine Catholic Young Men.
Informational Flyer

What & Why: Inaugurated in 2003, “Alive in Christ” is a spiritual retreat camp conducted by the Vocations Office of the Holy Protection Eparchy of Phoenix. The camp aims at helping young men mature in their Catholic faith and a life of authentic Christian discipleship. Fed by Byzantine spirituality, the camp engenders a fervor that will deepen personal awareness of a boy’s share in the Life of Christ, that will sustain him as he grows into adulthood in an ever-increasing secular world, that will teach him to exercise Christian values through self-mastery, and that will assist him in discerning well his God-given vocations and charisms. Conducted in a highly disciplined and somewhat rigorous environment, the camp accomplishes its goals with a focus on community and by means of liturgical prayer, friendship building, and team effort.

Who: Invited are young men and boys, ages 7 to 17, who are active and in good standing with their Byzantine Catholic parishes for at least 6 months prior to application. Each boy who is 7 to 10 years old during the camp requires his father or legal male guardian’s registration and full participation. There are ***no exceptions to the age requirements***. Each 7 and 8 year old should have made his first confession. *All fathers* of boy attendees are encouraged to register and participate in the camp. As enrollment is limited, spaces for accepted applicants are filled on a first-paid-first- registered basis. Boy applicants must be available for the entire duration of the camp. Except for medical and emergency situations, early departures are not to be requested.

Where: Palomar Christian Conference Center (PCCC)
34764 Doane Valley Road
Palomar Mountain CA 92060
www.pccc.org
PCCC is approximately just under a 2 hour drive from San Diego International Airport

When: ***2:30 PM*** (Pacific Daylight Time) Thursday, July 12 to
1:00 PM Sunday (or after lunch), July 15, 2018
[n.b. Leaders must arrive at 10:00 AM on July 12.]

Theme 2015: “Theosis through Liturgy: The Work of the People and their God”

Amenities: Semi-rustic setting; pool and play fields; dormitory lodging – (**Note:** sheets, blankets, washcloths and towels are ***NOT*** provided; running water; indoor dining.

Tuition: \$115 per boy 7 to 10 (Section Alpha)
\$120 per boy 11 to 13 (Section Beta)
\$125 per boy 14 to 17 (Section Gamma)
\$110 per dad in attendance (Section Delta)
\$315 family maximum.

Weather: For July, high average temperature is 84 with low, 64.
Average precipitation is >.1 inches.
Elevation is 4600 feet above sea level. Dawn is at 6:00 AM, dusk at 7:48 PM.

Transport: Campers' *parents* must *arrange* for their boys' *transportation to and from Palomar Christian Conference Center*. Pick up from and back to San Diego International Airport (or any nearby bus or rail station) can be arranged, especially for those boys who are in attendance *without* a father or male guardian. Such pick up requires travel details to be indicated in the application (**due May 18**). *Boys' airport or station arrivals must be by 10 AM on Thursday morning. Departures must be after 5:30 PM on Sunday.* The camp coordinator will organize these transport logistics.

Early Arrival: Participants arriving at San Diego International Airport or a nearby station are welcome to arrive on Wednesday, July 11. Lodging for the night, meals, and transportation to the retreat will be provided by camp organizers and their families – members of Holy Angels, San Diego CA. A payment of **\$15 per boy** (7-17 year olds) is asked to cover extra costs incurred.

Application: Application form (including the “camper contract” to be read and signed by each boy applicant) **and** medical release and liability waiver form are to be completed for each participant (boy and adult) and sent with full tuition payment to:

Alive in Christ Camp
c/o St. John Chrysostom Parish
1305 South Lander Street
Seattle, WA 98144

Checks are to be made payable to “Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix”
All applicable forms and payments are due by June 29, 2018.

Acceptance: All required forms and tuition payment must be received by the deadline of **June 29** in order to be considered. *A follow-up mailing will confirm those who have been accepted* to attend the retreat camp. If any are informed at that time that they have not been accepted to attend, their tuition payments will be returned in full.

Leadership:

Bishop:	His Grace, The Most Reverend John S. Pazak
Director*:	Fr. Michael O'Loughlin (michaelpauloloughlin@gmail.com)
Assistant Director:	Fr. Michael Mandelas (mjmandelas@gmail.com)
Camp Coordinator:	Mr. Jonathan Deane (jonathan.a.deane@gmail.com)

**if you have further questions about this program, please contact the director at 303-778-8283 or michael pauloloughlin@gmail.com*

A Typical Day Includes:

- about 7 to 8 1/2 hours of sleep
- about 2 1/2 hours of prayer
- about 3 1/2 hours of physical activity and recreation
- about 2 hours of presentations

*Family and friends of the campers are cordially invited for **Sunday** activities beginning at approximately 9:20 am and including activities, Divine Liturgy, closing ceremonies and lunch. Departures will take place at about 1:00 p.m. (or after lunch) on Sunday.

Regarding the Camp Schedule at “Alive in Christ:” **All camp applicants must be available for and intend on attending the entirety of the retreat camp, from the Opening Moleben through the closing gathering on Sunday after lunch.** Much happens in a relatively short period of time during the “Alive in Christ” retreat camp. The schedule is densely packed. All campers present must have a willingness to attend all applicable functions and be on time, following the guidance of the leaders.

Packing List – Items required of each Camper:

Sleeping bag, pillow (optional), washcloth, towels, “Camelbak” or strap-on water bottle/canteen (will be filled from faucet water); Flashlight; Swim suit; Sandals; Towel; Hat; Sunscreen; Lip balm; Bug spray; 2 pairs of shoes (closed shoes, one pair ideally hiking boots); Daily change of socks, shorts, tee shirts, underwear; Pair of jeans; Toothbrush and toothpaste; Soap; Comb; Shampoo; Deodorant; Sweatshirt; Jacket (for rain); Clothes for Divine Liturgy including long pants, button down shirt, and neck tie.

Optional Items:

Compass; Camera (must be basic and not part of cell phone, computer, etc.); Umbrella;
A book for personal spiritual reading (may not be on electronic device); Some form of I.D.
Boys Ages 11-17 may wish to bring a Cassock (borrowed with pastor’s permission) if they wish to serve at altar. There will be Cassocks available, but they may not fit as well as one from home.

Prohibited Items:

The following items may not be brought to the camp: Personal food, snacks, or drinks other than water (only water is allowed in dormitory bedrooms); Outside reading materials other than a book for spiritual reading; Electronic devices (e.g. cell phones, computers, games, personal audio and video devices, un-silenced wrist watches) except for necessary lighting; Matches and lighters; Gas lanterns; Personal firearms; Fireworks; Firecrackers; Airguns; Animals or pets; Alcohol; Cigarettes; Drugs, substances, or medications other than those listed on the medical form; Clothing that is torn or oversized; Clothing or any items inconsistent with the goals of the retreat camp.

If any of the prohibited items listed above or any other items that are inconsistent with the goals of the retreat camp are found during the retreat weekend, they will be immediately confiscated.