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Clergy-Laity Congress 2022 To Convene in New York City

National Philoptochos Convention, National Young Adult League to Also Convene

NEW YORK – The 46th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America will convene from July 3-7, 2022 in New York City with the theme “Legacy, Renewal, Unity” in commemoration of the Centennial of the Archdiocese in America. The National Young Adult League (YAL) will host its National Conference immediately preceding the Congress, while the National Ladies Philoptochos Society Biennial Convention will take place concurrently. Appointed by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, Mrs. Chrysanthy Demos and Mr. Nicholas Karacostas serve as Co-Chairs of the Congress and Mrs. Anita B. Kartalopoulos serves as the Chair of the Philoptochos Convention.

More than 840 participants from across the United States are currently registered for the Congress, and over 310 are registered for the Philoptochos Convention. Registrants, as well as those following along from home, can download the GOARCH Events App to access a live activity feed with news updates, press releases, speeches, and presentations from the Congress. Updates will also be available at www.clergylaity.org .

Following the virtual Clergy-Laity of 2020, this will be the first in-person Congress convened by Archbishop Elpidophoros since his enthronement in 2019. His Eminence said, “We are coming together this Clergy-Laity Congress to harness the energy pouring forth from every corner of our Sacred Archdiocese, to put it to good and positive use for the benefit of every parishioner— old and young, cradle and convert – no matter where they live, and no matter who they are. Let us open our hearts and minds in the coming days to the knowledge and appreciation of our past and the legacy we have received; to the inspiration for renewal of all the good work that has come before us; and to a vision for the future that is founded on our Unity in Christ— a unity vital to our success for the generation that inherits this Archdiocese from us.“

Highlights include:

June 30th – July 4: National Young Adult Conference

Fourth of July Weekend will offer young adults from all over the country an opportunity to gather in New York City for a weekend of fellowship and fun. The National Conference is being organized at the grass roots level and will include both social and education events. For info https://www.clergylaity.org/yalconference

Sunday, July 3 –

Synodal Divine Liturgy – Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, NYC

Opening of the Centennial History Exhibit

Opening of the Exhibit Hall with vendors participating from around the world

Great Vespers for the Consecration of Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church & National Shrine

Monday, July 4

Consecration of Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center

Clergy-Laity Congress Official Opening and Keynote Address

Hellenic College Holy Cross Reception

Tuesday, July 5

Clergy Breakfast with His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros

Ministry Panels

National Forum of Church Musicians Reception

Benefits Q & A for Clergy & Presbvyteras

Archons Reception

Clergy Family Dinner with His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros

Wednesday, July 6

Philoptochos Agape Breakfast

Ministry Panels

Clergy/Prevyteras Workshop

Presentation on Results of Charter Survey and Open Discussion

Centennial Reception at the Metropolitan Museum of Art

Thursday, July 7

Plenary Session

Grand Banquet featuring Live Music and Entertainment by Despina Vandi

Tickets are available at https://www.clergylaity.org/en/grand-banquet

A Centennial Journal will be published to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. While the digital version has been completed there is still an opportunity to participate in the published book. Please visit https://www.clergylaity.org/journal

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