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*5 days of faith, fellowship, witness and service for Orthodox
young adults ages 18-35 from across the country!*

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47TH BIENNIAL CLERGY-LAITY CONGRESS**

**Q&A WITH HIS EMINENCE
ARCHBISHOP ELPIDOPHOROS
OF AMERICA**

**DIAKONIA PROJECT WITH
THE NATIONAL PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY**

BIG BAY BOOM FIREWORKS SHOW

DINNER BOAT CRUISE

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INSPIRING SPEAKERS AND CONVOS

YAL BEACHSIDE AFTERNOON

NATIONAL YAL Newsletter copy:

With the blessing of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries (Y2AM) is pleased to announce that the 2024 National YAL Conference will be held July 3-7, 2024 at The Westin Gaslamp Quarter in San Diego, California, graciously hosted by His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos and the Metropolis of San Francisco.

This year's National YAL Conference will coincide with the Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress and National Philoptochos Society Biennial Convention. Embracing the Clergy Laity Congress theme, "In Christ, We Are One" (Romans 12:4-5), the National YAL Conference has adopted the theme "UNIFY" - aiming to unite young adults from across the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America for a five-day experience centered on faith, fellowship, witness and service. It seeks to strengthen young adults' connections with the Church and each other as unified members of the Body of Christ.

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, a dedicated supporter of young adult ministry initiatives within the Archdiocese, shared the following encouraging sentiments ahead of this year's Conference: "We eagerly anticipate reuniting with our Young Adults this summer at the National YAL Conference.

"This pivotal ministry stands as an exemplar within our Archdiocese—a testament that thrived, faced a decline, and then experienced a revival. It was rejuvenated over the past several years by the impassioned efforts of young individuals nationwide seeking something more. We rejoice in the resurgence of the National Conference, and witness our young adult ministries across the Archdiocese emerge as a robust and integral component of national youth and young adult ministry."

The event schedule will feature many incredible opportunities to forge lasting and meaningful connections with fellow Orthodox Christian young adults. Schedule highlights include captivating speakers and workshops, participation in select segments of the Clergy Laity Congress, witnessing the renowned San Diego Big Bay Boom July 4th Fireworks Show, immersive exploration of the picturesque city of San Diego, a dinner boat cruise, a "Diakonia" service project, and will conclude on Sunday, July 7th with a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy celebrated by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros.

We encourage the young adults within our community to attend this impactful event. The Conference includes five days of meals, workshops, transportation, evening events and more!

Conference registration and hotel reservations are currently open. Please visit clergy-laity.org/yalconference to register or contact the Archdiocese Y2AM Department at y2am@goarch.org for more information. Join young adults from across the country for an incredible weekend!

To send a donation for the National YAL Conference, please visit <https://www.clergylaity.org/sponsorships>. Your gift impacts the current and future members of our church!

National YAL Weekly bulletin/announcements:

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