

National Archdiocesan Leadership Camp (N.A.L.C.)

With the blessing from Archbishop H.E. Mor Titus Yeldho, this year's National Archdiocese Leadership Conference will be held in the Chicago area at St. Peter's Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church in Northlake, Illinois on **October 25-27, 2013.**

Last year a leadership camp was held in Dallas, at St. Ignatius, Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church, at which 40 distinguished representatives from parishes across the nation were in attendance. Registration for the conference has already begun, so please fill out the registration form as soon as possible because there are questions that we use to guide conference discussions. The goal is to make the conference more relevant to the challenges that youth face each day.

Looking at the schedule, this year's conference is not like previous conferences. Although we do have guests coming in order to share their experiences (His Eminence Mor Titus Yeldho, Father Kris* and Alex**), they will start by listening to discussions. After the discussion is done, time is allowed for them to share their experiences to provide guidance. This year's conference is about you. Each part of the conference is built on the previous session and ends with us presenting a clear and concise solution to the 360 panel consisting of His Eminence, the guest speakers, and parents.

The first objective of the conference is to teach you who is a leader, why leaders struggle and why we should care. We also teach you business and spiritual concepts to refine your leadership skills. During these sessions, we will identify topics that are to be used in the debates. The debate format consists of two teams that will debate about the selected topic. The goal of the debate is to remove personal bias and look at the issue objectively. A flip of a coin will decide if the team is for or against the discussion topic. As leaders we need to know the impact of our decision and how to weigh out the risks and rewards. Once the debates are concluded, we will break into teams that will take the most relevant issues and create a solution. Each team will then present its solution to the panel for feedback. To put it simply, this conference will identify a relevant church issue, find a solution, and plan a strategy to execute the solution. Will you be a part of that solution?

* Father Chrysanthos D. Kerkeres, Presbyter, Youth Director. He is very active with young adults. His expertise is building fellowship among young adults.

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