

Fall 2026 Jr GOYA/GOYA Retreat

October 30- October 31, 2025

**(Drop-off at Holy Apostles on Friday at 6:00 PM;
Pick-up on Saturday by 2:30pm)**

We will be having dinner, then a bus leaves at 6:30pm for the Saint Iakovos Retreat Center in Wisconsin. On Saturday, we will be back at church by 2:30pm

By Oct. 20th : NONREFUNDABLE \$30 Deposit

Please return all completed forms with signature where indicated. Applications without signatures will be returned.

GOYAN REGISTRATION & APPLICATION FORM – PLEASE PRINT - PLEASE SIGN REVERSE SIDE →

Name of GOYAn:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Telephone:		
Age:	Date of Birth:	
GOYAn e-mail:	Parent e-mail:	
Guardian's Name:	Work/Cell Phone:	
Emergency Contact (Other than Parent):		
Emergency Contact Phone #: Day:		Evening:
Relationship to GOYAN:		
PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF HEALTH INSURANCE CARD IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.		

Who would you like to room with? (Please Print FULL NAME of friend.)

1st Choice: _____ 2nd Choice: _____ 3rd Choice: _____

CHECKLIST of items to turn in via email, Father, Alexa or the Church Office by Oct. 14th:

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| ☒ Application form | ☒ HA GOYA Waiver and Release of Liability |
| ☒ HA Rules and Community Covenant | ☒ \$45 deposit ☒ Copy of Insurance Card |

GOYA NONREFUNDABLE COST DUE ON October 20th: \$30.00*

**ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS. NO LATE PERMISSION SLIP FORMS OR
MONEY WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS TIME.**

SEND FORMS AND CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
HOLY APOSTLES GOYA

HOLY APOSTLES GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
2501 SOUTH WOLF ROAD
WESTCHESTER, IL 60154

PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE AND SIGN. →→→→→

HOLY APOSTLES GREEK ORTHODOX YOUTH ASSOCIATION
WAIVER AND COMPLETE RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND PHOTO AUTHORIZATION

In Consideration of the Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Youth Association (which is defined herein as the "**Church**") furnishing or making available services, property, hotel site, volunteer site, transportation, supervision, activities, resources, supplies, programs and equipment to enable the undersigned participant (the "**Participant**") to participate in Church religious, social, cultural, athletic or other activities, services, programs and events (collectively, the "**Church Events**"), and for the good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned Participant and the undersigned legal Guardian of Participant, on behalf of themselves, and their respective children, representatives, executors, heirs, beneficiaries, and successors (all of the foregoing being collectively defined as the "**Undersigned**") fully and unconditionally agree as follows:

1. The Undersigned fully understand, acknowledge and agree that :
 - (a) all indoor or outdoor Church Events have inherent risks, dangers, hazards and exposures (collectively defined as the "**Dangers**");
 - (b) participation in Church Events and/or use of Church owned, borrowed or leased equipment, facilities, real or personal property, buildings, or spiritual, residential or recreational items, properties or equipment (collectively defined as the "**Church Property and Equipment**") may result in injury, illness, sickness, disease, strains, breaks, fractures, partial and/or total paralysis, death or other ailments or injuries that could cause serious disability (all of the foregoing being collectively being defined as the "**Injuries**");
 - (c) these Dangers or Injuries may be caused by: (i) accidents, the forces of nature, foreseeable or unforeseeable causes, or other causes; or (ii) the actions, omissions or negligence of other participants in Church Events or other individuals or entities; or (iii) the actions, omissions or negligence of the Church, Metropolis Youth Director, Metropolitan, Church Event chaperons or leaders, clergy or other Church Council members, parishioners, agents, subcontractors, officers, volunteering or employees of the Church (all of the foregoing individuals being collectively defined as the "**Church Officials**"); and
 - (d) by the participation by any of the Undersigned in Church Events or use of Church Property and Equipment, the Undersigned hereby assume all risks and Dangers and all responsibility for any and all Injuries, Dangers, losses and damages, which occur or arise therefrom, whether caused in whole or in part by the actions, omissions or negligence of any of the Church Officials, the Church or any other person or entity.
2. The Undersigned Participant and Guardian, on behalf of all of the Undersigned, including their respective children, representatives, heirs, beneficiaries and successors, hereby voluntarily release, waive, discharge, hold harmless, defend and indemnify the Church, and all Church Officials, from any and all Injuries, Dangers, lawsuits, other proceedings, claims of any kind, actions or losses of any kind, including without limitation those for bodily injury, Injuries, property damage, wrongful death, loss of services or otherwise, which might arise out of use of the Church Property and Equipment or participation in, or travel to, any Church Events. The Undersigned specifically understand and agree that the Undersigned are releasing, discharging and waiving, without limitation, any claims or actions that the Undersigned may have presently or in the future for the negligence, actions, omissions or other conduct by Church or any or all of the Church Officials in connection with Church Events or Church Property and Equipment. The Undersigned also hereby represent that the Participant is in good physical and mental condition and is capable of participating in outdoor and indoor recreational activities and programs all without incident or problem of any kind, including, but not limited to, swimming, diving, boating, ropes courses, climbing, activities, basketball, volleyball, softball, soccer and other sports and adventure activities. The Undersigned accept all responsibility for Participant's physical well being and health and the results of the Undersigned's participation in any such activities or Church Events.
3. The Undersigned Guardian and Participant (if of legal age) will remain completely financially responsible and liable (regardless of whether or not he or she insurance) for any and all costs, fees or expenses associated with any such Medical Treatment, and the Guardian and Participant (if of legal age) will promptly reimburse and indemnify the Church, any Church Official and/or the Medical Professionals for any costs, fees, expenses or claims of any kind they may incur in obtaining such Medical Treatment for the Participant; provided, however, that nothing herein shall obligate the Church or Church Officials to incur any such costs, fees or expenses or seek such medical Treatment, and nothing herein shall supersede, limit or conflict with any Waivers, Releases or Hold Harmless Agreements that may be executed in favor of any of the Church or any Church Officials in this or any other document.
4. Representatives and authorized contractors of the Church are hereby authorized to take and record photographs, videotape or other images, and/or make audio, video or other recordings, of Participant and Participant's activities at or involvement in Church Events, or using Church Property and Equipment, solely for use by the Church in its brochures, newsletters, video tapes, recordings, web sites and other promotional material or items to promote the Church or Church Events, all without any remuneration to Participant, Guardian or the Undersigned.
5. THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE READ THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE AND BY SIGNING IT AGREE THAT IT IS THE UNDERSIGNED'S INTENTION TO FULLY AND COMPLETELY RELEASE, EXEMPT, RELIEVE AND HOLD HARMLESS THE CHURCH AND ALL CHURCH OFFICIALS FROM ANY LIABILITY OR OTHER CLAIM OF ANY KIND FOR ANY INJURIES, DANGERS, PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, OR WRONGFUL DEATH CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE, ACTIONS, OMISSIONS OR OTHERWISE IN ANY WAY RELATED TO CHURCH EVENTS OR CHURCH EQUIPMENT.

All of the above provisions are accepted and agreed to as of:

PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE: _____

Date: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

Date: _____

HOLY APOSTLES GOYA RULES & REGULATIONS & COMMUNITY COVENANT

The following **RULES** concerning the Fall 2026 retreat for GOYAn's, advisors and all additional Parish members. These rules are not intended to restrict activities, but rather to enhance well-being, guarantee safety and make all activities enjoyable for all on our Orthodox Christian GOYA trip.

PLEASE READ, AFFIRM, SIGN AND DATE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

1. All GOYAn's should be properly dressed at all times.
2. Drinking or bringing liquor, wine, beer or any type of alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco (including chewing tobacco or dip), firearms, or any kind of weapon (knives/switchblades) is strictly prohibited and is grounds for immediate dismissal.
3. The possession or use of any fireworks is forbidden.
4. No GOYAn, advisor, or staff member may leave the planned activities for any reason.
5. Respect for all property including hotel, bus, cabins, and retreat center is a must. Defacing of property will not be tolerated. Chalk marks, marking pens, pencils, lipstick, permanent marker, etc. are very difficult to remove from buildings and bedding. Carving on buildings, lawn furniture, room furniture, and trees causes permanent damage and will not be tolerated. Anyone causing damage to property will be required to pay for the damages. Anyone spreading defamatory information either by word or mouth or electronic device or media will be banned from GOYA.
6. No one is allowed to sleep outside of their own sleeping quarters.
7. The use of shaving cream for any other purpose except shaving is forbidden.
8. The use of portable music devices such as MP3 players, IPOD's, IPAD's and other tablets are allowed, but must be used ONLY on the bus or while in the hotel. Large boom boxes are not permitted. All gaming systems and handheld devices, TV's/DVD players, laptops, and tablets are not recommended.
9. Swearing and or abusive language will not be tolerated by GOYAn's or advisors.
10. Boys and Girls, advisors and GOYAn's, may visit only outside of the hotel rooms are not allowed to enter housing where they don't belong.
11. Personal possessions and money should be kept under lock and key while absent from ones sleeping quarters. Do not leave valuables lying around. We strongly recommend not bringing anything of value or importance, i.e. family heirlooms, gold bracelets, diamond earrings, etc. GOYA will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.
12. The use of lighted candles and/or anything that produces a flame is prohibited in the cabins and dormitories.
13. GOYAn's, advisors, and staff members must attend all Church Services, discussions, activities and be present at all meals.
14. Hotel Room Inspection will take place in the morning. Lack of respect for the hotel area will not be tolerated.
15. Fighting is not allowed during the trip and can result in immediate dismissal.
16. No energy drinks.

COMMUNITY COVENANT

I will at all times...

- Conduct my behavior in a responsible, respectful and Orthodox Christian ethos.
- Maintain abstinence from the possession or use of alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco, fireworks, firearms, or any kind of weapon.
- Remain at my designated group location unless given specific permission by the appropriate designated authority (Clergy, Advisor, and Staff Member) to do otherwise.
- Remain with GOYA group at all times.
- Respect all property including housing, transportation, outdoor and indoor facilities. I agree that I will be financially responsible for any damage incurred.
- Maintain respect for the Clergy, Youth Advisors, Counselors, and Staff or other persons responsible for directing programs and/or activities.
- Maintain demeanor which does not encourage inappropriate sexual behavior nor participate in such activity.
- Understand that it is a privilege to be a participant and will represent myself in a Christ-like manner.
- Be held personally responsible for all of my actions.
- Understand that if my behavior is not becoming of an Orthodox Christian, I will be asked to leave the GOYA trip at my own expense.
- Adhere to all the rules and regulations stated above.

I ACCEPT THE STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR AS STATED IN THIS COMMUNITY COVENANT, AND AGREE TO LIVE WITHIN THEM WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE GOYA RETREAT. I UNDERSTAND BREAKING THE COVENANT MAY RESULT IN CONSEQUENCES THAT CAN INCLUDE MY BEING SENT HOME AT MY EXPENSE.

SIGNATURE OF GOYAn:

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN:

DATE: _____

***Your registration material will not be processed without the reading, understanding and acceptance of this document as well as the appropriate signatures above.

We would love for as many of you to come as possible! Therefore, if you have conflicts, you may be picked up by a parent or guardian with at **least 2 days written notice** given to Alexa Kakis via email (youthdirector@holyapostleschurch.com)

Here is the approx. schedule if you need to be dropped off or picked up:

Friday:

6:00 PM- Meet at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church located at 2501 S. Wolf Rd, Westchester, IL 60154.

Eat Dinner together

6:30 PM- Leave via bus from Holy Apostles and head to St. Iakovos Retreat Center ("SIRC"). Address: 920 224th Ave, Kansasville, WI 53139

7:40 PM Arrive at SIRC

7:40-8:00 settle in/unpack.

8:00-9:00 Dig deep into from Nets to Nations

9-10 Games

10-11 Bonfire & chapel

11-11:30 Devos

12:30 Lights Out

Saturday:

8:30 AM- Wake up

9:00 AM- Chapel

9:30 AM- Breakfast & frappees

10:00 AM- Service project/ make care packages for college students

11-12 PM Games

12:00 PM Lunch/free time

1-1:30 Pack up

1:20 PM - Leave for Church

2:30 pm - Bus arrives at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church.