

3rd Youth Sobor 2010
Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA



Recommendations of ways in which teenagers may serve God and be leaders within His church:

- Participate in the Jr. Ukrainian Orthodox League and if your parish does not have one, investigate the possibility of starting one. The Jr. UOL helps teenagers learn skills that will aid them in being leaders and this will ultimately benefit the church. For more information on starting the Jr. UOL, contact the Jr. UOL president at www.uol.orthodoxws.com
- Participate in the camping programs held at All Saints Camp. The knowledge gained there as well as being able to truly develop a daily rule of prayer helps you to serve God when you return home to your daily life. You also learn leadership skills, meet new people, increase spirituality and maturity, and find support needed to be a Christian. Although a youth may have the will or desire to attend, without the financial, spiritual support of the parish, it cannot happen.
 - Go to Church more often and regularly
 - Teach younger children church school and attend yourself
 - Host youth led fundraisers, ministries and activities (ie. Dances, Parties, Lock-ins)
 - Youth supporting senior citizens with various events
 - Organize visits to the sick and elderly
 - Avoid Peer Pressure, and Lead by Example (actions speak louder than words)
 - Take what you learned in Church to the outside world and live your faith in public
 - Serve in the church (ie. Choir, altar)
 - Allow Youth to have a voice on the Church Council
 - Missionary Trips (organize, and go on as many as possible)
 - Run for a class officer at school, you will learn leadership, put it in practice, bring good faith to school. You can serve God by serving in your community.
 - Praying in the morning and night, before and after each meal
 - Don't be afraid to talk about God to others
 - "Bear your Cross" in society
 - Get involved in the workings of the parish
 - Attend seminary
 - Help those in need
 - Be a good Christian to friends
 - Love thy enemy
 - Do not judge for any reason
 - Don't be intimidated by others' thoughts
 - Don't be afraid to step up and take action- don't let anyone who is not an Orthodox clergy member tell you how to live your spiritual life.
- Encourage your parents and others to allow your Orthodox Christian beliefs to guide how they vote for government officials, because the legislation of the secular world effects us. When you are 18 – vote yourself!