



Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

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Very Reverend Protopresbyter Luke Mihaly, Pastor

Date

Dear Father _____,

As you are probably already aware, a high school student in your parish, _____ has volunteered to be a member of Orthodox Senior High Youth Mission Team participating in the Appalachian Service Project for the upcoming year. This nationally recognized program consists of approximately 10 months of preparation which culminates in a week-long trip to Appalachia in the summer, where teams of teens and adult leaders work on the homes of some of the poorest citizens of our country with the goal of making them “warmer, safer, and drier.” If you are unfamiliar with ASP, go to their website: aspome.org and see the scope of the program and the good they do. It is a Christian outreach that focuses on relationships and putting our faith in Christ to work in a very tangible way. We are very excited to be able to offer this program to Orthodox high school students and this year, our team consists of 14 teens and adult leaders from 5 different Orthodox churches.

Over the coming months, _____ will be attending construction training sessions, Bible and devotional studies, sensitivity and other training to prepare for this experience. Members of the team will also be working to raise funds to cover the cost of the trip. Our estimated cost for our team is approximately \$10,000 (which includes transportation, accommodations, the ASP program, etc.). We ask only \$250 from each teen participating because we do not wish anyone to miss this opportunity due to cost. However, that does mean that as a team, we need to do a significant amount of fundraising to make this mission trip possible. To this end, you will see the teen from your parish bringing a few fundraising opportunities to your parish. We are grateful for all the support you can give and hope that you will commend this teenager for the hard work and good cause they are striving to accomplish.

If you have any questions regarding this program, please don't hesitate to contact one of us. We can also supply you with printable materials to distribute to your parish (or you can download them from the ASP website).

Thanking you in advance for your support, we ask that you will keep _____ and all of our team in your prayers as we work to the glory of God and move forward with this mission project .

In Christ,

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