

**Travel documents** (For U.S. citizens traveling to Canada from the U.S.)

People traveling will need:

1. **proof of U.S. citizenship such as**
  - a. **your U.S. passport or**
  - b. **original or certified copy of your birth certificate (with raised seal), plus photo identification,**
2. **children under 18 must have a notarized letter (see "International travel with minors" below),**
3. **a copy of the completed registration form, and**
4. **copies of his/her proof of citizenship to be kept by parents and adults accompanying him/her.**

For information on obtaining a U.S. passport, go to <http://www.travel.state.gov/> or visit your local post office. Visas are not required for U.S. tourists entering Canada from the U.S. for stays up to 180 days.

If you are a naturalized citizen and do not have a passport, you should travel with your naturalization certificate. A driver's license or Social Security card is no longer valid proof of citizenship. People who reside in the U.S. but are not citizens must check with their country of origin to see if a visa is required to enter Canada.

**International travel with minors** (including Canada & Mexico)

Due to international concern over child abduction, many governments have initiated additional requirements at arrival and departure points **when children under 18 years old are not traveling with both parents**. Many countries require documentary evidence of the adults' relationship and permission of the parent(s) or legal guardian before they will allow the child to cross the border. These requirements are in addition to passport or proof of citizenship requirements.

**Single parents, grandparents, guardians, or chaperones traveling with children need notarized letters from the other parent or both parents authorizing travel, or proof of custody.**

If only one parent has legal custody, that parent should be prepared to provide a court order of child custody to airlines and international authorities.

If a child traveling has a different last name from the mother and/or father, the parents should be prepared to provide evidence to airlines and official authorities, such as a birth certificate with the raised seal or adoption decree, to prove that they are the parents.

If one parent is deceased, a death certificate is required.

If the birth certificate (with raised seal) shows that the minor has only one parent, it will be sufficient to hold only a notarized copy of the birth certificate.

**If this documentation is not provided, the child will not be able to leave or enter the country.**

**For more info** For more information, including registration materials, check out the official web site of the Orthodox Church in America at [www.oca.org](http://www.oca.org) or contact the Department of Youth, Young Adult, and Campus Ministries at 516-922-0550 ext.138, or e-mail at [yyacm@oca.org](mailto:yyacm@oca.org).



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**The 14th All-American Council  
Youth and Young Adult Activities  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada July 17 - 22, 2005**

**OUR CHURCH AND THE FUTURE  
BECOME WHAT YOU ARE**

**The Canadian National Tower**



**Niagara Falls**



**Ontario Place Amusement Park**



**Ontario Science Center**



**Paramount Canada's Wonderland Amusement Park**



**Liturgical Worship**



**"Become What You Are" - St. Gregory of Sinai**

Educational sessions for youth and young adult observers will focus on this quote from St Gregory of Sinai (14th Century), challenging them to explore and achieve the potential with which God created them as they reflect on their role in the Council's theme "Our Church and the Future."

**Youth are NOT just the future** During recent All-American Councils, youth and young adult observers have taken on an increasingly important role. All-American Councils have become a place for youth and young adults of the OCA to discuss their ministry and involvement in our church, resulting even in statements to hierarchs and delegates, e.g. "Our Dream for the Church and Our Mission in the Church."

Every participant comes home with life-long memories, support from new friendships made with hundreds of other Orthodox youth and young adults, and a renewed commitment to a role in the life of the Church.

**Ages** The 14th All-American Council will feature a full schedule of fun and educational activities for the following age groups:

- 6 and under (no registration required)
- 7 - 9
- 10 - 12
- 13 - 17
- 18 +

**Arrival and departure** Participants are encouraged to arrive on Saturday, July 16 to participate in pre-AAC events and activities, including Sunday's Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and the welcome reception later that evening. Activities will officially begin on Sunday evening with a participant / parent orientation at 8:00 PM. Activities will conclude at 1:00 PM on Friday, July 22.

Start planning now! Dozens of parishes have already reported that their entire parish youth groups will be attending. Participants can look forward to spending the week with approximately 400 other Orthodox youth and young adults.

So don't wait! Start making plans now to be part of the largest gathering of OCA youth and young adults ever assembled.

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**Supervision** Youth observers are signed in once at the beginning of the day and then signed out according to the times noted on the youth activity schedule. There is no staff making sure that every youth attends every activity, nor will the staff monitor youths' behavior when not signed into a scheduled youth activity. Parents and/or chaperones are responsible for youth at any time they are not signed into one of the Church's youth activities, including all evenings.

**How to participate** To participate in the youth or young adult activities of the 14th All-American Council, you must register as a youth observer or young adult observer.

**Youth Activities (7 - 17)** Registration as a youth observer includes:

- Participation and materials for all education / discussion sessions
- Transportation and admission to local attractions as indicated in the schedule
- Continental breakfast following the Divine Liturgy
- Lunch every day
- Dinner on Tuesday and Thursday evenings
- T-shirts to wear at local attractions
- A dufflebag / backpack
- Admittance into the evening "Crash Room" for teens

**Young Adult Activities (18+)** Registration as a young adult observer includes participation in activities open to Council observers as well as a schedule of activities especially for young adults such as:

- Monday night dinner
- Daily young adult workshops and discussions
- Community service project
- The option to take part in the youth activity trip on Tuesday
- Relaxed fellowship at the "Meeting Place" each night
- Continental breakfast following the Divine Liturgy
- Grand Banquet Thursday evening

**Cost** Thanks to the hard work of the department members and the generosity of people from across the Church, we are able to offer all this for \$200 (U.S. Funds).