



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA
METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA

Dear Rev. Fathers, Parents, and Youth advisors of High School juniors and seniors,

As caring adults we try to prepare our children to enter the World with a proper education both secularly and theologically, but the World is ever changing and the challenges of your child's upcoming college years can be overwhelming. I believe that it is essential that we, but more importantly your child is prepared in what to expect when they leave the security of their home and move to college.

To this day when I think of college, my mind conjures up scenes from "Animal House" and by today's standards, these images seem mild. As concerned Parents, I am sure you have given your child a sturdy foundation which has prepared them for this monumental day. The Church however, would like to further assist in helping them negotiate the difficulties and the joys of their impending new found independence.

This is the time to reevaluate what they know about life on campus. *This is why we invite you to send your Junior and Senior High School students to the "Upward Bound" weekend scheduled for June 8-10, 2007 at the Diakonia Center in Salem, South Carolina.*

This will be a weekend that our young adults can meet other juniors and seniors who will be faced with the same obstacles. They will be able to converse with professionals on a number of issues which affect them based on an Orthodox understanding. We may often see the college years full of little incidences that are harmless but without the proper knowledge they can be detrimental to a student's life. Therefore, I invite you to send your children on this Weekend adventure.

For further information please contact Fr. Spiro D. Bobotas: 954-467-1515 or Michelle Cassimus youth@atlmeteropolis.org or click on this link <http://atlanta.goarch.org/youthsite/index.htm> for more information about this unique weekend designed to enlighten juniors and seniors while they enjoy a wonderful time in an Orthodox environment, preparing themselves for college and beyond.

In His Service,

Fr. Spiro D. Bobotas