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Holy Apostolic Catholic Assyrian Church of the East

33rd Annual National Youth Conference

Hosted by: St. Mary's Parish

Los Angeles, California

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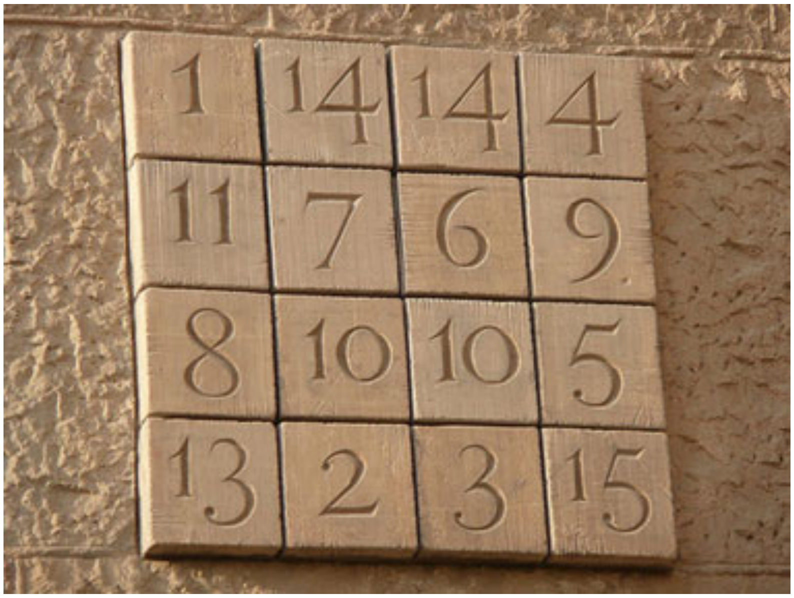
33 Years – The Life of Jesus Christ

THEME: 33 Years – The Life of Jesus Christ

This year's theme commemorates the thirty-three years that our Lord Jesus Christ spent on earth.

Our Bible study lectures, and workshops will all look deeper into Christology, or the study of Jesus Christ, as a perfect Human and perfect God.



Thematic Verse:

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"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14

GENERAL INFORMATION

In order to be registered for the 2021 Youth Conference, each member must submit his/her application and payment through their Parish.

Registration Fee Breakdown:

Clergy/Chaperone (double occupancy): $700 per person
Clergy/Chaperone (single occupancy): $1,200
Youth Members: $350 - 4 per room
Parent Chaperones: $350 - 4 per room

The age requirement for the 2021 Youth Conference is **14 years of age and older.**

Checks can be made payable to **St. Mary's Youth Group.**

Mailing address:

St. Mary's Assyrian Church of the East
ATTN: Youth Association
5955 Lindley Ave.
Tarzana, CA 91356

Registration due date:
Saturday, May 15th, 2021

St. Mary's Assyrian Church of the East
Los Angeles, California

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HOTEL INFORMATION

Warner Center Marriott

21850 W. Oxnard St., Woodland Hills, CA 91367

DAILY SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 1st
Arrival Date

Time:	Event:
8:00 am – 6:15 pm	Registration & Check In
5:30 pm	Load busses to St. Mary's Parish
6:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Vespers and Welcome Dinner/Activities
11:00 pm	Load busses back to Hotel
12:00 am	Curfew Upon Arrival

Friday, July 2nd

Time:	Event:
8:00 am – 9:25 am	Breakfast at Hotel
9:30 am	Morning Prayers
10:00 am – 10:50 am	Session 1 (Special Session for 21+)
11:00 am – 11:50 am	Session 2 (Special Session for 21+)
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch at Hotel
1:30 pm – 2:20 pm	Session 3 (Special Session for 21+)
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Lecture
4:00 pm	Evening Vespers
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Prepare for Dinner with Clergy
6:15 pm	Load Busses to St. Mary's Parish
6:30 pm – 10:00 pm	Awards Dinner with Clergy Black Tie Attire (see dress code guidelines)
12:00 am	Curfew

Saturday, July 3rd
Commemoration of St. Thomas the Apostle

Time:	Event:
9:00 am	Load Buses to St. Mary's Parish *Bring a change of clothes for Afternoon Picnic*
9:40 am - 10:00 am	Special Prayer Commemorating St. Thomas, Founder of the Church of the East
10:00 am - 10: 20 am	The Story St. Thomas
10:20 am - 11:00 am	Break
11:00 am - 11:45 am	Lecture
11:45 am - 1:00 pm	Lunch Traditional Dookhrana Meal
1:15 pm	Load buses for Picnic
1:45 pm - 8:00 pm	Picnic
8:15 pm	Load buses for Hotel
11:00 pm	Curfew

Sunday, July 4th
The Lord's Day

Time:	Event:
8:30 am	Load Busses
9:30 am – 12:00 pm	The Celebration of the Divine Mysteries at St. Mary's Parish
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Brunch at St. Mary's Parish
3:30 pm	Load Busses to Hotel
4:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Prepare for Dinner Party
7:00 pm – 12:30 am	Youth Dinner Party
1:00 am	Curfew

Monday, July 5th
Mickey's Day!

Time:	Event:
8:30 am	Load Buses for Disneyland (Pending on CDC Restrictions)
10:00 am – 11:00 pm	Disneyland Amusement Park
11:30 pm	Load Buses to Hotel
1:00 am	Curfew

Tuesday, July 6th
Farewell Day

Time:	Event:
9:00 am	Breakfast
10:30 am	Closing Prayers

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CONFERENCE RULES

An Identification Card (ID) will be issued to all conference attendees at the time of their registration for the 2021 National Youth Conference (**Thursday, July 1st – Tuesday, July 6th**). This ID card **MUST** be visibly worn throughout the duration of the conference. Presentation of the ID card may be requested to verify yourself and/or the parish you represent. This is also a requirement of hotel management.

In respect and honor of one another as children of God and brothers and sisters in Christ, at no time should the male conference attendees enter the female conference attendees' designated hotel rooms; this holds true to female participants as well. The room assignments are non-coed, and no excuses will be accepted or tolerated. In the unfortunate event, where you are found in a room with the opposite gender, you will be expelled from the conference and all costs/expenses for your travel will be borne by you or your parish.

As we will be utilizing various facilities, both Church and public property, throughout the conference, it is important that each attendee respect the property being used. Any instance of theft, vandalism, or destruction of either Church or public property will result in expulsion from the conference and all costs/expenses of you travel will be borne by your parish.

As per request of the hotel management, all conference attendees and organizers must stringently honor set curfew times. If you are found not respectfully upholding these set times, you will be given only **ONE** written warning followed by expulsion from the conference if dishonoring of the curfew is continued.

Due to the recent circumstances regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic, our 2021 youth conference will also be following the CDC guidelines and are asking each clergy member, youth member, and chaperone to bring a mask to any and all events that are requiring a mask to be worn.

The hotel pool will be strictly off limits to attending members of the 2021 National Youth Conference. Those in violation will face strict censure.

At no time are conference participants permitted to leave the conference premise, events, and activities for any reason, unless prior permission is acquired from the youth leader and Parish Priest who will inform the conference security organizers. In

the unfortunate event you are found leaving the conference without the above prior arrangements, you will be expelled from the conference and all costs/expenses of your travel will be borne by your parish. Stringent security measures will be in place to deter attendees from leavening the premises, events, or activities.

While being transported in the buses, each attendee is expected to remain with their parish on the specific bus to which they were assigned unless instructed otherwise by a member of the central organizing committee. This will allow for all attendees to be accounted for by their youth president and ensure swift and efficient transport. Attendees found in violation of this rule, despite warning, will face strict censure.

The consumption of alcohol throughout the duration of the conference is **STRICTLY** prohibited. No amount of alcohol is to be consumed irrespective of legal age. We have a zero-tolerance rule against the consumption of alcohol. In the unfortunate event where you are found with/consuming/having-consumed alcohol, you will be expelled from the conference and all costs/expenses of travel will be borne by your parish.

Smoking (cigarettes, hookah/vaporizers, juuls, puff bars, illegal substances, etc.) of any kind is not allowed and absolutely prohibited during the conference. We have a zero-tolerance rule against illegal substances and tobacco usage during the conference. In the unfortunate event, where you are found in possession or under the influence of the above-mentioned substances, you will be expelled from the conference and all costs/expenses of you travel will be borne by your parish.

Inappropriate and derogative language spoken by conference attendees will be dealt with in accordance to the severity of the case and could see you expelled from the conference and all costs/expenses of travel will be borne by your parish.

All social media posts made at or about the 2021 National Youth Conference must be appropriate and encouraging to our Church as a whole. Attendees caught in violation of this rule will face strict censure.

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All conference attendees are required to attend all lecture sessions prepared by various speakers. As the focal aim of this conference is to grow in the knowledge and understanding of the Assyrian Church of the East's faith, doctrines, and traditions, it is beneficial for you, your parish, and church for you to be prepared with your Bibles and attentive during these sessions.

Use of telephones, tablets, computers, etc. or any other disruptive behavior during lecture sessions or prayer services will not be tolerated. Repeated inappropriate use of electronic devices may lead to their confiscation by the central committee for the remainder of the conference.

As it is accustomed and fitting within our Church, and in reverence to the presence of the Lord God in His Holy House, in particular the Sunday Eucharistic (Qurbana) service, all conference attendees **MUST** wear appropriate attire at specified events.

PARENT CHAPERONE POLICY

We invite parents of youth members to chaperone this year's conference in Los Angeles, but we ask that the following guidelines are adhered to at all times throughout the duration of the conference:

Number of chaperones per parish: We require 1 chaperone per 10 registered youth members.

Room assignments: Parent chaperones are attending conference to ensure the well-being of their own parish's youth group. Therefore, the super vision of the youth rooms is under the responsibility of the chaperones of that parish. Chaperones are restricted to only supervise, discipline, and handle their own parish youth members.

Conference rules and guidelines: Parent chaperones must adhere to all of the conference rules including the assigned curfew. The official rules of the 2021 Youth Conference can be found on pages 9-11 of the registration packet.

Attendance: Parent chaperones are required to attend all youth conference events as listed on in the program, unless otherwise granted permission by the organizing committee.

Leaving Hotel/Conference Events: We understand that as chaperones you may have to leave the premises in the case of an emergency or to pick up refreshments for your parish youth. As these situations may occur, we require that you first notify a member of the organizing committee before leaving the premises to ensure the accountability of all registered attendees.

Guests: Under no circumstances will chaperones be allowed to receive guests throughout the duration of the conference, including in the hotel lobby. Please remember anyone who does not present an ID badge will be asked to leave the premise by our central security team.

We ask you all to cooperate with the conference organizing committee in order to ensure compliance with all of the rules of the youth conference. Ultimately, they are responsible for the complete safety and well-being of all youth members at this year's youth conference in Los Angeles.

DRESS CODE DESCRIPTION:

Formal Attire Male:
DO's: Suit (tuxedo preferred) Tie, preferably bow tie dress shoes. Black Tie Attire.

Formal Attire Male:
DON'Ts: Polo's, jeans, or gym shoes.

Formal Attire Female:
DO's: Skirts/dresses AT OR BELOW the knee, and tops with sleeves. Shoulders must be covered. Black Tie Attire.

Formal Attire Female:
DON'Ts: Pants for Sunday's Liturgy, no spaghetti straps.

Casual Attire Male:
DO's: Jeans, slacks, and Polo's.

Casual Attire Male:
DON'Ts: tank tops or shorts.

Casual Attire Female:
DO's: Jeans, leggings (only with thigh-covering top), slacks, tops with sleeves, and dresses.

Casual Attire Female:
DON'Ts: Spaghetti straps, cutouts, crop tops, low/open backs, shorts, flip flop.

Party Attire Male:
DO's: Dress pants, dress shirt, dress shoes.

Party Attire Male:
DON'Ts: Jeans, Polos, t-shirts, gym shoes.

Party Attire Female:
DO's: Knee-length dress, maxi dress, dress pants.

Party Attire Female:
DON'Ts: Cut-outs, low/open backs, short dresses, body-con dresses, flip flops

Please abide by the acquired dress code. Dress code violations will NOT be tolerated. Those who do not abide by the dress code will be forced to change into appropriate attire

APPLICATION

To register for this year's youth conference, please visit:

http://bit.ly/aceya21

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CONFERENCE RULES AGREEMENT

I hereby confirm to having read the rules above and vow to uphold them throughout my participation in the 2021 National Youth Conference. I understand that my violation of the above rules could lead to strict censure and even my expulsion from the conference.

Furthermore, any attendee who witnesses others in violation of any of the rules that are listed above is required to report to their youth leader, priest, or a member of the central security team immediately. Attendees in association with others in violation with the above rules will face strict censure.

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Attendee Name Printed — Date of Birth

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Attendee Signature — Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature — Date
(if attendee is under 18 years of age)

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Parish Priest Signature — Date

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WAIVER OF LIABILITY

Please read this form carefully and be aware that in registering yourself or your minor child, and/or ward for participation in the above program(s), you will be waiving and releasing all claims for injuries you or your child and/or ward might sustain arising out of the 2021 Assyrian Church of the East Youth Conference program(s).

I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of serious injury to participants in the above program(s) and I agree to assume that full risk of any injuries, damages or loss regardless of severity which I or my child and/or ward may sustain as a result of such program(s). I agree to waive and relinquish all claims I or my child and/or ward may have as a result of participating in any of the program(s) against The Holy Apostolic Catholic Assyrian Church of the East, and the Holy Apostolic Catholic Assyrian Church of the East Diocese of the Western United States and its officers, directors, shareholders, agents, servants, and employees from any and all claims from injuries, damages or loss which I or my child and/or ward may have or which may accrue to me or my child and/or ward on account of my participation or the participation of my child and/or ward in any of the program(s)of the Church, including but not limited to all of its corporate entities. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless and defend the Holy Apostolic Catholic Assyrian Church of the East, and the Holy Apostolic Catholic Assyrian Church of the East Diocese of the Western United States, and its officers, directors, shareholders, agents, servants, and employees from any and all claims resulting from injuries, damages and losses sustained by me or my child and/or ward, and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with the activities of any of the program(s). In the event of an emergency, I authorize The Holy Apostolic Catholic Assyrian Church of the East, and the Holy Apostolic Catholic Assyrian Church of the East Diocese of the Western United States, and its officers, directors, shareholders, agents, servants, and employees to secure from any licensed hospital, physician and/or medical personnel any treatment deemed necessary for me or my child and/or ward immediate care and agree that I will be responsible for full payment of any and all medical services rendered.

I have read and fully understand the above program(s) details and waiver and release of all claims.

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Attendee Name Printed	Date of Birth
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Attendee Signature	Date
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Parent/Guardian Signature *(if attendee is under 18 years of age)*	Date
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Parish Priest Signature	Date