

ST. BASIL ACADEMY

Chicago Diocese Youth Minister to St. Basil Academy

by Clio D. Nikolakis

GARRISON, N.Y. —A team of 22 high school youth representing 12 Chicago Diocese parishes recently traveled to St. Basil Academy to initiate what they hope to be an annual Diocese youth service trip. “Team members were responsible for raising their money and sharing the mission of the service trip to their communi-



CHICAGO GOYANS at St. Basil Academy

ties,” said Diocese Youth Director Andrew Georgana. The Goyans raised more than \$20,000 to make the trip. Fr. Constantine Sitaras welcomed the visitors to campus upon their arrival on Aug. 1. The group completed projects that included painting the chapel exterior, organizing and cleaning the administration building attic, collecting many bags of clothing for brethren in need, cleaning rooms and closets and other tasks. Fr. Costa commented, “The Academy was blessed with the enthusiasm of this group, who helped us complete some long-awaited chores.”

Mr. Georganas added, “seeing the team come together in a spirit of service to the Lord was a true joy.” Participants on this project stayed in the AHEPA dormitories on campus, which were recently refurbished to accommodate a growing number of overnight guests, visitors and retreatants at the Academy. In addition to the service offerings, these Chicago youth participated in

Paraklesis services and five group discussions, in order for the team to “express their faith to each other, learn more about Greek Orthodoxy, and themselves. These sessions allowed them to come closer to God and each other,” noted Mr. Georganas. For these youth, the trip was not all work as they made several day trips into New York City, where they visited the Archdiocese and tourist spots including the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, the World Trade Center, Radio City, NBC Studios, Times Square and Yankee Stadium. The trip concluded with Sunday Liturgy at Church of Our Savior, in Rye, N.Y.

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CLERGY UPDATE

Assignments:

Rev. Presbyter Paul Bebis, -to St. Nicholas, Enfield, Conn., 10/09/2000

Rev. Presbyter Gregory Coo, to Annunciation Church, Sacramento, Calif. (assistant), 10/15/00

Rev. Ekonomos Michael Kouremetis, to St. George Cathedral, Manchester, N.H., 11/01/00

Rev. Presbyter James W. Kordaris, to Archangel Michael Church, Roslyn Heights, N.Y., 6/01/00

Rev. Presbyter Constantine Simeonides, to Tarpon Springs, Fla. (assistant), 11/01/00

Rev. Presbyter James Tsoulos, to St. George Church, De Kalb, Ill., 11/01/00

Ordinations to the Diaconate:

Adam Metropoulos, by Metropolitan Methodios, at St. George Church, Lynn, Mass., 10/01/2000

Nicholas Andrews, by Metropolitan Anthony, at St. John the Baptist Church, Las Vegas, Nevada, 08/20/00

to Priesthood:

Deacon Paul Bebis, by Metropolitan Methodios, at Holy Trinity Church, Norwich, Conn., 10/08/00

Deacon Nicholas Andrews, by Archbishop Demetrios, at Annunciation Cathedral, Houston, 09/24/00

Dn. Constantine Simeonides, by Metropolitan Maximos, St. Paul Church, N. Royalton, Ohio, 08/06/00

Retired Priests:

Rev. Protopresbyter Gerasimos Rassias, Holy Trinity Church, Wilmington, Del., 07/01/00

Very Rev. Archimandrite Stephen N. Mazaris, Holy Trinity Church, Canton, Ohio, 10/18/00

Rev. Protopresbyter Demetrios N. Treantafeles, St. Nektarios Church, Palatine, Ill., 11/01/00

Deceased Priests:

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Rev. Protopresbyter George T. Scoulas, Sts. Peter & Paul, Glenview, Ill., 10/18/00

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