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**Membership Guidebook**

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## STS CYRIL & METHODIOS Our Patron Saints



The ACRY, upon its establishment in 1937, was placed under the protection of the Ninth Century Slavic Missionary Saints Cyril and Methodios by His Eminence, Metropolitan Orestes. It was through the apostolic labors of Sts. Cyril and Methodios that our Diocesan ancestors inherited both the Orthodox Faith and their Slavic culture (alphabet, written language and books).

It is providential that these zealous evangelizers were chosen by Metropolitan Orestes as the Patron Saints of the ACRY. Throughout its more than seventy years of existence, the ACRY has labored to further the growth and vitality of our God-Saved Diocese, and spread the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout North America.

## AMERICAN CARPATHO-RUSSIAN ORTHODOX YOUTH (ACRY)



*The Orthodox Christian Family  
Fellowship of the American  
Carpatho-Russian Orthodox  
Diocese of the USA*



**Membership:**  
*An Invitation to Join*

**Website:**  
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## ***What is the ACRY?***

The ACRY (American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Youth) is the national youth and family organization of the American Carpatho-Russian Diocese headquartered in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Established in 1937 to promote the involvement of youth in the life of the diocese, and to strengthen their appreciation for the Orthodox Faith and their Rusyn Identity, the ACRY has been at the forefront of diocesan life.

The ACRY, while established as a youth organization, has over the years evolved into an intergenerational fellowship, offering opportunities for people of all ages to grow in their Orthodox Faith, engage in charitable outreach works, and Christian Fellowship.

Over the years, the ACRY has provided tremendous support to the diocese and its many ministries and institutions, including Christ the Saviour Seminary, Camp Nazareth, and the Diocesan Mission Fund. It has sponsored numerous educational publications, and offers scholarships to college and graduate students. Most recently, it has established the ACRY Blessing Program, which offers financial support to diocesan families undergoing a serious health crisis.

## ***Our Mission***

The Mission of the ACRY is to encourage spiritual growth through charitable and apostolic missionary works, prayer and fellowship for the Glory of God and the growth of the Church and our Diocese.

The ACRY seeks to enable its membership to experience the spiritual joy and fulfillment of participating in the work of Christ on local, national and global levels through its many charitable outreach and philanthropic initiatives.

## ***Becoming a Member***

The ACRY is divided into two separate organizations: The Junior ACRY (ages 8 to 18) and the Senior ACRY (ages 18 & up).

Membership is open to diocesan members and is established through local parish chapters. At the present time there are 29 active chapters. If there is no chapter in your parish, you may join the ACRY as a member of a Chapter at Large or establish your own chapter – a parish only needs 3 members to start a chapter.

Non-Orthodox spouses of ACRY members can also become associate members of the ACRY.

## ***Benefits of Membership***

- Opportunities to deepen one's faith through participation in Educational Workshops, Annual Lenten retreats, service projects and mission trips
- Building leadership, communication and teamwork skills
- Opportunities to meet and interact with Orthodox Christians from other diocesan parishes
- Annual Bowling Tournament/ Family Weekend – Memorial Day Weekend
- Annual Convention – Labor Day Weekend
- Access to Scholarships
- ACRY Annual (one copy per household with membership)

## ***Become a Part of the ACRY Family!***

We invite YOU to become a part of the ACRY Family. We have many exciting plans for the future and we need your help. There are mission parishes, Camp Nazareth and Christ the Saviour Seminary to build up and support. There are families in need of blessings of love and material assistance -and most importantly, we need more Orthodox Friends like YOU!!!