
SUPRASL

2022

A WORLD GATHERING OF ORTHODOX YOUTH

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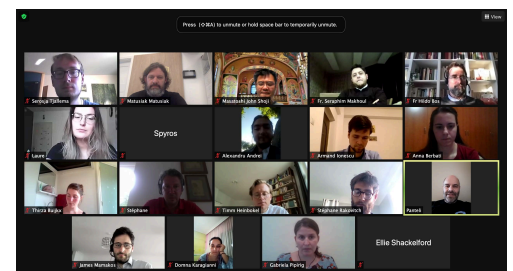
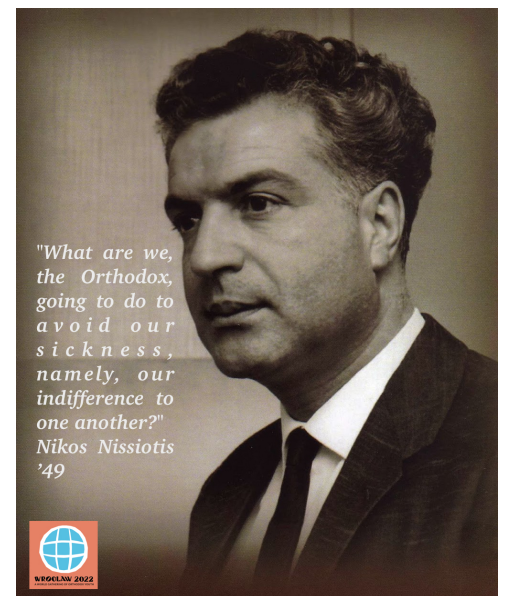
It Was Not You Who Chose Me, But I Chose You and Appointed You To Bear Fruit

John 15:16

Inspired and encouraged by the decades of pioneering work of Syndesmos, the World Fellowship of Orthodox Youth, and recognizing the current need to network, connect and gather in fellowship the youth of the Orthodox Church worldwide we endeavor to host Suprasl 2022: A World Gathering of Orthodox Youth.

Suprasl 2022 is the place to be for dedicated youth workers and young adults from Orthodox churches around the world to come together to experience the unity and universality of our Holy Orthodox Faith, be inspired by engaging leaders, stimulating discussion, and tangible ways to continue bearing fruit together, and throughout the world. "What are we, the Orthodox, going to do to avoid our sickness, namely, our indifference to one another?" In 1949 the Greek theologian Nikos Nissiotis asked this question as Orthodox faithful around the world experienced life after World War II. This question remains relevant more than 70 years later, begging the additional question, "...and how are we going to do it?"

Beginning in the summer of 2020 Archdeacon Joseph Matusiak recruited a small group of youth workers and lay theologians from Europe, the United States and Australia to begin considering how this could be done. Following eight months of meetings and correspondence with heads of the local churches, as well as with bishops, priests, lay youth leaders, and others who were once involved in international youth work, a decision was made to host a gathering of Orthodox youth from all parts of the world. In June of 2021 a group of more than twenty youth workers representing 17 countries came together to begin to develop Suprasl 2022: A World Gathering of Orthodox Youth.





*"We tend to think of resolving problems in terms of organisations;
of establishing structures. This is a mistake. It is life that can create forms;
structures must express life."
Metropolitan Anthony (Bloom)*

The festival aims to be a week-long gathering that, in the words of Archbishop Anastasios, has a simple focus, "to be together for fellowship, to act together and to give witness together, because this is the essence of our bond of unity." This high calling will be achieved through prayer and worship, lectures, workshops, and fellowship activities.

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Suprasl 2022 looks to bring Orthodox young people together to share their experiences of fulfilling our Lord's commandments to "love one another" and "...to bear fruit." The threat of disunity among our churches, ethnic and political tensions, environmental degradation, and economic instability cannot prevent us from coming together to leverage new technologies and community life to bear witness to the gospel and Good News of Jesus Christ. Suprasl 2022 recognizes that no one event, organisation, or church can solve any of these issues on its own, which is why coming together in an international gathering as the body of Christ, in fellowship just might help us in a small way, overcome our "illness of indifference to each other," by becoming a healing presence in the communities in which we live and the world around us.

Suprasl 2022 is hosted by the Orthodox Church of Poland and the Fellowship of Orthodox Youth in Poland with the blessing of its primate, His Beatitude Metropolitan Sawa of Warsaw and All Poland. The festival is organised by a group of Orthodox youth workers representing more than a dozen countries.

For Every Tree Is Known By Its Own Fruit

PROGRAMME

The heart of Suprasl 2022 will be worship. Each day will begin with morning prayers and a reflection (homily) on scripture for the day. Each evening will conclude with evening prayers. Clergy will be available each evening for confession. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated twice during the event once at the Cathedral of the Nativity of the Theotokos, and once at the meeting site on the final evening.

Through lectures, workshops, service projects and fellowship Suprasl 2022 will explore the theme “Go and bear fruit” (John 15:16). The lectures and workshops will be organized around five thematic tracks: Youth Work; Orthodoxy and the Arts; Music; Orthodoxy and Ecology and Missions. Workshop topics will include: Practical ecological projects for individuals, families and parishes; Being Orthodox: living as a minority; Called to missions: the experience of being a missionary; Creative arts as mission; Youth Work: how to communicate, listen to and reach youth; From Creator to creativity: understanding human creativity and more.

Each evening participants will be able to relax at Café Syndesmos, a space that will host music, informal discussion on the topics of the week, films and fellowship, and where participants can share their culture and traditions during an international evening.



*Be together in love,
accepting and bearing
one another, this is after
making every effort to
keep the unity of the
Spirit in the bond of
peace."*

Archbishop Anastasios

– Archbishop Anastasios of Albania,





Helping our youth to find and stay on the path of our Lord.

A gift to support Suprasl 2022 will have a lasting and ongoing impact. Your gift will itself be an answer to the question of Prof. Nissiotis, and will help to create and sustain a network of young Orthodox Christians around the world who through their friendships made at Wroclaw 2022 will overcome the sickness of indifference to one another.

We are seeking to raise \$40,000 to help offset participation fees for the event, to pay travel for speakers, and to offer scholarships and travel grants from our Orthodox brothers and sisters coming from developing corners of the globe.

Your gift to Suprasl 2022 can be made with confidence. We have the experienced leadership in place, the committed team on board and the support of His Beatitude Metropolitan Sawa and the Polish Orthodox Church. We have a strong commitment to transparency and the systems in place to ensure it.

PARTNERS

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The need of Christ's Church and Her youth is clear.

Suprasl 2022 is a clear and exciting answer to that need.

Our success in overcoming the indifference of the world and
creating a network of unity depends on you.



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