



The Romanian Orthodox Metropolia of the Americas

Romanian Orthodox Youth of the Americas (ROYA)

Registration Ages 16-17

March 8, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

With the blessing of Metropolitan Nicolae, the Romanian Orthodox Youth of the Americas (ROYA) announce its heritage trip for teenagers and young adults to Father Nicolae Tanase's Pro Vita Orphanage this summer. This trip will take place July 2 – July 28, 2018. The trip encompasses 5 days at Punta Monastery, 10 days of volunteer work, and a 10 day international camp at Oasa Monastery.

The purpose for the trip to Romania is to give time and aid to the orphanage run by Father Nicolae Tanase. This trip is also designed to give young adults an opportunity to deepen and live their faith through love, experience and action. Ten days will be spent at the orphanage and may include the following capacities:

- Social and educational interaction with the orphans
- Repairs on orphanage buildings
- Farm work (ie apple picking, gathering hay, etc.)

Christ tells us *“Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me...for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.”*(Matthew 25:40).

Enclosed you will find applications for the trip. The cost of the trip is \$600 USD and should be included with your application. Checks should be made out to St. Nicholas Church, and must specify “Heritage Trip” in the memo. This does not include your transportation to and from Romania; plane tickets and travel insurance are the participant's own responsibility. Please consider bringing spending or pocket money for souvenirs or other optional purchases. All money for the trip is the participant's responsibility. Youth who would like to participate but do not have the financial means should consider fundraising in their parishes. Please contact us if you need help and speak with your parish priest about the initiative. With the grace of God, fund raising is not as difficult as it may seem.

The trip begins with five days at Putna Monastery on July 3rd. However, those who require transportation to the monastery have the option of arriving at Henry Coanda Airport in Bucharest on July 2nd. We will arrange pick up from the airport on the 2nd and travel in a group to the monastery on the morning of July 3rd. The other option is to meet us directly at the monastery on the July 3rd. We will be returning to Bucharest on the 28th of July at night, so please book your returning flights for the 29th of July.

All applications MUST be postmarked by May 30, 2018. There are only thirty (30) places available for the team. Applications will be processed in the order received. If you do not have a current passport, you should apply for one immediately.

We pray that you will be able to join us on this ground-breaking trip to act upon the command of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In Christ's Love,

Florica Radu
Director of ROYA Summer Camps

Romanian Orthodox Metropolia of the Americas

Romanian Orthodox Youth of the Americas (ROYA)

Heritage Trip to Romania Application (Ages 16-17)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address(Student) _____

Date of Birth _____ Sex _____

Parent Name _____

Email Address(Parent) _____

Parish Name _____

Address _____

Pastor Name _____ Phone Number _____

What grade are you entering in the fall? _____

Have you ever participated in a Heritage/Mission Trip? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, where, when and with what organization? _____

Do you volunteer with any nonprofit organizations? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, with whom, and please provide a short description of what you do for them.

Please check areas in which you have experience:

Cooking	_____	Camp Counselor	_____
Carpentry	_____	Sunday School	_____
Electrical	_____	Teacher	_____
Masonry	_____	Retreat Leader	_____
Painting	_____	Campus Ministry	_____
Plumbing	_____	Public Speaking	_____
Custodial	_____	Political Volunteer	_____
Other	_____	Charitable Volunteer	_____

Participant Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parish Spiritual Father Signature _____

By signing this form, I as Spiritual Father to this candidate, attest that he/she is a solid candidate for this mission team, is an Orthodox Christian that will conduct him/herself in a manner honoring his/her beliefs and is a good role model of their faith and know of no reason for him/her not to partake in the heritage trip.

Application must be postmarked by May 10, 2018

Florica Radu

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**If you have questions contact her at
718-426-0612 or vertiflo@hotmail.com**

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

My child is volunteering to take part in the July 2 – July 28, 2018 goodwill trip to Romania sponsored by the Romanian Orthodox Metropolia of the Americas. We hereby agree to hold harmless and release the Romanian Orthodox Metropolia of the Americas, their Hierarchs, boards of directors, team leaders, clergy, and staff from the responsibility of any accident or mishap which may occur during the week of the heritage trip and assume the risk for any injuries that they may sustain in the pursuit of the above described activities or during any transportation needed for the particular individual. We further agree to indemnify, protect, save and hold harmless the employees, agents, officers, successors and/or assigns of the Romanian Orthodox Metropolia of the Americas and waive any claims to financial damages or compensation for any harm that my child may suffer in the course of this trip from any and all losses, damages, or injuries which might occur as a result of activities held during the weeks of the mission.

Special waiver regarding medical insurance coverage:

Extended medical insurance coverage is offered through a travel insurance company, Travel Guard, and it is the responsibility of each participant to purchase. Those in Canada can reach Travel Guard at 1(866)878-0191 or travelguard.ca. In the U.S. they can be reached at 1(800)826-4919 or travelguard.com. In the event that the participant chooses not to buy the coverage for travel medical insurance, the participant understands that he/she will assume all financial obligations for medical expenses incurred in Romania, if any, during the trip. Therefore, the participant will hold harmless the Romanian Orthodox Metropolia of the Americas, Romanian Orthodox Youth of the Americas, the Pro Vita Association, their Hierarchs, boards of directors, team leaders, and staff and waive any financial claims related to medical expenses.

Participant Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent/ Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

Release of Private Information

I give permission for the following private information about my child to be used as indicated: Photographs of myself or my child in the Romanian Orthodox Metropolia of the Americas magazines and for publicity concerning the camping programs.

(Please circle) **yes** **no**

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Camp Rules, Regulations and Expectations

1. Consumption of alcoholic beverages, smoking, and use of any legal or illegal drugs by participants will not be permitted.
 2. No firearms or weapons of any kind (including "Swiss Army" knives) will be permitted.
 3. Under NO circumstances is any form of hazing permitted by campers or staff. Incidents of hazing shall be reported to the director & staff immediately.
 4. Aggressive behavior between any persons will not be tolerated.
 5. Participants should inform the staff of their whereabouts and remain in supervised areas at all times.
 6. Defacing or willful destruction of any furniture, camp equipment, trees, camp grounds, cars or personal belongings of any other participant will not be tolerated. Violators will be responsible for full financial compensation of any damage.
 7. Damages or breakage in the buildings, courts, or wash houses should be reported immediately to the director.
 8. All campers are expected to assist with daily cleaning.
 9. Rules of common courtesy should be observed such as: Males should not wear headgear inside, eating at mealtimes should not begin until after prayer, participants should remain in dining hall until closing prayers.
 10. This is a Christian camp, all campers and staff are to wear appropriately modest clothing. Campers not following these guidelines will be asked to change clothes.
 - Girls are expected to wear skirts of knee-length (or longer).
 - During services, girls are expected to wear a headscarf as well.
 - NO low-cut blouses, tight or see-through clothing.
 - NO clothing with inappropriate wording and/or images.
 - The camp director reserves the discretion of determining if something is inappropriate for camp attire.
 11. All individuals must participate in all day and evening events, unless under medical restrictions which should be explained on the camper health form and discussed with the camp nurse the first day of camp.
 12. Inappropriate music will not be tolerated. Do not bring anything that contains vulgar, sexually explicit, racist and/or morally offensive lyrics, messages and/or images.
 13. Gaming devices are strictly prohibited at camp.
 14. Campers are allowed to use cameras, cell phones and recording devices in a courteous manner as long as this does not disrupt the normal operation of camp. Should the use of such devices become disruptive to the normal operation of the camp, the camp director and organizers reserve the rights to take such devices away until after camp.
 15. After "Lights Out" no camper is permitted to leave his or her room without the permission.
- ✚ Failure of any camper to comply with the camp rules listed above may result in expulsion from camp.

In regards to the above stated rules, I/we have read and understand these rules and have reviewed them with my/our child so that he/she also understands their content. If the situation arises whereby disobedience to these rules occur and the smooth running and proper administration of this encampment is affected which also results in the dismissal of my/our child from camp, I/we accept full responsibility to provide expedient transportation home for my/our child and accept all financial costs which may occur from these actions with no expense inflicted upon the encampment or any agent of the encampment and to include no refund of initial registration fees.

Participant Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

MEDICAL PERMISSION

The health record for _____ attached to this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. Therefore, the child, who is registered here has permission to engage in all team activities except as noted on this form. In the event of an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician and/or hospital, which is selected by the team leader to hospitalize, secure proper medical treatment for and to order injections, anesthesia, and/or surgery for the above named child. As the parent/guardian, I will assume all financial responsibilities if hospitalization and/or medical treatment is required during the heritage trip.

Participant Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent/ Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

Special Notes for Applicants:

Applications received after the deadline may be subject to additional fees depending upon reservation deposits.

**Romanian Orthodox Metropolia of the Americas
Young Adult Heritage Trip to Romania**

Medical Form

Please check if you have been treated for any of the following:

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|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma | <input type="checkbox"/> Epilepsy or other Neurological problems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes | <input type="checkbox"/> Eye Problems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heart Ailments | <input type="checkbox"/> Lung Problems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liver Problem | <input type="checkbox"/> Thyroid Problems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Skin Disease |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High Blood Pressure | <input type="checkbox"/> Hernia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Back Problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Pilonidal cyst |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kidney Problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Alcoholism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contact Lenses | <input type="checkbox"/> Drug Abuse |

Do you need special medical or dental services ? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what services _____

Are you currently taking any required medication? If yes, what, and what dosage? _____

Have you ever had psychological counseling or therapy? Yes _____ No _____

Have you ever been hospitalized for a psychological problem? Yes _____ No _____

Are you allergic to any medicines e.g. Penicillin, sulfa, etc? Yes _____ No _____

Please list

Are you allergic to any foods? Yes _____ No _____

Please List

Are you allergic to insect stings, animals or plants? Yes _____ No _____

Please List

Have you had any major surgeries? Yes _____ No _____

Please List

IMMUNIZATIONS AND DATES

_____ Cholera _____ Yellow fever

_____ Diphtheria _____ Polio

_____ Measles (rubella) _____ Tetanus (in past 10 years)

_____ Mumps _____ Typhoid fever

Insurance Company _____

Insurance Policy Number _____ Policy Dates _____

In Case of Emergency Contact _____

Phone _____ Relation _____

I attest that all the information in this application is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this is a voluntary mission and I am responsible for raising all expenses that will be incurred for the trip. I also understand that this is a mission trip of Orthodox Christians and I will conduct myself during the trip in a manner befitting an Orthodox Christian laboring on behalf of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/ Guardian Signature _____ Date _____