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Blessings to all the Vicars and the OCYM Office Bearers of all the Parishes in the UK in the name of the blessed Holy Trinity.

Beloved in Lord,

It is with immense joy and gratitude that I write to announce 'Aura 2025' the UK Youth Leadership Camp of the OCYM, scheduled to be held from Friday, 10th October through to 12th October 2025 at the Pioneer Centre, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster DY14 8JG.

As you know, this programme is conducted every alternate year, and the last camp held in October 2023 was indeed a remarkable success. In our recent Family and Youth Conference, we once again experienced the blessings of fellowship and the inspiring witness of our youth leadership - especially the Youth Choir, who made the liturgical services and the Holy Eucharist deeply meaningful.

The task of leading our young people in faith requires more than skill; it demands a wholehearted commitment to Christ and to our Orthodox faith. As parish-level youth leaders, you are called to a unique ministry of service and stewardship. With the growing number of young people in our parishes, it is all the more important for us to be inclusive, hospitable, and nurturing of Christian leadership rooted in the Gospel.

The theme for this years camp is drawn from the words of St. Peter at the Transfiguration:

Lord, it is good for us to be here. (St. Matthew 17:4)

It is a reminder that our leadership must always begin in the presence of Christ and be renewed by His transforming light.

We are blessed that His Grace Dr. Geevarghese Mar Yulios Metropolitan, President of the OCYM, will be present throughout the camp, encouraging and guiding our youth leaders.

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Please take careful note of the following details:

- ◆ Dates : 10th to 12th October 2025 (Friday, Saturday & Sunday)
- ◆ Location : Pioneer Centre, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster DY14 8JG
- ◆ Registration Fee : £ 150 per person
- ◆ Participation : Minimum one person per parish.
(Maximum two participants per parish)
- ◆ Deadline : Registration must be completed by 30th September 2025

Parishes are expected to bear the cost and expenses of their unit leaders, ensuring their participation.

Further details and guidance will be provided by the Vice President and General Secretary of the OCYM.

I humbly urge every parish vicar and OCYM office bearers to give wholehearted support to this important camp, ensuring the participation of your parish representatives. Together, let us raise up a new generation of Orthodox Christian leaders, faithful to Christ, committed to the Church, and ready to serve in humility and love.

With prayers and blessings,

In Christ,



+ Metropolitan Abraham Stephanos