



# *Antiochian Village*



**2024**  
**Report**



## Letter From the Director

Dear AV Family,

As we approach the close of another fruitful calendar year here at the Village, we are filled with gratitude for all of God's blessings! By your prayers and support, we continue our mission of nurturing faith in Jesus Christ through Orthodox Christian Community living, worship, education, fellowship, and love.

Over the past year, we have **welcomed over 2,300 people**, running **14 programs and hosting 13 guest groups**. This past summer we recovered the relics of St. Raphael, started a new thrift store section in Namie's Nook (bookstore), and continued our monthly newsletter, The Gathering Place. **Most importantly, we continue to try to foster an environment where we can nurture our faith in Jesus Christ!**

**Thanks to the support of many people like you, we have also worked hard to care for our facilities. This year, we completed & started several projects**, including replacing the Dining Hall floor, renovation the volunteer cabins, and remodeling Cabin 48 and the Arts & Crafts building.

We are also excited to announce that, thanks to a generous benefactor, we established the new **AV Camp Endowment**, to be used for **camper scholarships and capital improvements**, which will help sustain AV going forward. The fund started with \$500,000, and thanks to our AV Open (golf outing) and recent Fort Ligonier Days gyro booth, we have already contributed \$55,000 to the fund! This year, unless otherwise specified, every dollar raised will go directly to our new endowment, ensuring the growth and sustainability of AV Camp in the future.

Most importantly, **we ask for your continued prayers** for this ministry, as we realize we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. Your support and love are vital as we continue serving our Village community. Thank you for ALL you do!

May God bless you!

In His Service,

*Fr. Christopher Shadid*  
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Camp Director



# 2024

## By the Numbers

**2,847** Campers throughout our yearly programs

**\$125,793** in scholarships awarded to campers

**\$144,795** Given by parishes in tuition assistance

**>33%** of Summer Campers received Financial Assistance

**Over \$1,240,000**

Donated by our generous supporters through December

**\$555,000** currently in our endowment fund

**8,552** AV Family subscribed to our emails

## A Year in Programs

Summer Camp

Family Camp

Arch Week

AV Open

Adult Camp

Winter Camp

Fort Ligonier Days

Winter Family Camp

St. Raphael Pilgrimage

Staff Ski Retreat

Alumni Reunion

## Our Mission

*Antiochian Village Camp transforms lives and nurtures faith in Jesus Christ through Orthodox Christian community living, worship, education, fellowship, and love*

# Our Vision

Antiochian Village Camp is committed to:

**Foster an environment that supports faith formation**

*Be a center of faith formation for all people of the Antiochian Archdiocese and the entire Orthodox Christian community of North America*

**Enhance, develop, and maintain the facilities**

*Enhance, develop, & maintain the campus to satisfy the current and future needs of the camp.*

**Be a financially self-sustaining organization**

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**Improve programming**

*Expand year-round ministry programming & opportunities*



## Fort Ligonier Days 2024

**\$31,749.82**

Raised for Camp

**3,265**

Gyros Sold



## AV Open

We hosted our second annual AV Open golf tournament this past May at Champion Lakes Golf Club. This year saw massive growth for the event, with almost 100 golfers participating. The silent auction and raffle were also a success, helping us to raise around \$25,000 for camp.



2024 AV Open Champions

Jacob Azar, Peter Karos, Alex Khalaf, Nick Khalaf

**Thank you to all of our sponsors who continue to make this event possible!**

**All proceeds benefit our new AV Camp Endowment!**

# Arch Week 2024



June 30th – July 7, 2024

***Arch Week strengthens high school graduates' formation in Jesus Christ through Orthodox Christian worship, service, fellowship, and reflection.***

Open to recent high school graduates, Arch Week helps prepare students for the challenges they will face as they transition to life after high school. The goal of this program is to offer “Archers” resources and opportunities to strengthen their faith, grow together in fellowship, and “bridge the gap” to their next phase in life. While still containing the essence of the Village, Arch Week is a step up from our traditional summer camp program. Participants attend guest talks, visit service sites, and are provided opportunities for education and reflection.

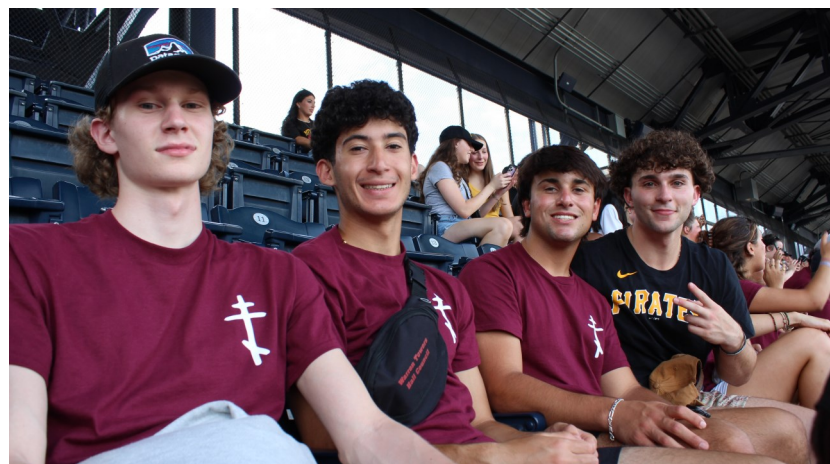


Arch Week culminates in a day trip to Pittsburgh, Arch Day, that is filled with fellowship, prayer, service, and fun! Faith was put into action during the visit to the Neighborhood Resilience Project, where the group collectively served for over 30 hours.



At St. George Cathedral in Oakland, participants were presented with future service opportunities with the Orthodox Volunteer Corps followed by midday prayers.

To wrap up Arch Day, the group enjoyed an exciting outing to a Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game!



# *Translation of the Relics of Saint Raphael*

This past summer, our campers and staff were blessed to witness the historic translation of the relics of St. Raphael of Brooklyn. Directed by His Eminence Metropolitan SABA, a dedicated group of clergy from across the archdiocese recovered the relics of the saint, who had been buried here at the Village since 1988.

After a careful exhumation process, His Eminence led a procession of the Village community up to St. Ignatius Chapel with the relics.



For our campers, this event presented an opportunity to take part in an extremely rare service in the Orthodox Church. The translation of the relics enables future Villagers to be able to venerate the remains of the Saint in a more traditional fashion.

St. Raphael has been a patron Saint of the Camp since his canonization in 2000, and we hope that this monumental event will help campers and staff grow in their connection to him.

Saint Raphael's relics will be moved into a new reliquary and housed for the time being at SS Peter & Paul Chapel in the conference center.



# 2024 Renovation Projects

Thanks to your help, this last year we were able to renovate numerous buildings and upgrade the facilities around camp. We have already hosted numerous guest speakers and programs in the newly renovated Namie Hall. This summer saw a new look for our dining hall and the usage of new shelters for our overnight program.



*Namie Hall*



*New Dining Hall Flooring and Tables*



*Overnight Structures*

As always, we will be continuing to improve our facilities in order to better host our future programs. Thank you again for your incredible support!



*Sports Shed / Former Camp Office*



*Volunteer Cabins*



*Directional Signage*

## Ongoing and Upcoming Projects

*Restoring The Gathering Place*

*Updated Welcome Arch Logo*

*PA System*

*New Camp Vehicles*

*New Lodge Flooring*

*New Bunk Beds*

*Renovating the Log Cabin*



*Cabin 48*



*Arts & Crafts Building*

# Namie's Nook

**6,758** Items purchased

**\$44,194.38** profit

reinvested into our camper programs

**Blue** and **Gray** Tied for our most popular hoodie color

**138** Synaxis of AV

Saints icons purchased

**425** Kazoos sold

**202** Croc Jibbitz sold and worn exclusively in sports mode

**55** Bags of locally roasted coffee enjoyed by village families

## The Antiochian Village Council

**The Right Reverend Bishop Thomas**

*Bishop of Charleston, Oakland, and the Mid-Atlantic,  
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese*

**Dimitri Zeidan**

*Village Council Chair*

**Fawaz El Khoury - Salim Abboud - Roger David - Eli Haig**

**Michael Kaufman - Kelli Khouri - Kyle Laham - Vicki Massad**

**Mary Winstanley O'Connor - Rami Younes**

# ***Thank You to our 2024 Staff!***

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