

## Did you know?

- That The Fellowship of St. John the Divine used to be called “Senior SOYO”?
- That this year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> year that we have been called “The Fellowship”?
- That our Patron Saint is one of the only saints depicted in icons as a young boy (below with Jesus) and as an old man?
- That if your parish needs a Young Adult or Senior group, you can start one?
- That “with God, all things are possible” (Matt 19:26)?



May our good God bless all the work that the Fellowship of St. John the Divine and our local Parish Ministry Teams do in His name!

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*Living the Orthodox faith in Christ through:*

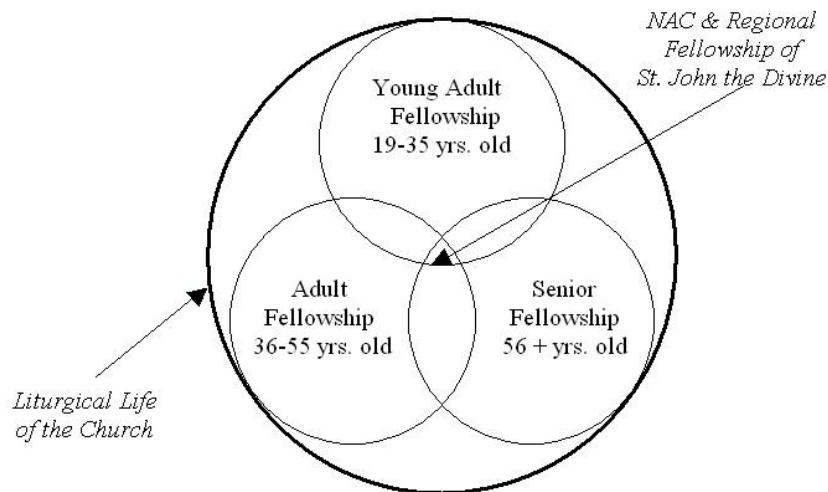
- Worship
- Witness
- Service &
- Fellowship!

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~If you do anything, do all for the glory of God~

## The Purposes of the Fellowship:

1. To serve as the “adult volunteer service arm” of the Archdiocese.
2. On the National level, the Fellowship of St. John serves the role of brainstormer, idea sharer, motivator, coordinator, and trainer.
3. On a Regional level, the Fellowship of St. John oversees mission endowments, Parish Life Conferences, Creative Arts Festivals, hosts regional retreats and delegates meetings.
4. Locally, the Fellowship of St. John can and should look like the model below, serving the needs of each age group in the parish (Young Adults, Adults, and Seniors) as needed. One area of focus is to have identifiable Young Adult Fellowships started in our local parishes so that our teens can have a place to go after ‘graduating’ from Teen SOYO.



**Resource Book:** The NAC Fellowship has put together a Resource Book filled with ready-to-go activities geared for each sub-group should a parish have individuals who want to start a Fellowship chapter. Each parish has received a free copy.

## Library Project, “2004 in 2004”:



The NAC Fellowship took on a Library Project that was started in the Eastern Region where parishes are donating 12 books on Orthodoxy to local public libraries. It is a way to witness our treasured faith and plant seeds of Orthodoxy in our communities. Our goal is to have 2004 Orthodox books in North-American libraries, by the end of 2004. This goal is conceivable, but will take a commitment by all of us! If you break it down, that is only 167 libraries. We need YOUR help to make this ministry in our local a communities a success. For our current status report, an order form, or more information about this project, e-mail Sara Bitar, our NAC Library Coordinator at [sar1006@aol.com](mailto:sar1006@aol.com) or go to:

<http://www.antiochian.org/Fellowship/LibLett.htm>

## Regional Summer Camps



We are thankful that the Antiochian Village has been able to serve 1,000 of our children each summer. However, that represents less than 10% of the youth of our Archdiocese. With the blessing of our Metropolitan PHILIP, new regional summer camps have started and continue to grow under the leadership and assistance of our Regional Fellowships. In the Southwest, we have Camp St. Raphael, in the Midwest, there's Camp St. George, and the Southeast and Can-Am Regions are planning on having their first camping season in the summer of 2004. Now, more of our children will have life-changing experiences and grow in our faith as a result!

The Fellowship of St. John the Divine, formerly Senior SOYO, has historically seen a need of the Archdiocese and been there to fill it.