

Orthodox Church in America
Parish Ministries Conference 2013
Workshop List

Christian Education

Session I: "Caring for the Sad and Scared in Our Lives and Communities" *Daria Virvan, CRNP-PMH, BC. Advice from a professional on reaching out to those who need help with depression and related issues.*

Session II: "Human Sexuality and Godly Love" *Fr. Thomas Hopko and Panel. A talk and panel discussion on the Orthodox Church's views on issues of love and sexuality.*

Session III: "Teaching Scripture in the Parish" *His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon. Suggestions for ways to increase understanding of the Bible in the parish, with time for discussion and questions.*

Session IV: "Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Porn But Were Afraid to Ask (a Priest)" *Fr. David Subu. Cybersex, internet pornography and sexual addiction: steps toward a solution.*

Session V: "Building Understanding by Teaching a Single Concept at Various Age Levels" *Mat. Valerie Zahirsky. Teaching the same concept in age-appropriate ways to students as they progress through church school, as a way of deepening comprehension.*

Session VI: "Practical Tips for Parish-Wide Education: Graphics and Technology" *Mat. Christine Zebrun and Ms. Maria Proch. A common-sense approach to enhance parish-wide education through graphics and technology.*

Session VII: "The Book of Revelation: An Introduction" *Fr. George Gray. Fascinating insights into this challenging and essential book of the New Testament, and its place in Orthodox Church teaching.*

Session VIII: "Church School Directors Seminar with 3 Areas of Study Included in a Manual" *Mat. Myra Kovalak, Ms. Maria Proch, Mat. Valerie Zahirsky. Church school organization and management, grade-level standards, online resources, staff recruitment, boosting enrollment and attendance.*

Christian Service and Humanitarian Aid

Session I: "Challenges of Matthew 25 Parish Outreach Ministries" *Arlene Kallaur, John Demakis*

JMD, Rev. Stephen Vernak. Three parishes that engage in Parish Outreach Ministries will share their successes and the obstacles they have encountered, inviting participants to join them with their own experiences.

Session II: “Institutional Chaplaincies for Clergy and Lay Men and Women Seminary Graduates”
V. Rev. Steven Voytovich, D. Min., Logan Johnson. The door is open to fulfilling pastoral care careers in hospitals, hospices, long-term care facilities, prisons and other specialized settings.

Session III: “Parish Prison Ministry” *Fr. Demetrius Nicoloudakis. Hear about this unique ministry involving the priest and the entire parish in providing care for incarcerated men and women while they are in prison and during their transition upon release.*

Session IV: “Compassion in Action: Parish Ministry Training” *V. Rev. Steven Voytovich, D. Min. and Nancy VanDyken, M.A. CiA is a program that will equip, train and mentor your parish in a ministry of caring, compassion, and relational transformation.*

Session V: “Addictions and Recovery” *Fr. George Kokhno and Popadija Kitty Vitko, Coordinators, Guest Speakers (Anonymous). How our Orthodox faith can help us with our own alcohol, drug, food and other addictions and how we in Orthodox parishes can help those who are struggling.*

Session VI: “IOCC Interactive Worldwide and US Programs, including Emergency Disaster Response” *Dan Christopoulos. Find out how Orthodox parishes can work with IOCC to help families escape the cycle of hunger, poverty and disease, and rebuild their lives following conflict, emergencies and disasters.*

Session VII: “OCMC Mission Teams and Church World Service in Global Outreach”
Fr. Konstantinos Pavlakos (Guatemala), Maria Roeber (Tanzania), Greg McKinney (Alaska) John Javed - CWS Asst. Regional Director – Richmond, VA. In countries around the world, the love of Jesus Christ is spread through Orthodox Christian Mission Center teams (evangelism, healthcare, construction) and the CWS network of ecumenical partners who strive to eradicate hunger and poverty.

Session VIII: “FOCUS North America: Orthodox Christian Outreach to the Homeless and Working Poor of America”, *Nick Chakos. Come and hear about this city by city national movement of*

Orthodox Christians, united in faith and joined by a desire to provide vital life recovery services: food, clothing, shelter, job training, and understanding.

Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministry

Session I: "What is OCF?" *Jennifer Nahas- Executive Director, Orthodox Christian Fellowship*

Session II: "Starting Ministry on a Campus" *Christina Andresen-Chapter Relations, Orthodox Christian Fellowship*

Session III: "The State of College Going Today" *Jennifer Nahas. Explore the particular challenges of the college-going young Adult (Financial, Societal, Academic) and the particular support our faith can give.*

Session IV: "Youth, Young Adults, and The Culture Wars" *Jennifer Nahas, Christina Andreson, Andrew Boyd. An open discussion on approaching the so-called "culture wars" topics with young adults.*

Session V: "Strategies for Parish Outreach to College Students" *Christina Andresen*

Session VI: "You Have Them Together, Now What?" *Andrew Boyd- Youth Director, Orthodox Church in America. Sharing resources for what to do with youth and young adults once you have them together for a meeting or retreat.*

Session VII: "Ministry in the Social Media Age" *Andrew Boyd. How can Social Media be used to reach our Youth and Young Adults? What are appropriate ways for clergy and lay leaders to use Social Media? What can the Church do to encourage safety in these communities?*

Session VIII- *What Can We Do Better? Jennifer Nahas, Christina Andresen, Andrew Boyd. Join us for a discussion on improving the ways we reach out to youth and young adults both churched and unchurched.*

Liturgical Music

Session I: "Composition" *Mark Bailey* or "The 8 Tones" *David Drillock*

Session II: "Reading in Church" *Rev. Dr. Sergius Halvorsen*

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Note: Composers will be invited to present their work following Divine Liturgy on Saturday, July