

Dear Friends of OSI,

Christ is risen!

OSI celebrates its first anniversary on May 21St, the Feast of Saints Constantine and Helen, and we want to share with you some highlights from our first year of operation:

- Publication of two major <u>studies</u>, "The American Orthodox Priest Shortage Crisis" and "Converts to Orthodoxy."
- Our "<u>Converts to Orthodoxy</u>" study has been cited widely in secular and non-Orthodox media, including in Christianity Today, The Free Press, the New York Post, and The Spectator, as well as academic publications such as Religion Watch by the Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion.
- A major partnership with St Tikhon's Seminary to create "Orthodox
 Foundations," a forthcoming intensive online program to deepen your faith.
- Six <u>live online courses</u> led by distinguished instructors.
- 20 articles on our <u>Orthodox History</u> blog and 17 articles on our <u>On Orthodox</u>
 <u>Education</u> blog. We also published an article on the Ukrainian Orthodox
 ecclesiastical situation for The Dispatch, and we recently launched an OSI data
 blog to report on our analytics work.
- Numerous popular YouTube videos, including four with Fr Andrew Damick of Ancient Faith Ministries.
- Built a team of experts in data analysis, surveys, and statistics, to collect and analyze significant data on Orthodoxy in America.
- OSI is participating in a landmark survey on American religion, which is currently underway, and includes 100,000 randomly-selected American adults.
- Launched a <u>Talent Database</u> to collect information about people interested in volunteering for Orthodox organizations or employment in all aspects of church ministry.

We need your support to further our mission. Any and all donations are tax-exempt, and your offering helps us to address the concerns of our Church in the twenty-first century.

Help us to continue and expand our work in producing major studies, data analysis, online courses, articles at *Orthodox History* and *On Orthodox Education*, YouTube videos, and surveys.

A one-time offering of anywhere from \$5.00 to \$500.00 will help us grow our capacity. For those of you who are able, a comparable monthly offering sustains our programs throughout the year. <u>Click here to make a donation.</u>

If you are interested in making a major, high-impact gift to OSI, please contact OSI Director Matthew Namee at mnamee@saintconstantine.org.

To donate by mail, you can send a check to The Saint Constantine School (with OSI in the memo line), 5233 Bellaire Blvd., #B435, Bellaire, TX, 77401.

You can access a full menu of OSI offerings at https://www.orthodoxstudies.org.

Thank you for your support and your generosity.

In the Risen Christ,

Matthew Namee and the OSI Team