



Quarterly Update

January-March 2025



Thank you to all of those who participated in our movement #OrthodoxChristianUnity on Assembly of Bishops Sunday 2025!

Throughout the past century in the United States of America, clergy and faithful from around the country gather together to celebrate the Unity of the Orthodox Church through various activities culminating in a vespers service for the Sunday of Orthodoxy. Therefore, in June 2024, the Assembly of Bishops' Executive Committee - finding it most appropriate - acknowledged this reality and decided that the Assembly of Bishops, the ecclesial body representing Orthodox Christian Unity in the USA, will be recognized and celebrated each year in conjunction with the Sunday of Orthodoxy.

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Assembly of Bishops Sunday is an opportunity to continue the amazing ongoing Sunday of Orthodoxy celebrations throughout the country, learn about the Assembly's work, and remember that, as an Orthodox Christian Church, we are better together!

Support the Assembly and it's Ministries!



The Growth of Inter-Parish Associations

As we journey through Great Lent, new Inter-Parish Associations (IPAs) have also started their journey!

The **Manhattan IPA Synergy Group** has met twice and will be meeting in-person for the first time in May. The **Northern NJ IPA** was energized at the Sunday of Orthodoxy vespers in worshipping together and will be meeting in April to plan for next steps.

On March 18, an info session was held about the Focus Group part of the IPA process, which is a way to better understand each locale and listen to the community's vision for their IPA. The video will be posted soon, in addition to stories from the **Atlanta Inter-Parish Association** which was one of the pilots.

Follow our social channels to stay up to date!

Interested in starting an IPA?

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Peace of Mind Comes to Chicagoland!

Two Peace of Mind events were held in the Chicagoland area during February and March of 2025. These were hosted at **Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church in Westchester, IL** and at **St. Luke the Evangelist Orthodox Church in Palos Hills, IL**. These were very well received and several participants have commented that they have already put their Mental Health First Aid skills into practice.

"Just two days after our Peace of Mind, I used some of what I learned to de-escalate a potentially volatile interaction. Thank you for making this training possible!"

These trainings were made possible by a very generous grant from the **Hellenic Foundation**. Two more events will be scheduled this year in the Chicago Metro Area under this grant with the hope of training over 100 total participants.

We look forward to coming to a town near you!

Book your Peace of Mind Training Today!

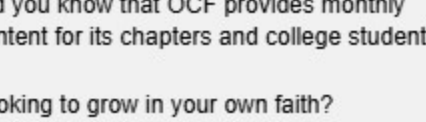
News From Our Agencies



Jordan: IOCC Rehabilitates Playground Infrastructure

Throughout 2024, IOCC successfully supported the enhancement of the educational infrastructure of Greek Orthodox Patriarchate Schools (GOPS) in Jordan. As part of this support, IOCC conducted rehabilitation and maintenance work at eight school locations, aiming to create a safer, healthier, more inclusive educational environment.

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Orthodox Christian Mission Center Expands Global Impact

The Mission Center highlights four decades of ministry – training and sending missionaries, providing strategic grants, equipping Liturgical translators, and empowering mission priests across the globe.

Dear Friends and Supporters of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center:

For 40 years, the Mission Center has been bringing people into the fullness of life in Christ. This past year, your giving, prayer, and service has enabled us to continue this ministry and further establish the Church around the world. Thank you!

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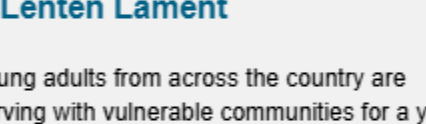


Today is a Great Day: On Baptism in Prison

Beyond the Bars Blog:

Juwann stands at the front of the prison chapel, dressed in the same jumpsuit he has worn for the past ten years as an inmate of the Pennsylvania state corrections system. But this is no ordinary day. Beside him is Rassophore Monk Michael, a monastic of the nearby St. Tikhon's Monastery, and soon to be godfather. Before him are three Orthodox priests in white and gold vestments, for today is the day Juwann will be baptized into Christ. "Let us pray to the Lord," one priest intones, before the other thirty people in attendance, most of them in the same clothes as Juwann, answer, "Lord, have mercy."

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A Lenten Lament

Young adults from across the country are serving with vulnerable communities for a year in Boston and Pittsburgh.

Read a story of one Lenten journey, an encounter with death, and our hope in He who is life.

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What's Your Ministry? | A Journey from Pain to Purpose

How One Man Turned Struggle into Strength Through Faith, Resilience, and Action by "Staying In It" — and Is Now Helping Others Do the Same

OYM was recently blessed to interview Joshua Horner, a personal coach, counselor, and motivational public speaker whose journey from struggle to strength has become a beacon of hope for many. After losing his father to suicide, Joshua faced years of anger and addiction before finding his way back through faith. Now in seminary, he travels to schools, churches, and recovery centers, sharing his powerful message of resilience, purpose, and staying present in the fight. His mantra—*Stay In It*—is more than a phrase; it's a call to action for anyone seeking to overcome hardship and embrace their God-given purpose.

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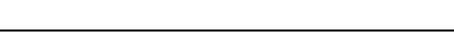
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