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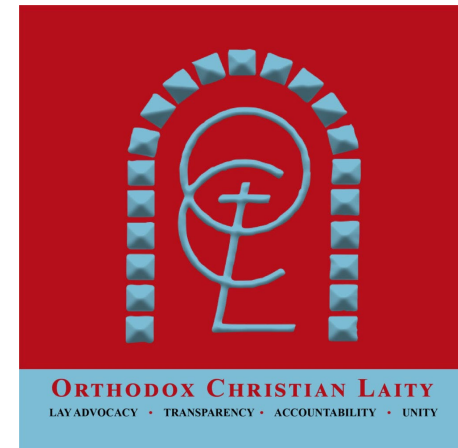


## Orthodox Christian Laity 38th Annual Conference

*“Orthodox Christian Unity  
in Action!”*

October 10-11, 2025

Saints Constantine & Elena  
Orthodox Christian Church  
3237 W 16<sup>th</sup> St, Indianapolis, Indiana



## PROGRAM

### Friday, October 10

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Annual OCL Business Meeting

### Saturday, October 11

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.: Registration and continental breakfast

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.: Invocation. The OCL President welcomes participants, reviews the day's schedule, and introduces the first presenters.

10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.: "Behold How (Mostly) Good It Is: A Surprise Experiment in Jurisdictional Unity" - **Khouria Frederica Mathewes-Green** and **Rev. Fr. Stephen Mathewes**

11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.: Q&A

11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.: - "Inter-Parish Associations: A Futuristic Vision" - **Ms. Spyridoula Fotinis**, Director of Inter-Parish Associations for the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops

12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.: Q&A

12:45 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.: "There is Always Room for Surprise: New Findings about US Orthodox Churches from the EPIC Study" - **Mr. Alexei Krindatch**

1:15 pm to 1:30 p.m.: Q&A

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.: Luncheon

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.: Panel discussion with all presenters and a moderator

3:30 pm: Closing Remarks and Prayer.

**Charles R Ajalat**, Glendale CA

**John Kaloudis**, Salt Lake City UT

**Andrew Kartalis**, Pepper Pike OH

**Sbdn. Stratos Mandalakis**, Harrington Park NJ

**Frederica Mathewes-Green**, Johnson City TN

**Ron Muresan**, Eugene OR

**George Pawlush**, Cheshire CT

**Peter J Petkas**, Houston TX

**Dr Teva Regule**, Brookline MA

**Dr William J Tenet**, Manhasset NY

**Dr Helen Theodoropoulos**, Skokie IL

**Dianne N Thodos**, Ft Lauderdale FL

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**Peter Vezmar**, Elmhurst IL

**Executive Director**

**David Oancea**, Youngstown OH



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## Orthodox Christian Laity Leadership

### OCL Vision & Mission

Advance the renewal of the Orthodox Christian Church in the United States by advocating that the laity remain part of the conciliar governance process, which provides balance to the hierarchy and clergy, all working together in governance, spiritual and other matters to ensure accountability and transparency in the affairs of the Church. OCL is committed to the establishment of an administratively and canonically unified, self-governing Orthodox Church in the United States.

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## PRESENTERS

**Kh.  
Frederica  
Mathewes-  
Green**



**Rev. Fr. Stephen  
Mathewes**



**Ms.  
Spyridoula  
Fotinis**



**Mr. Alexei  
Krindatch**



**Khouria Frederica Mathewes-Green** is an American author and speaker, primarily known for her work on Eastern Orthodox Christianity. She earned a Master of Theological Studies (MTS) degree from Virginia Theological Seminary. She and her family converted to Orthodoxy from the Episcopal Church in 1993. She is married to Rev. Fr. Gregory Mathewes-Green.

**Rev. Fr. Stephen Mathewes** is the Parish Priest of Christ the Savior Greek Orthodox Church in Bluff City, Tennessee, and son of Rev. Fr. Gregory and Kh. Frederica Mathewes-Green. He earned his B.A. in Musicology, and worked as a piano tuner, before enrolling as a seminarian at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology where he completed a Master of Divinity degree.

**Spyridoula Fotinis**, serves as the Director of Inter-Parish Associations for the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the USA. Previously, she worked as the Programs Coordinator for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, focusing on social issues at the United Nations, including homelessness, mental health, human trafficking, and environmental care.

**Alexei Krindatch**, is a sociologist of religion specializing in Orthodox Christianity in the United States. He graduated from Moscow State University, majoring in human and economic geography, and later pursued postgraduate studies at the Institute of Geography of the Russian Academy of Sciences, focusing on the geography of religions. He also completed a program on Religion, Human Rights, and Religious Freedom at Columbia University in New York.

## ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN JURISDICTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

### **Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople – Patriarch Bartholomew I Istanbul, Turkey** (*Autocephaly: 330 AD*)

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America  
American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese of America  
Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA  
Albanian Orthodox Diocese

### **Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East – Patriarch John X Damascus, Syria** (*Autocephaly: 518 AD*)

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

### **Patriarchate of Moscow – Patriarch Kirill**

**Moscow, Russia** (*Autocephaly: 1589 AD*)  
Moscow Patriarchal Parishes in the USA  
Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia

### **Patriarchate of Serbia – Patriarch Porfirije Belgrade, Serbia** (*Autocephaly: 1922 AD*)

Diocese of New Gracanica-Midwestern America  
Diocese of Western America  
Diocese of Eastern America

### **Patriarchate of Romania – Patriarch Daniel Bucharest, Romania** (*Autocephaly: 1925 AD*)

Romanian Orthodox Metropolis of the Americas

### **Patriarchate of Bulgaria – Patriarch Neofit**

**Sofia, Bulgaria** (*Autocephaly: 1945 AD*)  
Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Diocese of the USA, Canada, and Australia

### **Patriarchate of Georgia – Patriarch Ilia II**

**Tbilisi, Georgia** (*Autocephaly: 467-491 AD, 1010 AD*)  
Georgian Apostolic Orthodox Church in North America

### **Orthodox Church in America – Metropolitan Tikhon** (*Autocephaly: 1970 AD*)

Orthodox Church in America

## Prayer for Orthodox Unity in America

O All-Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we,  
your faithful children, beseech you to forgive us the sin  
of divisiveness, which is rooted in our hearts, our  
dioceses, and our land.

Implant in our lives the holy vine of unity, which only  
you can bestow on those who have come together in  
your name.

Enlighten us with your grace so that we may come to  
the knowledge of your truth and move our hearts to  
respond with trust and total obedience to your divine  
will.

Through the intercessions of the God-inspired Holy  
Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council at Nicaea, who  
in harmony decreed that there should be one hierarch  
in each city serving your faithful as a loving father  
over his children, one shepherd over a united flock, we  
also praise your all-holy name.

O Father who is without beginning, O Son who is  
eternal, and O Holy Spirit, the life-creator, illuminate  
the way and guide us all to once again unite your Holy  
Church. Amen.