

Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross

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Sunday, September 11, 2022

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Parish Development Forum “Encore Webinar Series” Emphasizes Ministry Focus

The Parish Development Forum announced the scheduling of a three part webinar series updating popular sessions from the June 2022 online Parish Development Forum. “With its theme *‘The Orthodox Parish as a Vessel of Ministry’* the recent Parish Forum attempted to build awareness and capacity for parish ministry as a critical, *not optional*, *cont p2*

What are CWS and Crop Hunger Walks?

Crop Hunger Walks are community-based walk fundraising events held in cities and towns across the United States, created to support the global mission of Church World Service (CWS), a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster.

The Crop Project began in 1947 when farmers were asked to donate food and seed crops to our hungry neighbors in post-World War II in Europe and Asia. The first Crop Hunger Walk took place in North Dakota and 1969, and in Pennsylvania in 1970. Since then, Crop Hunger Walks have been held in hundreds of communities, large and small, raising millions of dollars to eradicate hunger and poverty.

We are five (5) weeks away from the Medford CROP Hunger Walk on October 16. Please see Diana Bisinger for more details and to sign up to be a Walker or to sponsor a Walker. You may also email Diana at dbisinger1@verizon.net for more information.

Thanks for helping feed the hungry both in our community and throughout the world.

Liturgical and Events Schedule

Sunday, September 11

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour

Monday, September 12

7:00 PM: Women2Women Mtg.
Location: TBD

Tuesday, September 13

7:00 PM: Vespertal Liturgy for the Exaltation of the Cross

Saturday, September 17

No Great Vespers

Sunday, September 18

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour
12:00: Inreach/Outreach meeting

MANY THANKS FROM THE HELPERS ORGANIZATION!

Thanks to your generosity, we donated **\$1,345** in Walmart gift cards to *Helpers of God's Precious Infants/NJ*. This will be a great help to those moms who turned away from abortion for LIFE & approached *Helpers* for material assistance, giving them hope and support. May God bless you all.

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element of parish life and mission”, said Joseph Kormos lay co-chair of the Forum. “While over 12 ministry related sessions were offered in parallel tracks, attendees could not participate in all of them. Since available recordings lack the prospect for interaction, many attendees asked for an opportunity to participate in live “encore” deliveries of various Forum segments. This series will update three segments from the Forum.”

The three webinars, which will be presented live with questions and discussion from attendees, are:

Thursday September 15 - 7:30 PM (EDT)

Sarah Byrne Martelli,
Orthodox chaplain and bereavement counselor
“Being a Ministry of Presence to the Grieving”

Thursday September 22 - 7:30 PM (EDT)

Kenny Kidd
Executive Director of FOCUS North America
“Creating Opportunities to See and
Serve Our Parish Neighbors”

Thursday September 29 - 7:30 PM (EDT)

Father Justin Patterson
Pastor at Saint Athanasius Church, Nicholasville, KY
“Hopes and Hurdles: Three Stories of Challenges in
Growing Parish Ministry”

Archpriest Alexander Cadman, clergy co-chair of the Forum noted, “Returning parishioners and newcomers yearning for expanded, updated and renewed ministries may be one of the most significant opportunities for the Church in recent years. We want to keep the valuable information from this summer’s Forum alive, vibrant and available to many parish leaders. The encore series allows us to do just that.”

Registration Required

Attendees must register for each webinar separately. (No series registration.). Each webinar is available

without charge. More information about each webinar and the links for registration can be found here (<https://www.ocadwpa.org/2022parishdevforumencorewebinarseries>).

Questions and enquiries? Email Mr. Kormos at joeormos1@gmail.com.

Coffee Hour

September 11
September 18
September 25

Open
Mary Stosuy
Trudy Ellmore



We need volunteers to set-up and clean-up. Please see Marie Clifton to sign up. It's super easy!

On September 6, 2022, His **Beatitude Metropolitan Herman** (Swaiko), retired Primate of the Orthodox Church in America, fell asleep in the Lord at the age of 90. He had served as Metropolitan of All America and Canada from 2002 until his retirement in 2008. Historically, in terms of the development of the Orthodox Church in America, he will be memorialized as the second American-born Primate of the OCA. Read about him on oca.org. May Metropolitan Herman’s memory be eternal!

