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July 3 Workshops at the 2024 Clergy-Laity Congress in San Diego



At the 2024 Clergy-Laity Congress, delegates and participants can attend vibrant and engaging workshops. On Wednesday July 3, 2024, these will include sessions focusing on accessible education, Orthodox Christian unity, a proactive lifespan development model for clergy health, and St. Nicholas National Shrine's impact and ministries.

"HCHC Outbound: Nurturing Orthodox Christians through Accessible Education, Publications, and Spiritual Formation," presented by Dr. Bruce Beck, will emphasize the mission of HCHC to contribute to "the formation and education of the person within the life of an Orthodox Christian community" and HCHC's vision "to be the intellectual, educational, and spiritual formation center of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America." Discussion will highlight several recent innovative initiatives that invigorate HCHC's educational outreach to everyone who wants to learn, bringing the good news to places where people live and work.

"Orthodox Christian Unity: Witnessing Christ in the World," hosted by Rev. Fr. Nicholas Anton, Archdeacon Paul Zaharas (IOCC), Rev. Fr. Stephanos Ritsi (OCMC), Rev. Dn. Marek Simon (OCF), Niko Petrogeorge (OCPM), Kyra Limberakis (OVC), and Dr. Chris Krampe (OYM), will focus on how the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America and her Agencies witness Christ's love

through humanitarian outreach and service to the community. Presenters will share their experiences with projects such as Peace of Mind and the Accessibility Ministry as well as the programs of International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC), Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM), Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF), Orthodox Volunteer Corps (OVC), and Orthodox Youth & Youth Adult Ministries (OYM).

“A Proactive Lifespan Development Model for Clergy Health and Well-Being,” presented by Dr. George Koulianos and Dr. George Stavro, will highlight the Clergy Family Initiative’s work to alleviate the unique and significant personal and economic challenges that impact Clergy and their families, including discussion on the initiative’s research findings and new opportunities to assist our Clergy and their families.

“Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine’s Impact and Ministries,” hosted by Rev. Fr. Andreas Vithoulkas, Archon Andrew Veniopoulos, and Dimitrios Katsiklis, will highlight how the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center has become a global beacon of faith and hope, welcoming more over than 165,000 visitors. Discussion will focus on the church and shrine’s promotion of Greek Orthodox Heritage in America and interfaith engagement, as well as the development of a Bereavement Center to provide solace and support to those affected by the events of 9/11 and other tragedies, reinforcing its commitment to spiritual guidance and community healing.

More information and full workshop schedule here.

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