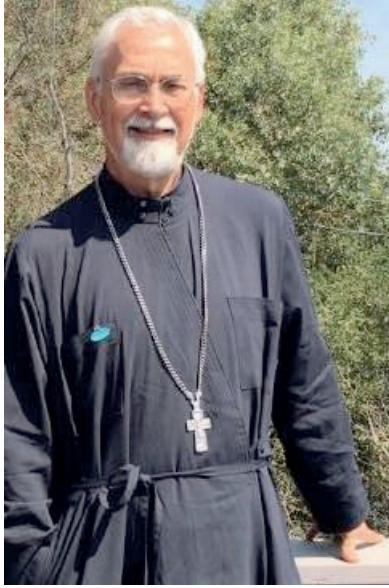


Missions and Evangelism



The Department of Missions and Evangelism exists to equip and strengthen existing parishes with resources and training for clergy and laity, as well as assist in the establishment of new mission parishes. We offer the following as a means of regular communication with church leaders, the laity, and the general public:

- www.missionsandevangelism.com (*featured resources*)
- Retreats – A list of retreats offered by personnel of the Department.
- A Guide for effectively Onboarding Visitors
- Spirit of Welcoming Report Prepared by Adam Lindahl – ways to assess our effectiveness in welcoming visitors.
- A book study for those interested in Evangelism.
- Family Night to help parents teach their children how to live as Orthodox Christians.
- Understanding Millennials (Becoming Truly Human)
- Cooperation with the Fellowship of St. Moses the Black
- “Becoming a Preacher” homiletics video training
- St. Nikolai of Zica Cross Reference to Homilies (2 vol.)

- The 153 Podcast on Ancient Faith
- Monthly article in the Word Magazine “From These Stones”
- Antiochian Missions and Evangelism Facebook Page

Thanks to the leadership of our Auxiliary Bishops, our local Deans, Diocesan Missions Coordinators, parish priests, and visionary lay evangelists, we continue to grow as an Archdiocese:

1. We have a potential new mission in Union, ME with an assigned pastor, Fr. Justin Slaughter-Doty – the first established presence of the Antiochian Archdiocese in Maine.
2. We have a new mission in San Bernadino, CA – St. Elias Mission with an assigned pastor, Fr. Ibrahim Ibrahim.
3. We have a new mission in Moses Lake, WA – St. Paisios of Mt. Athos. St. Elijah Church in Ellensburg, WA is the sponsoring parish.
4. We have a potential new mission in Saint Peters, MO with Fr. James Mackoul, who has started several missions in the Midwest Diocese, serving as the Priest-in-Charge.
5. A new mission in Concord, NC (near Charlotte) – Christ the Good Shepherd Mission, with an assigned pastor, Fr. Thomas Fernandez.
6. A new mission in Bismarck, ND – St. Basil the Great Mission, with an assigned pastor, Fr. Athanasius (Khalid) Oweis.
7. A new mission on the eastern shore of Maryland - St. Thekla Mission in the Easton area – with an assigned pastor, Fr. John Monto. Holy Cross Church in Linthicum, MD is the sponsoring parish.
8. A new mission in the Greater Orlando area – St. Barbara Mission, started by Fr. Elia Shalhoub who has started several missions in the State of Florida.
9. We are working on a potential mission in Elizabethtown, KY with St. Michael Church in Louisville, KY as the sponsoring parish.
10. We are also hoping to establish a potential new mission out of St. Philip Church in Souderton, PA.

The Department of Missions and Evangelism is composed of the V. Rev. John D. Finley, Chairman (full-time), the V. Rev. Joseph Huneycutt (part-time), Vice-Chairman, and the Rev. Adam Roberts, Content Creator (volunteer). In addition to this core team of clergy, the Department now includes the diocesan Missions Coordinators as part of a larger team working with us to bring the work of missions and evangelism down to the local level.