

St. Emmelia Ministries Orthodox Christian Homeschooling

Ministry of the Department of Homeschooling
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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Archdiocese Convention Report

Our Mission is to Inspire, Equip, Unite and Encourage Homeschooling Families throughout Orthodox North America

Saint Emmelia Ministries started off as a grassroots homeschool conference. Since the first conference 14 years ago, we have grown into an Archdiocese department with many programs and resources that fulfill our mission to **inspire, equip, unite, and encourage** homeschool families. For example, our St. Macrina Lecture Series **inspires** families by offering workshops on a variety of topics, such as Lent as a Family and Starting a Homeschool Co-Op. We **equip** families by offering resources like lesson plans and curriculum reviews, or most recently, awarding scholarships to homeschool families (co-op grant, need scholarship, clergy family scholarship, and merit scholarship for high school students). We **unite** families through our conferences across 5 regions and various online forums. Families receive **encouragement** through our resources, through our board of spiritual advisors, which is made up of local priests, and through our monthly online programs for moms, dads, and teens.

We are in a crucial moment for homeschooling. The COVID-19 pandemic, the emergence of Critical Race Theory in curriculum, and the culture wars over gender and sexuality have all contributed to an explosion in homeschooling. All homeschooling families need greater support, but Orthodox homeschooling families in particular lack resources as vital as curriculum. Over the next two years, God willing, we plan to broaden our reach with more conferences in new regions, new initiatives like our honors and internship programs for high school students, alumni association for recent graduates, and expanding our new scholarship opportunities. Eventually, we hope to be able to develop a comprehensive curriculum that offers families a classical education through an Orthodox lens. We are looking into ultimately incorporating as a non-profit to achieve these goals, but in the meantime, budget and time inhibit our efforts. With more funding, we could hire more staff, allowing us to expand further our programs and resources. Homeschooling is surely going to continue growing, especially among Orthodox Christians. We are grateful for your prayers and assistance in supporting these families. Visit our website: <https://saintemmelia.com>

Humbly and respectfully submitted by

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SAINT EMMELIA MINISTRIES AT A GLANCE

61

podcast episodes, including interviews, homilies, and book reviews with about

300

downloads per month

Conferences in **5**

regions: EAST (PA), NORTH (Toronto), SOUTH (TX), and the MIDWEST (IN), with attendees as many as

230



492

attendees across

5

St. Macrina Lecture Series workshops on topics like: "Chastity & Technology" and "Homeschooling & Mental Health"

27

Scholarship applications received for our 4 different scholarships.



36

entries in our directory of co-ops, hybrids, and resource contacts.



7

countries represented at our online programs, including Australia, Italy, and Romania

9

Spiritual Advisors from different diocese across the US



937

members in our Facebook group



1,100

subscribers to our email list.

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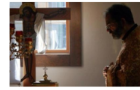
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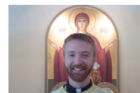
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OTTAWA, CANADA & UPSTATE NY



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TOLEDO & THE MIDWEST



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WESTERN RITE



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[Directory of Orthodox Christian Homeschool Co-Ops](#)

