



# 2026 OPL MONTHLY WEBINAR SERIES

## Expanding the Living Parish

Discerning, Leading, and Embracing



### 2026 WEBINARS

MONDAYS AT 5:00 PM (PDT)

#### JUNE 15, 2026

Elements of a Thriving Parish & Empowering Parish Ministries

#### JULY 20, 2026

Building a Christ-Centered, High-Trust Team

#### AUGUST 17, 2026

Beyond Stewardship: Fundraising for Special Parish Initiatives and Capital Campaigns

#### SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

Conflict: Using The Right Approach and Strategy for Success

#### OCTOBER 19, 2026

Seek, Prepare & Receive  
To Seek: Welcoming & Engaging Seekers

#### NOVEMBER 16, 2026

To Prepare: Healthy Catechism for Newcomers

#### DECEMBER 14, 2026

To Receive: Building the Orthodox Mindset & Adult Religious Education

### MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026

5:00 PM PDT | 8:00 PM EDT

#### PARISH COUNCIL LEADERSHIP: WHAT MAKES A PARISH COUNCIL HEALTHY, FAITHFUL, AND EFFECTIVE?

In this practical session, Fr. Mark Leondis and Girard Mitchell will explore what parish council leadership is truly meant to be: not politics, not control, and not simply filling positions, but stewardship, service, and shared responsibility for the mission of the Church. This session will offer clear Orthodox principles, governance insight, and practical best practices for building a strong parish council culture. Topics will include mission clarity, nominations, accountability, ministry involvement, meeting culture, the priest-council relationship, and common pitfalls councils should avoid. Whether you are clergy, a current parish council member, or discerning future leadership, this session will challenge and equip you to help build a parish council that truly serves the mission of Christ and His Church.

### OUR PRESENTERS



#### GIRARD MITCHELL

Parish Council Leader at Saint Mark Greek Orthodox Church in Boca Raton, FL



#### FR. MARK LEONDIS

Protopresbyter of the Ecumenical Throne and Proistamenos of Saint Mark GOC in Boca Raton, FL



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