



2026 OPL MONTHLY WEBINAR SERIES

Expanding the Living Parish

Discerning, Leading, and Embracing



MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026

5:00 PM PDT | 8:00 PM EDT

SEEKER SERIES | SESSION 1 – TO SUPPORT: "WELCOMING & ENGAGING"

Across parishes throughout the country, we are witnessing a remarkable movement as more people than ever seek the depth, truth, beauty, and spiritual grounding found within Orthodoxy. Many are arriving with sincere questions, curiosity, and a desire for an authentic Christian community.

As this opportunity continues to grow, so does our responsibility to welcome others with warmth, clarity, and intentionality. A visitor's first interaction with a parish, whether online, in conversation, or at their first Divine Liturgy, can have a lasting impact on their spiritual journey.

This webinar will explore practical ways parishes can effectively prepare for and receive seekers, helping them feel informed, comfortable, and genuinely embraced from their very first encounter with the Church. Together, we will discuss how to create a welcoming culture that not only invites people through the doors but also guides them toward deeper connection, understanding, and life in Christ.



OUR PRESENTERS



FR. BARNABAS POWELL

Proistamenos, Saints
Raphael, Nicholas, and
Irene GOC in Cumming, GA



GEORGE EKIZIAN

Welcome Ministry
Lead, Metropolis of
San Francisco OPL Team

REMAINING 2026 WEBINAR(S) MONDAYS AT 5:00 PM (PDT)

NOVEMBER 16, 2026

Seeker Series I Session 2 – To Prepare: Healthy
Catechism for Newcomers

DECEMBER 14, 2026

Seeker Series I Session 3 – To Embrace: Building
the Orthodox Mindset & Adult Religious Education
for the Newly Illumined.

QUESTIONS?



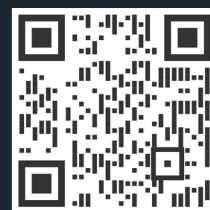
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