



2026 OPL MONTHLY WEBINAR SERIES

Expanding the Living Parish

Discerning, Leading, and Embracing



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2026

5:00 PM PDT | 8:00 PM EDT

SEEKER SERIES | SESSION 2 – TO PREPARE: HEALTHY CATECHISM FOR NEWCOMERS

This webinar is hosted by the Metropolis of Boston Thriving Congregations Initiative (TCI) and responds to a growing reality across Orthodox parishes in the United States: increasing numbers of inquirers and converts, many of whom arrive after self-directed online learning. The session will explore how parishes can offer catechism that is not only a transfer of information but an opening of Orthodox spiritual practice. With limited clergy and a shortage of trained catechists, the webinar will highlight sustainable models that involve lay leaders, peer support, and integration into the liturgical and communal life of the parish. Emphasis will be placed on moving newcomers from knowledge to participation, helping them develop relationships, spiritual practices, and a lived experience of Orthodoxy. Drawing from TCI parish examples, this session will equip communities to form newcomers in a way that is scalable, relational, and deeply rooted in the life of the Church.



OUR PRESENTERS



REV. GEORGE PARSENIOS

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DR. DON KHOURI

Executive coach and leadership consultant who serves the Metropolis of Boston's Thriving Congregations Initiative.

REMAINING 2026 WEBINAR(S)

MONDAYS AT 5:00 PM (PDT)

DECEMBER 14, 2026

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

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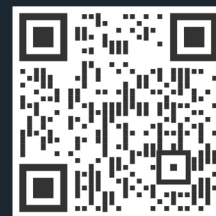
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