



North Texas Orthodox Missions

The Orthodox Church is evangelical, but not Protestant. It is orthodox, but not Jewish. It is catholic, but not Roman. It's not non-denominational - it's pre-denominational. It has believed, taught, preserved, defended and died for the Faith of the Apostles for 2000 years.

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES 2017

The Church as Family: Brothers and Sisters in Christ



NTOM invites you to join us for our annual event this January 27 and 28, hosted at two locations in the Metroplex. Our guest speakers will be Archimandrite Gerasim (Eliel), Dean of St. Seraphim Cathedral in Dallas and former abbot of St. Herman Monastery in Platina, CA; and Fr. Anthony Karbo, who has served at the parish of Sts. Constantine and Helen in Colorado Springs since 1995.



St. Barbara Orthodox Church

5201 Altamesa Blvd, Fort Worth, TX 76133
www.saintbarbarafw.org (817) 294-0325

Friday, January 27

Vespers at **5:00 pm**

Light supper at **6:00 pm**

Program **7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

St. Sarkis Armenian Church

1805 Random Road, Carrollton, TX 75006
www.stsarkis.org (201) 218-5045

Saturday, January 28

Registration and coffee at **8:30 am**

Program **9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

Lunch to follow

Both days will include the following two sessions.

Archimandrite Gerasim: *Members one of another--“We, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another” (Romans 12:5)*

Our greatest asset in our pastoral and evangelical work is the Church to which we belong: the Church of Christ, which is the Body of Christ. Being members of the One Body of Christ makes us members one of another. As we “put on Christ” in Baptism, we become members one of another. We will provide some sketches of what the Church is in order to challenge ourselves to present our faith to our friends, neighbors, and the larger community that surrounds our parishes. The welcoming church family should also include those with a disabled child (lifelong caregiver), those with chronic and acute (sometimes fatal) illnesses, those who do not feel welcome in the Church (includes cradle Orthodox and converts), and those who feel alienated in other ways. We will examine both failures and successes in the mission of the Church in the 21st century in the task of welcoming our brothers and sisters in Christ into our midst.

V. Rev. Anthony Karbo: *“But whosoever will be great...” (Matthew 20:26): Attributes of a “great” parish family!*

We shall look to Christ as the model in both word and deed of “greatness”, and how such “greatness” is understood in the writings of the Saints, both old and new. Then we shall apply this understanding to our relationships with one another as Brother and Sister in the parish family, as well our witness to the world around us. Specifically, I will strive to reference both word and deed of Christ as the model of greatness and apply His attributes to the parish family.

The event is free and open to the public! For more information, please visit www.ntom.org.

Families are welcome! Please be prepared to care for your children. Child care is not available.