



# Orthodox Christianity

The 2012 Missions and Evangelism Conference

Friday through Sunday, January 20–22, 2012

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*In Loving Memory of His Eminence Archbishop Dmitri*

*Orthodox Church in America*

**May his memory be eternal!**

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Master of Ceremonies, Howard Lange



**Friday, January 20**

**St. Barbara's Orthodox Church, O.C.A.**

- 6:30pm Doors Open and Registration  
7:00pm Welcome and Conference Overview  
7:05pm SESSION 1  
Dedication to Archbishop Dmitri  
*The Gospel of the Kingdom: Our Message to Ourselves and to the World*  
Fr. Peter Gillquist  
8:00pm Break  
8:15pm SESSION 2  
*How to Wake Up a Sleeping Parish*  
Fr. Evan Armatas  
9:15pm Q&A



**Saturday, January 21**

**Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church**

- 8:00am Orthros  
8:30am Registration  
9:00am SESSION 3  
*Evangelism in the Historic Church: the Foundations of an Evangelical Parish*  
Fr. Joseph Huneycutt  
10:30am Break

11:00am SESSION 4

*Answering Tough Questions about Orthodoxy*

Fr. Evan Armatas

12:30pm Lunch

1:30pm SESSION 5

Dedication to Archbishop Dmitri

*Preparing Your Defense: the Reason for Our Hope*

Fr. Peter Gillquist

3:00pm Break

3:30pm SESSION 6

*There Is No Protestant Way to Spread Orthodoxy*

Fr. Joseph Huneycutt

4:30pm Great Vespers

5:30pm Dinner

7:00pm SESSION 7

*Evangelism Seminar: Only Christians Go to Heaven?*

Fr. Joseph Huneycutt

8:30pm Fellowship with refreshments



**Sunday, January 22**

**St. Seraphim Orthodox Cathedral, OCA**

Fr. Peter Gillquist

**Sts. Constantine & Helen Antiochian Orthodox Church**

Fr. Joseph Huneycutt

Speaker receptions following the Divine Liturgy

## CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



### Fr. Peter Gillquist

Fr. Peter graduated from the University of Minnesota with a BA in Journalism and did graduate studies at Dallas Theological Seminary and Wheaton College Graduate School. He was Big Ten Regional Director of Campus Crusade for Christ, Senior Editor of Thomas Nelson Publishers, and Director of Development for the University of Memphis. As their president, Fr. Peter led the Evangelical Orthodox Church into the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America in 1987. His book *Becoming Ortho-*

*dox* describes their journey.

Since then Fr. Peter has served as an archpriest in the Antiochian Archdiocese, chairing the Department of Missions and Evangelism from the founding of the Department until his retirement in 2011.

Fr. Peter has written several books including: *Love is Now*, *The Physical Side of Being Spiritual*, *Designed for Holiness*, and *Metropolitan Philip: His Life and His Dreams*. He was a project director, development director, and editor for the Orthodox Study Bible.

Fr. Peter and his wife Marilyn have been married since 1960. They have 6 children and 20 grandchildren.



### Fr. Evan Armatas

Fr. Evan is the priest of Saint Spyridon Greek Orthodox mission in Loveland, Colorado. Father Evan received his Bachelor's degree in Philosophy from Boston College with an emphasis in business management in 1991. He earned his Master of Divinity from Holy Cross in 2002 and served as an assistant priest for five years at Saint Catherine's in Greenwood Village., Colorado. In August 2007, Fr. Evan became St. Spyridon's first full time priest.

Fr. Evan founded the St. Nektarios Education Fund, a non-profit student education program ([www.stnektariosfund.org](http://www.stnektariosfund.org)). Under his management, the Fund has established three Orthodox schools in Africa, provided over 430

student scholarships, and has delivered over \$330,000 in student aid through its network partners International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) and OCMC.

Fr. Evan is the Director of Camp Emmanuel the summer youth camping program for the Metropolis of Denver. He also serves as the Vice President for the Metropolis Clergy Council.

You can hear Fr. Evan at [www.stspyridons.org](http://www.stspyridons.org), where you will find various podcasts on the Orthodox Church.

Fr. Evan and his wife Presbytera Anastasia are the happy parents of three daughters—Alexia, Eleni, and Maria—and son Spyridon. They live in Fort Collins, Colorado.



### Fr. Joseph Huneycutt

Fr. Joseph received a BS in Communication Arts from Appalachian State University (1982), a Master of Divinity from Nashotah House Episcopal Seminary in Wisconsin (1992), and a Doctor of Ministry in the Eastern Christian Context from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in conjunction with the Antiochian House of Studies (1999). He was reared a Southern Baptist in North Carolina, and after more than ten years as an Episcopalian, Fr. Joseph converted to Orthodoxy in 1993.

Fr. Joseph authored the best-selling book on American converts and their pastoral struggles, *One Flew over the Onion Dome—American Orthodox Converts, Retreats, & Reverts*. His second

book, *Defeating Sin—Overcoming Our Passions and Changing Forever*, deals with the Orthodox understanding of sin and repentance. Regina Orthodox Press publishes both. Conciliar Press has recently released Fr. Joseph's latest book, *We Came, We Saw, We Converted – The Lighter Side of Orthodoxy in America*. In addition to developing and leading Orthodox retreats and conferences, Fr. Joseph spent ten years planting Orthodox Missions in the Southeast.

Fr. Joseph hosts the award winning "Orthodixie" blog and, on Ancient Faith Radio, he records the popular weekly "Orthodixie" podcast. He is the President of the Orthodox Clergy Association of Southeast Texas, the Antiochian Archdiocesan Coordinator of the St Philip's Prayer Discipline, and Pastor of St. Joseph Antiochian Orthodox Church, Houston, Texas. He and his wife Elizabeth have three children: Mary Catherine, Basil, and Helen.

## CONFERENCE DEDICATION

In loving memory of His Eminence  
The Most Reverend DMITRI  
Archbishop of Dallas and the South  
Orthodox Church in America  
Memory Eternal!  
(1923-2011)



The history of the Orthodox Church in this country will assuredly honor the name of Archbishop Dmitri (Royster) as a luminary of the Faith. A man of great vision and multiple talents, His Eminence utilized his gifts for the glory of God, bringing many to "the knowledge of the truth."

The Archbishop was born into a Baptist family in the town of Teague, Texas. He often credited his mother for providing him and his sister with a strong, initial faith in Christ. The two were received into the Orthodox Church in 1941 at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Dallas. As it

turned out, a specific emphasis on the person and work of Jesus Christ became the hallmark of the future hierarch's ministry, profoundly influencing his preaching and writing.

Ordained in 1954, consecrated to the episcopacy in 1969, his remarkable ministry spanned fifty-seven years; forty-two as a bishop. During this time, he chaired various Departments of the Orthodox Church in America. In 1978, he founded a fourteen state diocese built upon principles of evangelism. He translated Orthodox Christian services from Church Slavonic to English and from English to Spanish, mindful of the need for people to hear the Gospel and Church prayers in their own language. In this same spirit the Archbishop founded an English speaking Orthodox mission in Dallas (1954), the now Cathedral of St. Seraphim of Sarov. He helped establish the first diocesan newspaper of the Orthodox Church in America, *The Dawn*, a valuable tool for education and communication in the fledgling Diocese of the South. His Eminence traveled extensively, often by car, visiting and founding Church communities across the one million square miles entrusted to his care.

Amazingly, the Archbishop found time to write books and articles dedicated to the "one thing needful." His publications include, *Introduction to Orthodox Christian Teaching*, and *A Layman's Handbook on the Doctrine of Christ*, as well as multiple scriptural commentaries including *The Sermon on the Mount*, *The Parables of Christ*, *The Miracles of Christ*, St. Paul's Epistles to the *Romans* and *Hebrews*, *The Epistle of St. James*, and the *Gospel of John*.

The dignity that His Eminence brought to his episcopacy was well known. People commented on his bearing, the way he carried himself as a bishop of the Orthodox Church. Some found it surprising that such an august figure possessed great love and respect for others and that he humbly presented himself as one of the people.

Those who knew him will honor the Archbishop for all of the above. His tireless efforts in bringing many to the fullness of the Gospel will serve as an inspiration for generations of Orthodox Christians. In the DFW Metroplex he will be remembered also as a great advocate of grass roots Orthodox inter-jurisdictional cooperation.

Most of all His Eminence will be remembered for his simple friendship, his desire to be amongst the people. He was as comfortable at small gatherings around the dinner table, as he was at preaching or serving a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. The twinkle in his eye was disarming, putting at ease any person apprehensive about meeting an Archbishop of the Orthodox Church. Both adults and children revered him as a father in Christ. Thus, it is fitting and our great privilege to dedicate this Conference on Mission and Evangelism to our beloved Archbishop Dmitri, visionary and evangelist.



**May his memory be eternal!**

## NORTH TEXAS ORTHODOX PARISHES

Falling Asleep of the Ever-Virgin Mary Romanian Orthodox Church  
3801 Glade Rd., Colleyville, TX 76043, 817-858-0801  
<http://www.roea.org/>

Holy Apostles Antiochian Orthodox Chapel  
602 Lynch Dr., Bullard, TX (13906 CR 194, Tyler, TX 75703), 903-581-5511  
<http://www.holyapostlestyler.org/>

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church  
3804 Old Seymour Rd., Wichita Falls, TX 76309, 940-692-0860  
<http://www.holycross.tx.goarch.org/>

Holy Three Hierarchs Serbian Orthodox Church  
1810 S. Story Rd., Irving, TX, 75060, 214-441-9267

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church  
13555 Hillcrest Rd., Dallas, TX 75240, 972-991-1166  
<http://www.holytrinity.info>

Our Lady of Walsingham Antiochian Orthodox Church  
933 Cascade, Mesquite, TX 75149, 972-216-9625  
[www.ourladyofwalsingham.org](http://www.ourladyofwalsingham.org)

St. Barbara's Orthodox Church, O.C.A.  
5201 Altamesa Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76133, 817-294-0325  
<http://www.saintbarbarafw.org/>

St. Benedict Antiochian Orthodox Church  
3808 Old Seymour Rd., Wichita Falls, TX 76309, 940-692-3392  
<http://www.st-benedict.org/>

Saints Constantine and Helen Antiochian Orthodox Church  
3755 Walnut Hill Rd., Dallas, TX 75229, 214-350-2104  
<http://www.sch-dfw.com/>

St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church  
2020 NW 21st St., Fort Worth, TX 76106, 817-626-5578  
<http://www.stdemetrios.net>

St. John of Damascus Orthodox Mission, O.C.A.  
11224 CR 1113 (Lake Placid Rd.), Tyler, TX 75709, 903-714-2010  
<http://www.stjohntyler.org>

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church  
303 Cullum Dr., Euless, TX 76040, 817-283-2291  
<http://www.stjohn.tx.goarch.org>

St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Church, O.C.A.  
2026 W. Oak St., Denton, TX 76201, 940-565-6753  
<http://www.stmaximus.org>

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church  
617 N. 17th St., Waco, TX 76707, 254-754-6519  
<http://www.goarch.org/>

St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church  
708 S Chestnut, McKinney, TX 75069-6503, 972 529-2754  
<http://www.orthodox.net>

St. Paul the Apostle Orthodox Church, O.C.A.  
181 Preston Rd., Denison, TX 75020, 903-327-8188 or 469-688-7644  
<http://www.stpauldenison.org>

St. Peter Antiochian Orthodox Church  
7601 Bellaire Dr. S., Fort Worth, TX 76132, 817-263-5554  
<http://www.antiochian.org/node/16308>

St. Sava Orthodox Church, O.C.A.  
1501 S. Jupiter Rd., Allen 75002-4139, 972-612-3881  
[www.stsavaallen.com](http://www.stsavaallen.com)

St. Seraphim Orthodox Cathedral, O.C.A.  
4208 Wycliff Ave., Dallas, TX 75219, 214-528-3741  
<http://www.stseraphim.org>

Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Monastery  
17671 County Road 4057, Kemp, TX 75143-5711, 903-498-4474  
[www.nativityofourlordmonastery.com](http://www.nativityofourlordmonastery.com)

## SUGGESTED READING

## NOTES

### **Archbishop Dmitri Royster**

*The Doctrine of Christ: A Layman's Guide*, Diocesan Publications.

*St Paul's Epistle to the Romans: A Pastoral Commentary*. SVS Press.

*The Epistle of St. James: A Commentary*. SVS Press.

*The Epistle to the Hebrews: A Commentary*. SVS Press.

*The Kingdom of God: The Sermon on the Mount*. SVS Press.

*The Miracles of Christ*. SVS Press.

*The Parables: Biblical, Patristic and Liturgical Interpretation*. SVS Press.

### **Fr. Peter Gillquist**

*Becoming Orthodox: A Journey to the Ancient Christian Faith*. Conciliar Press.

*Metropolitan Philip: His Life and Dreams—The Authorized Biography of His Eminence, Metropolitan Philip Saliba*. Thomas Nelson.

### **Fr. Joseph Huneycutt**

*One Flew Over the Onion Dome: American Orthodox Converts, Retreads & Reverts*. Regina Orthodox Press.

*Defeating Sin: Overcoming Our Passions and Changing Forever*. Regina Orthodox Press.

*We Came, We Saw, We Converted: the Lighter Side of Orthodoxy in America*. Conciliar Press.

### **Fr. Luke Veronis**

(former OCMC Missionary in Albania)

*Go Forth: Stories of Missions and Resurrection in Albania*. Conciliar Press.

### **Fr. Michael Keiser**

(New Head of the Department of Missions & Evangelism, AOC)

*Spread the Word.: Reclaiming the Apostolic Tradition of Evangelism*. Conciliar Press.

## NTOM NEWS!

### 2012 Pan-Orthodox Vespers Schedule

6:00 p.m., Sundays

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| March 4  | Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Dallas         |
| March 11 | St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church, Colleyville   |
| March 18 | Sts. Constantine & Helen A.O.C., Dallas            |
| March 25 | St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church, Euless |
| April 1  | St. Seraphim's Cathedral, O.C.A., Dallas           |

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For books and icons, browse the parish bookstores during breaks and lunch.

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Relive the Conference by downloading each presentation from Ancient Faith Radio ([www.ancientfaith.com](http://www.ancientfaith.com)).

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Visit [www.NTOM.org](http://www.NTOM.org) for up-coming programs in north Texas.

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Would you like to join NTOM and help spread the Orthodox Faith in north Texas? To join the NTOM Committee, contact John Salas, Dcn. Peter Winson, or Presvytera Alexandra for more details. The next NTOM planning meeting for the 2013 conference is May 8, 2012.

**Join us!**