

# THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNET MINISTRIES

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*"The web site is an essential tool for the accomplishment of the work set before us by the Lord in His Great Commission to go forth into the world and preach the Gospel. May we use this vital medium to assert ourselves in an appropriate, authentic and Orthodox way, offering on many different levels the transmission of the life of communion that exists in God."*

**His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America**



"The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese web site is THE source for Orthodox Christians worldwide. NEVER has the Eastern Orthodox religion been so organized online."

**Renee Kyriazis**

"It was a great pleasure to log on to your web-site this morning. My daughter Meg was diagnosed with Leukemia this past week and we have been hospital bound. I can't explain the joy we felt to be able to listen to the Divine Liturgy live!!"

**Andrea and Meg**

"Just a note to tell you how absolutely wonderful the goarch site is, and it is marvellous to see the current technologies used to support the Orthodox Church. Please keep up the good work."

**Dr. Glen Hammack**

"This is a jewel of a web site for the glory of God and His Church."

**Alfred Green, Jr.**

"I am so impressed with your home page that I have made it a regular, weekly meeting in my house to show the quality and content of your magnificent home page and its hyperlinks. It is amazing to see people's faces when I visit one site after another, one article after another. They just can't believe their eyes."

**C. Theo**

"I have just begun my journey as an Orthodox Christian and am so excited by this site. I have so many questions and have found this site an invaluable source of information."

**Panagiota Kyrifidis**

"...this site really hits a home run with me. It has become a companion in my day to day internet life and has strengthened my spiritual life. The web site editing and graphics exude that this web site is alive with the passion of a Christian's love for their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Here you can actually see how the church touches the lives of so many people. I could go on and on, but all I have to say is that you have to visit it yourself to believe it."

**Nun Nitsio**

"I wanted to congratulate you on the design, implementation, and ease of use of this web site. Your team has done one of the best jobs I've ever seen of providing rich content to a diverse audience. (I do web design strategy, and have brought up several large web sites)."

**Carol Smith**

"It is absolutely excellent and there is nothing equal to it on the Internet."

**Annette Newman**

"I am listening to your webcast of matins and liturgy this morning. we are suffering through a snow/ice storm this morning and services at my parish were cancelled. Thank you for this great evangelistic service."

**Don Truitt**

"The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese web site is truly a wonderful presence on the web. it is clear that the Greek Orthodox contribution to the world wide web is something which people from diverse faiths and cultures have appreciated."

**Reverend Fr. Stanley Harakas**

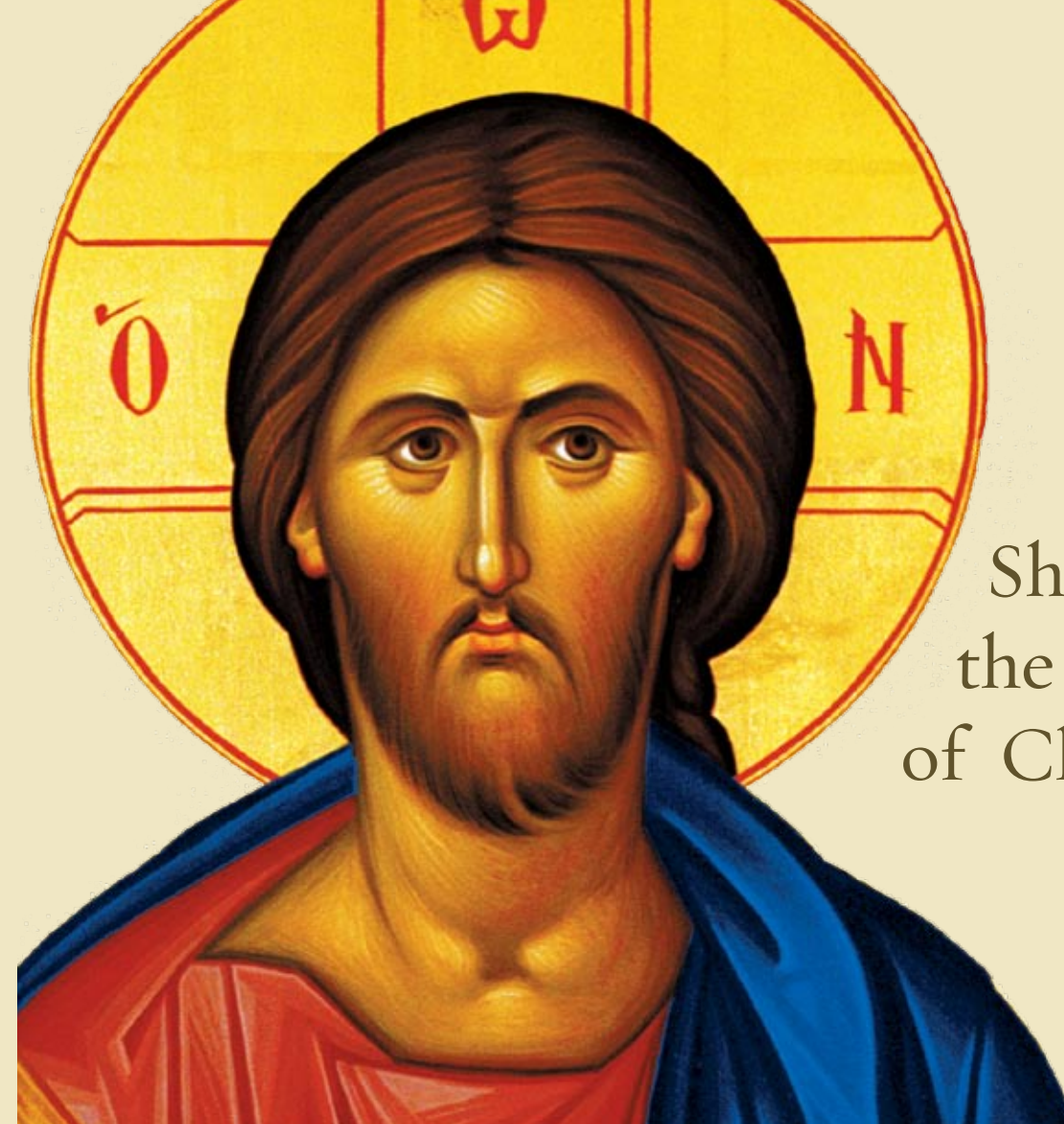


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Since 1994, the award-winning Department of Internet Ministries has pioneered the use of the Internet, multimedia, and technology to share the truth of the Gospel and the love of Christ throughout the world. Through the generous vision and support of Leadership 100, Internet Ministries empowers parishes, organizations, institutions and all levels of the Church by employing current and emerging technologies for the Orthodox Church.

Let us help you harness the power of technology for your Orthodox Christian ministry with our products and services.

## Highlights of the Archdiocesan Web Site

**Online Chapel** expresses the rich liturgical tradition of the Orthodox Church by offering daily Scripture readings, the lives of the saints, a liturgical calendar, a Paschal calculator for determining the date of Easter, prayers, live broadcasts, a weekly audio meditation, a "Learn to Chant" section, and much more.

**Our Faith**, where you will find dozens of articles covering a variety of topics such as biblical studies, apologetics, spirituality, theology, and worship.

**Online Parish Directory** lets you find any parish in the United States. This directory features searching by zip code, an online map of a parish's location, and even door to door driving directions.

**Ministry Resources** gives you access to sermons, clip art, icons, and resources in youth ministry, religious education, stewardship, and outreach and evangelism.

**Streaming Media**, provides over 60 full-length GOTelecom educational videos on the Orthodox Christian faith, live Internet webcasts of Church services, virtual reality tours of churches, conference materials, distance learning and e-learning classes, and online radio programs.

Other features such as an informative and visually stunning home page, an intuitive user interface and Google powered search engine, message boards, multimedia including audio and video features, articles about the Orthodox faith and life, and more!



## International Awards and Honors for Outstanding Work

The Internet Ministries Department has been recognized with numerous awards and honors that acknowledge the quality and effectiveness of the Department's work. In 2003, Internet Ministries received the prestigious, Webby People's Voice Award for its work on the Archdiocesan web site, [www.goarch.org](http://www.goarch.org), which was recognized as the best "Spirituality" web site on the Internet at the 7th Annual Webby Awards. The Webby Awards are the leading international honor for web sites. Hailed as "the online Oscars" by Time Magazine and presented by The International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences, the awards recognize the best web sites on the Internet in 30 different categories.

## The Future of GOARCH.org

Internet Ministries is working to revolutionize the way you interact with the [goarch.org](http://goarch.org) web site. Soon, you will be able to use [goarch.org](http://goarch.org) as the central hub to access all our services. Whether you're a priest, a church administrator, or a parishioner, [goarch.org](http://goarch.org) will soon be tailored to meet your needs. Watch for major improvements in the months to come!



## Orthodox Technology Commission

In May 2005, the Department of Internet Ministries helped found the Orthodox Information Technology Commission (OITC) under SCOBA. The OITC's charge is to facilitate the collaboration of and communication between the Technology departments of the Orthodox jurisdictions within SCOBA. To this end, the Department of Internet Ministries has been a vital part of the work of this group since its inception. The OITC has been a part of the creation of [OrthodoxJobs.com](http://OrthodoxJobs.com), and has worked to create the official inter-orthodox SCOBA parish directory on the [scoba.us](http://scoba.us) website.

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## THE ARCHDIOCESAN WEB SITE [[www.goarch.org](http://www.goarch.org)]



### Learn More About Your Orthodox Faith

The web site of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America ([www.goarch.org](http://www.goarch.org)) serves as an essential ministry to the Orthodox faithful and a vital evangelistic medium for spreading the Good News of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Archdiocesan web site reflects and continues Internet Ministry's mission and tradition of using technology, the Internet, and multimedia to proclaim the Gospel to the whole world.

### An Authoritative International Resource

The Archdiocese web site is one of the most active and frequently visited Orthodox Christian web sites on the Internet. It is used as the authoritative resource on Orthodox Christianity by the United States Government, the Vatican, international agencies, scholars, students, clergy, laity, inquirers, converts and just about anyone. The Archdiocesan web site has been made possible by Leadership 100.

## ORTHODOX MINISTRY SUITE

A set of powerful tools to revolutionize your parish ministry.

### Bulletin Builder [[www.bulletinbuilder.org](http://www.bulletinbuilder.org)]

*Prepare your Sunday bulletin in 20 minutes!*

Simply assemble the programmed content, and Bulletin Builder automatically publishes your bulletin to print, web, and e-mail formats simultaneously. It's that simple.

Based on a bulletin's publication date, Bulletin Builder will automatically select the appropriate Epistle and Gospel readings, the Apolytikion and Kontakion hymns of the day, wisdom sayings from the Church Fathers, news and official communications from all levels of the Church.

You can also customize your bulletins by adding local parish events, and messages from your parish priest.

New and improved Bulletin Builder V 2.0, coming soon, will offer several enhancements, including multilingual capabilities, greater layout flexibility and personalization for publishing to web, email and professional print outputs. What's more, your Sunday Bulletins will look even better!

### Orthodox Web Builder [[www.orthodoxwebbuilder.org](http://www.orthodoxwebbuilder.org)]

*Build a professional web site-NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!*

Build and maintain your web site with Orthodox Web Builder—the easiest way to create professional web sites for your parish, ministry, or organization. Simply select your web site design from our professionally created templates, and Orthodox Web Builder automatically creates your web site for you.

Do you want to change your site's design to reflect a particular liturgical season? No Problem! Updating your site design can be done on the fly at any time! You can add and update content on your site from any web browser just like you were typing in Microsoft Word.

Best of all, your site is created with programmed content and links so that you can focus on the important aspects of your ministry. You can even set the date and

time when your content will be published so that your content is always fresh. Building a professional looking Orthodox web site is that easy!

Developed by the Department of Internet Ministries in partnership with the American Bible Society.



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## Calendar Builder

**Coming Soon!**

*One Church. One Calendar.*

Calendar Builder will be the central calendaring system of the Orthodox Church in the United States on a parish, regional, and national level. This cutting-edge program will allow you not only to broadcast events, but also share events with other calendars and do searches for events in your area.

What's more, you'll be able to synchronize events with other technologies, such as popular calendar software and PDA's. It will also fully integrate with existing Internet Ministries services like Online Chapel, Bulletin Builder, and the News and Events section of the main Archdiocesan web site.

## Stewardship Builder

**Coming Soon!**

*The Future of Giving!*

Want a simple and cost-effective way for your parish to accept donations online? Stewardship Builder will do much more than process credit card donations for your parish. This web application will also provide powerful reporting tools that will help you keep track of donors and transactions. It will be great for parishioners too! Track your donations so you know exactly how much you're giving to your Church, and even set up recurring donations so you can feel good knowing that you're giving to your parish regularly.



## ORTHODOX MINISTRY SERVICE PACKAGE

Customized Internet tools & services that can transform the way you work!

**Web and E-mail Hosting:** We will host your web site and provide you with the e-mail addresses you need, coming from your own domain.

**Online Mailing Lists:** A convenient way to reach your parishioners easily without the need for costly mailings.

**Message Boards:** Give your parishioners a convenient way to talk to each other over the Internet.

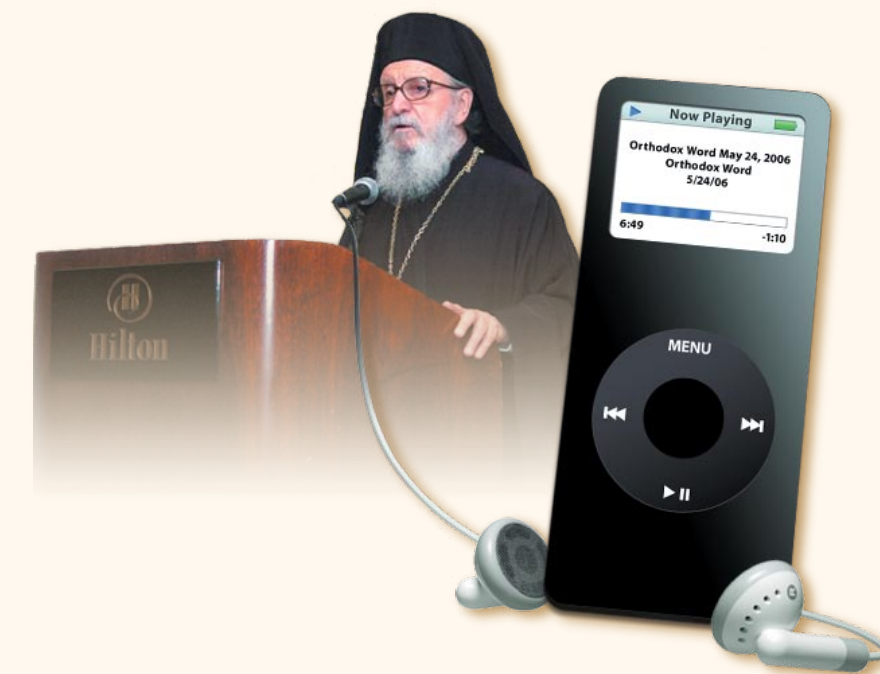
**Live Audio & Video Streaming:** Broadcast your Church services and other events online!

**Custom Design and Programming:** We can help you custom-design your site from start to finish, and provide programming help when you need it.

**RSS Feeds:** Want Orthodox content for your site? Link to our RSS feeds at [www.goarch.org/rss/](http://www.goarch.org/rss/)

**Podcasts:** Download Orthodox audio content for your computer and iPod at [www.goarch.org/podcasts/](http://www.goarch.org/podcasts/)

**Technology Blog:** Keep track of the latest developments in digital technology through our own technology blog at [blogs.goarch.org](http://blogs.goarch.org).



That's not all! Internet Ministries also offers products that appeal directly to your parishioners.

**iDonations:** No need for checks or collection plates! Make a secure donation to the Archdiocese online by going to: [idonations.goarch.org](http://idonations.goarch.org).



**Orthodox Marketplace:** A vast array of Orthodox products right at your fingertips: [www.orthodoxmarketplace.com](http://www.orthodoxmarketplace.com).

**ICONOGRAMS:** Show your loved ones you care by using our Orthodox online greeting card service: [www.iconograms.org](http://www.iconograms.org).



**Orthodox Jobs.com:** Looking for a church-related job? Find one at: [www.orthodoxjobs.org](http://www.orthodoxjobs.org).