Outreach & Evangelism in the Small Parish

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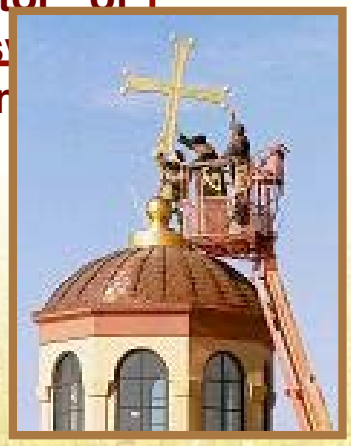
Fr. Luke Uhl

Chancellor, Metropolis of Denver

Father Luke Uhl, a native of Texas, has been the Chancellor of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Denver for the past eleven years. Over the past two decades he has served as a priest at smaller parishes, including Saint Nicholas in Virginia Beach, Virginia as well as several in Colorado: Saint John the Baptist in Pueblo, Saint Nicholas in Grand Junction, Archangel Michael in Colorado Springs, and Saints Peter and Paul in Boulder. The Metropolis of Denver is constituted principally of small parishes, and as Chancellor Father Luke assists these in their ongoing ministries. Father Luke has also represented Metropolitan Isaiah in the formal organization and chartering of several small parishes, and was the founding pastor of Archangel Michael Parish. Father Luke is married to Presv Ruth, and they ha rew, omas, John Stephen.



A Plan for Parish Outreach and Evangelism

Fr. Nektarios Morrow

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church
Wichita Falls, Texas

Father Nektarios Morrow has recently returned to Texas from New York after serving as the Deacon to the Archbishop and Director of Communications for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. He is a 1991 graduate of Howard Payne University, and received graduate degrees from Baylor University and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. He will be returning to Baylor in the fall as a doctoral student in the Institute of Church-State Studies. Fr. Morrow continues some of his responsibilities as a writer and editor for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese. He is also serving Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church in Wichita Falls, Texas, a small parish of thirty families. He is married to DaLin Morrow, and has two sons, Vincent and Alexander.

About our Parish

- Est. in the 1940's
- Church built in 1958
- Served by military chaplains, visiting and part-time clergy
- Approx. 20 active families with 30 families on roster

2004 - Strengthen Parish

- Holy Week Services
- Bi-weekly Liturgies
- Develop Web Site
- Monthly ads
- Visit of Metropolitan
- Catechism/Education
- Stewardship Program

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2005 - Raise Awareness

- Weekly Services
- Media Outreach
- Local University
- Parish Resource Center
- Support of National Ministries
- Family Conference

2006 - Evaluate & Enhance

- Continue with Regular Services
- Consecrate Church
- Community Ministry
- Missions/Philanthropy
- Education
- Stewardship

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Ms. Katherine Coury

St. John Chrysostom Mission

Martin County, Florida

Katherine Coury, a New Jersey native, has been on the Parish Council and an active member of the parish of St. Barbara in Toms River, New Jersey. Since moving to Stuart, Florida in 1989, Kathy and her husband, along with the help of John and Joanna Laskaris of Stuart, spearheaded have spearheaded an effort to establish a Greek Orthodox parish in that area. Under the guidance of Metropolitan Alexios, the St. John Chrysostom Mission of Martin County has been established, setting up their place of worship and celebrating Divine Services in a local shopping center. The rapidly growing membership (80+ stewards), is preparing to purchase land in the area for the establishment of a permanent location for their parish. Katherine serves as Parish Council President of the St. John' Chrysostom Mission of Martin County in Stuart, Florida. Kathy and her husband own and manage Coury LLC and KMC Realty Group, LLC. Kathy is an active licensed real estate broker in both New Jersey and Florida. Kathy and her husband, Murad, have three children and three grandchildren.

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Methods
for Determining the Need for a Parish

a) mailing list
b) mailings / survey
c) meetings
d) update mailing list
e) bible study classes
f) social functions
g) tell everyone

Outreach and Evangelism in a New Parish

a) Women's Club / Men's Club
b) Newspaper Ads
c) List Church in local phone book
d) Join the local chamber of commerce
e) Fund raisers / Invite local politicians
   i. Dances
   ii. Fashion Show Luncheons:
   iii. Bake Sales
f) Regular mailings
g) Fellowship after liturgy
h) Grants / financial assistance
i) Web Site – Internet Ministries
j) Parish Book Store

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