

Culture. Morality. Spirituality.

*"To understand and
be equipped to
respond"*

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Peter Bouteneff *of* St. Vladimir's Seminary

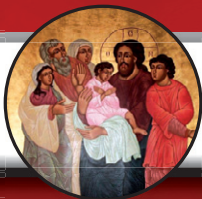
Featured Presenters

Dr. Vigen Guroian & Dr. Philip Mamalakis

Gifts for participants throughout the weekend

Each participant will receive a CD of all presentation papers and handouts.

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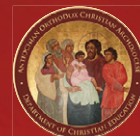


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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Registration
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Visit Museum
5:00 pm – 5:50 pm	Vespers
6:00 pm – 6:45 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Keynote Address by Dr. Peter Bouteneff, “Culture, Morality, and Spirituality.”
9:00 pm	Wine & Cheese Reception and Book Signing with Dr. Peter Bouteneff

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8:00 am – 8:40 am	Breakfast/Registration for New Arrivals
8:45 am – 9:20 am	Orthros
9:30 am – 11:20 am	Session I
11:30 am – 12:00pm	Book Signing with Dr. Vigen Guroian & Fr. Daniel Rogich
12:00 pm – 12:50 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm – 2:50 pm	Session II
3:00 pm – 4:50 pm	Session III
5:00 pm – 5:50 pm	Dinner
6:00 pm – 6:50 pm	Vespers
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Panel Discussion / Question & Answer Session with OI 2012 Featured Presenters
9:00 pm	Snack in the Coffee House/Lobby

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

7:30 am – 8:40 am	Divine Liturgy
8:45 am – 9:20 am	Breakfast/Registration for New Arrivals
9:30 am – 11:20 am	Session IV
11:30 am – 12:20 pm	Visit Gravesite of St. Raphael for Service of Supplication
12:30 pm – 1:20 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm – 3:20 pm	Session V
3:30 pm – 5:20 pm	Session VI
5:30 pm – 6:20 pm	Dinner/Presentation of Certificates
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Vespers
7:40 pm – 9:00 pm	Church School Directors & Teachers: Open Discussion & Sharing
9:00 pm	Wine & Cheese Reception

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

8:00 am – 9:00 am	Orthros
9:00 am – 10:20 am	Divine Liturgy
10:30 am – 11:30 am	Brunch & Departure



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2012 ORTHODOX INSTITUTE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

The courses are placed in interest tracks for your convenience: 1) Event Courses, 2) Church School Director Courses, and 3) Teacher Training Courses. You are not limited to courses in a single track; however, if you attend the first three course listings in a track, you will receive a Certificate of Participation. Further information is given under each track title below.

EVENT COURSES

Those who take the first three courses, marked with a (+) will receive a special certificate in "Culture. Morality. Spirituality." The three courses are available both on Friday and Saturday.

+ CONTEMPORARY CULTURE & RELIGION

Religion, and in particular Christianity, has been challenged by several cultural views over the years, from the need to "prove" God's existence, to today's post-modernist view that de-bunks over-arching, universal narratives such as those found in the Bible. Dr. Bouteneff will explain the major cultural currents leading to post-modernism, and discuss the implications for Orthodox Christianity. (Dr. Peter Bouteneff)

+ ISSUES INVOLVING SEXUALITY

The media's portrayal of sex has influenced our culture tremendously. The Church's viewpoints on sex are very difficult to convey to both adults and teens. Fr. Subu, parish priest and author of the OCA publication, "What's Love Got to Do With It?" will discuss a wide range of moral issues involving sexuality. (Fr. David Subu)

+ SPIRITUALITY & SOCIAL MEDIA

Mr. Tzetzis, a seminarian at Holy Cross and a youth worker, will explore the effects of Facebook, texting, tweeting, and the internet itself, on the spiritual health of those who use these media. The cultural changes precipitated by these will be discussed. (Nicolao Tzetzis)

"SPIRITUAL BUT NOT RELIGIOUS"

More than 70% of young adults use the phrase as a self-identifier. Is this a valid viewpoint? Why is this view growing in popularity and what are the implications for individuals and churches? Fr. Daniel, author of *Becoming Uncreated*, will examine the phrase and present an Orthodox response to those who hold this position. (Fr. Daniel Rogich)

"GOD? WHATEVER." OUR YOUTH & OUR CHURCH

Using *Soul Searching*, the report of the National Survey of Youth and Religion (Smith and Denton, 2005), participants will examine both selected data and conclusions. Surveys of Orthodox faithful will also be presented. Considering these sources, implications for keeping our youth connected to the Orthodox Church will be discussed. (Carole Buleza)

HOMOSEXUALITY & TRANSGENDER ISSUES

How do we respond, as Orthodox, to the changing cultural perceptions of gender, sexuality, and marriage? How do we equip our children to navigate these issues and the world they will live in with compassion and faith? Dr. Mamalakis will respond to these, and related challenging questions from his research and work as an Orthodox therapist. (Dr. Philip Mamalakis)

ORTHODOX PARENTING TODAY

Dr. Mamalakis, an Orthodox therapist and father of seven children, will help parents make the connections between the life of the Liturgy and the life of the home. He will present practical strategies to take advantage of the daily challenges of parenting as what God gives us to shape the souls and persons of our children and set them firmly on the spiritual path into adulthood. (Dr. Philip Mamalakis)

CHURCH SCHOOL DIRECTOR TRACK

The courses marked with an asterisk () are required for the Church School Director (CSD) Certificate.*

*** INTRODUCTION TO CHURCH SCHOOL MINISTRY**

This course introduces the Church School Director Manual designed by experienced directors to facilitate the organization and management of church schools. The course is instructive as well as a platform for sharing. (Kh. Betty Randolph)

*** BUILD YOUR STAFF, BUILD YOUR STUDENTS**

This course will cover positive techniques for recruiting qualified teachers and staff as well as boosting enrollment and attendance in church school programs. (Robert Snyder)

*** CURRICULUM & RESOURCES FOR THE CSD**

Participants will receive information on grade-level standards and review resources

that should be in the church school library. Online resources will also be presented. (Nike Bach)

YOUTH SEXUALITY PROGRAMS

For the last several years with the Orthodox churches in the Houston area, Mrs. Cassis has directed a four-part program, "Sex, God and Me," for teens and parents. The successful program will be explained and discussed. Also, Ms. Shaheen, a library specialist in the Canton, Ohio area, will present the program she co-authored, "Sex, Teens and Religion." (Irene Cassis and Julia Shaheen)

IMPLEMENTING THE CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVALS & USING A THEME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

(Note: The Creative Arts Festival is a program of the ANTIOCHIAN ARCHDIOCESE.)

Attend the workshop and learn new ways to implement the Creative Arts Festival in your parish and increase student participation. Lesson plans will be offered along with ideas on using the theme throughout the year. (Kh. Leslee Abud)

YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAMS, SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Church school teachers and directors are often unaware of the programs sponsored by youth ministry departments; one of these, dealing with substance abuse, is directed by Fr. Joseph Purpura of the Antiochian Archdiocese. Fr. Purpura will explain the program and the dynamics that lead many to abuse alcohol and drugs. (Fr. Joseph Purpura)

TEACHER TRAINING TRACK

Because many teachers have already taken Basic Teacher Training (TT I) classes at local events, we offer only Advanced Teacher Training (TT II) courses at the Institute at Antiochian Village. Completion of TT I is not required for TT II classes. (If your parish wishes to host a workshop for Basic Teacher Training, please contact Mat. Myra Kovalak: mekovalak@gmail.com)

Advanced Teacher Training is offered for two levels: Elementary or MS/HS. The Elementary classes are marked with (!) and scheduled on Saturday. The MS/HS courses are indicated with (^) and scheduled on Friday. Each consists of three courses. In order to receive an Advanced Teacher Training Certificate, you must take all three.

COURSE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Session I (Fri. 9:30 am – 11:20 am)

Track

Event Courses

Church School Director Seminar
Teacher Training

Courses

- + Contemporary Culture & Religion
Spiritual But Not Religious
- * Introduction to Church School Ministry
- ^ Engaging Youth in Discussion /
Adolescent Needs

Session II (Fri. 1:00 pm – 2:50 pm)

Event Courses

Church School Director Seminar
Teacher Training

- + Issues Involving Sexuality
“God? Whatever.” Our Youth &
Our Church
- * Build Your Staff, Build Your Students
- ^ Moral Issues Overview

Session III (Fri. 3:00 pm – 4:50 pm)

Event Courses

Church School Director Seminar
Teacher Training

- + Spirituality & Social Media
Homosexuality & Transgender Issues
- * Curriculum & Resources for the CSD
- ^ Creative Expression, MS/HS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Session IV (Sat. 9:30 am – 11:20 am)

Event Courses

Church School Director Seminar
Teacher Training

- + Contemporary Culture & Religion
Youth Sexuality Programs
- ! Enriching the Classroom Experience
The Child’s Moral Imagination

Session V (Sat. 1:30 pm – 3:20 pm)

Event Courses

Church School Director Seminar

Teacher Training

- + Issues Involving Sexuality
Orthodox Parenting Today
Implementing the Creative Festivals &
Using a Theme throughout the Year
- ! Child Development & the
Exceptional Learner

Session VI (Sat. 3:30 pm – 5:20 pm)

Event Courses

Church School Director Seminar

Teacher Training

- + Spirituality & Social Media
Youth Ministry Programs,
Substance Abuse
- ! Creative Expression, Elementary

! ENRICHING THE CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE
Teachers will be provided with the tools to instruct students in a variety of ways, based on multiple-intelligence theories. (*Joseph Tershay and Myra Kovalak*)

! CHILD DEVELOPMENT & THE EXCEPTIONAL LEARNER

Child development theories will be presented and related to the child’s ability to learn. The needs of the exceptional learner will be addressed. (*Kh. Anna Hughes and Gail Meena Malaniak*)

! CREATIVE EXPRESSION, ELEMENTARY

Our Orthodox faith is filled with beauty during the Divine Liturgy. It is time to claim our heritage and bring the arts into our teaching methods so that the children regularly mediate upon and internalize their faith. A variety of methods for both will be presented. (*Catherine Sullivan and Robert Snyder*)

^ ENGAGING YOUTH IN DISCUSSION/ ADOLESCENT NEEDS

It can be daunting to face a group of teens knowing that the Church’s position on current issues often diverges from the views they have absorbed from our culture. What are the needs of adolescents, and what attitudes and techniques make confident and successful discussion leaders? *This session will serve as the “Adolescent Needs” course required for the TT II certificate.* (*Kh. Janet Shadid and Fr. Paul Gurguis*)

^ MORAL ISSUES OVERVIEW

The Orthodox viewpoint on almost all moral issues, will be presented in a reference handout. A booklet dealing with teen issues will also be provided. Topics of concern to the participants will be discussed. (*Fr. Christopher Rigden-Briscall, Fr. George Alberts*)

^ CREATIVE EXPRESSION, MS/HS

Our Orthodox faith is filled with beauty, from icons to the poetry of our hymns. It’s time to bring the arts to class. While writing or doing art students meditate on and internalize their faith. A variety of methods will be presented for both. (*Hollie Benton*)

THE CHILD’S MORAL IMAGINATION

Dr. Guroian, moral theologian and author of *Tending the Heart of Virtue: How Classic Stories Awaken a Child’s Moral Imagination*, will work directly with stories to show how they shape character and enrich the moral imagination. (*Dr. Vigen Guroian*)