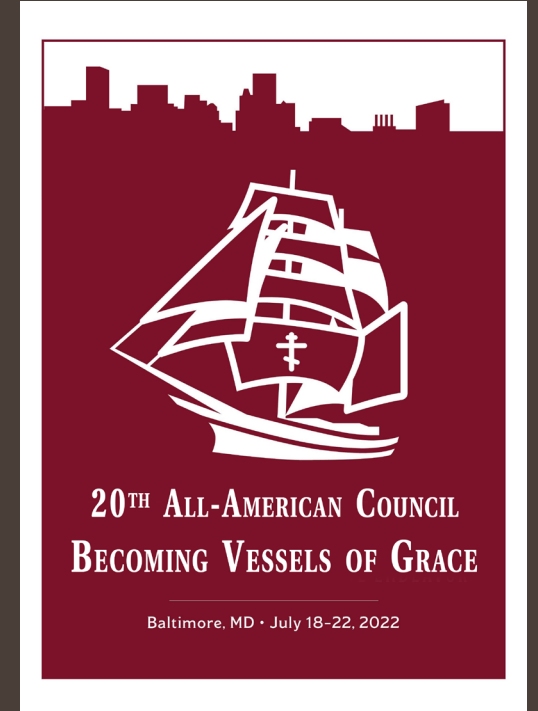


Plenary Session IV

July 21, 2022



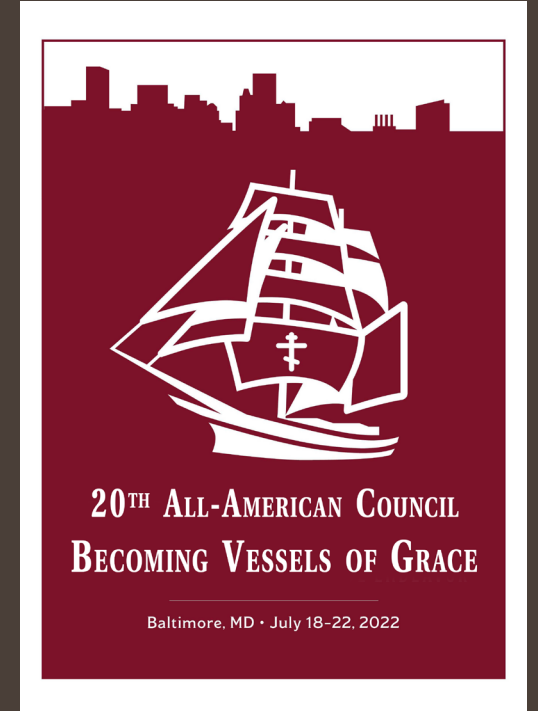
Opening Prayer

Tone 6

The grace of the Holy Spirit
today has assembled us.

Taking up Thy Cross, we sing:

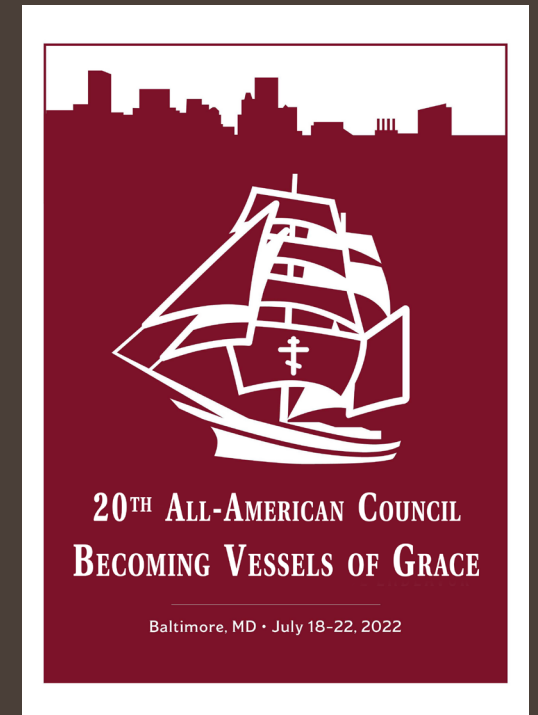
“Blessed is he that comes in the Name of the Lord. //
Hosanna in the highest.”



Agenda – Plenary Session IV

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Priest Timothy Yates
Chair of the Tellers Committee



Metropolitan Council

3 Clergy members

3 Lay members

2 Alternates (1 Clergy and 1 Lay)

Pension Board

2 Clergy members

2 Lay members

2 Alternates (1 Clergy and 1 Lay)

Elections Procedures

Elections Procedures

- Each voting delegate has received one ballot
- Mark your four choices for Clergy and four for Lay members of the Metropolitan Council. Mark three choices for Clergy and three choices for lay members of the Pension Board
- In the case of the Metropolitan Council, the three persons with highest votes are elected to the positions and the fourth highest is the alternate. For the Pension Board, top vote gets 6-year term, second gets 3-term and third gets alternate.
- Fold ballot in half and hand to teller
- Illegible or incorrectly marked ballots will be considered invalid

Nominees for Metropolitan Council

CLERGY NOMINATIONS

- Archpriest Theodore Boback
- Priest Nikolai Breckenridge
- Archpriest Christopher Foley
- Priest Edward Henderson
- Archpriest Jonathan Ivanoff
- Archpriest David Lowell
- Archpriest Lawrence Margitich
- Archpriest Thomas Moore
- Archpriest Justin Patterson
- Archpriest David Rucker
- Priest Michael Shepherd
- Archpriest James Weremedic

LAY NOMINATIONS

- Lynnell Brunswig
- Dheanna Fikaris
- Matushka Sarah Geana
- Barry Matthew Gluntz
- Alexis Liberovsky
- Elizabeth (Lisa) Mikhalevsky
- Kirk Ries

Nominees for Pension Board

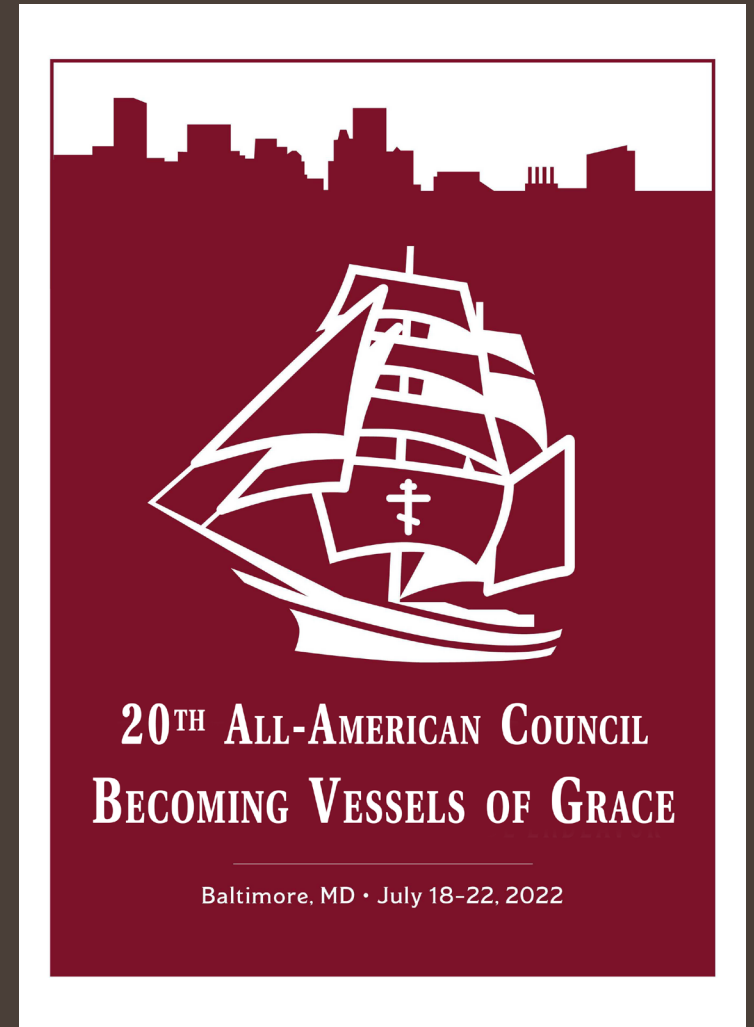
CLERGY NOMINATIONS

- Archpriest John Dresko
- Deacon Justin Griffing
- Archpriest Chad Hatfield
- Priest Gleb McFatter

LAY NOMINATIONS

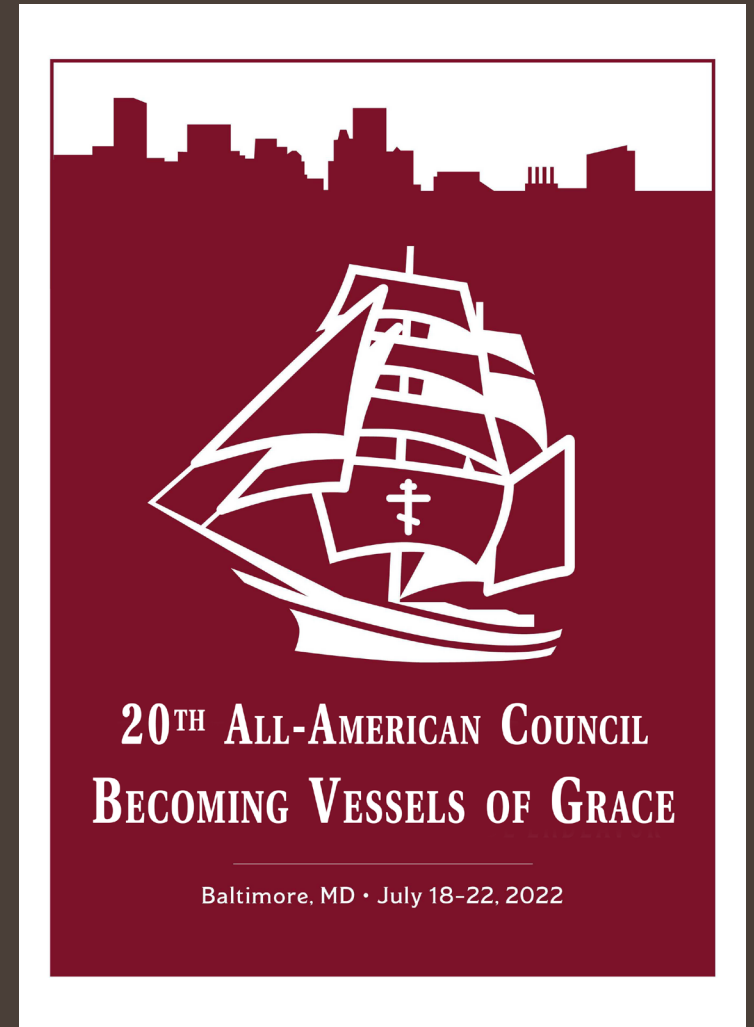
- Matushka Mary C Buletza Breton
- Paula Holoviak
- Joseph McDonald
- Melanie Ringa
- Ivan Rudolph-Shabinsky

Elections of Church-wide positions



OCA Departments' Report

Archpriest Thomas Soroka
Project Manager for the Departments



Departments Report

Fr Thomas Soroka, Project Manager

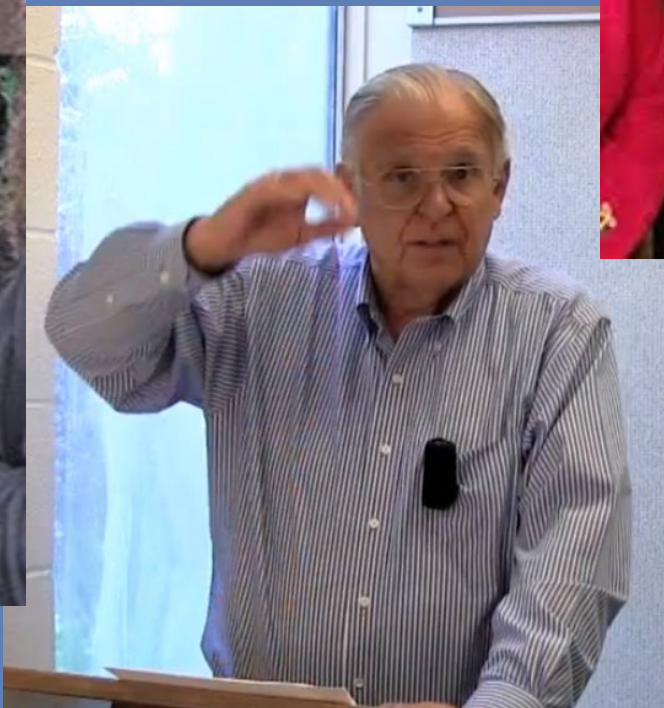
History

- In the 1970s and 1980s, energetic and visionary
 - Filling a great need for materials in English
- Growth of publishing in English
 - Seminaries, OCEC, and a few publishing houses
- After 2010 an explosion of mature materials
 - Ancient Faith Ministries, various church and monastery publishers
- The role of the Internet
 - Independent publishers and voices
 - Difficult to know what information providers to trust
 - Challenges assumptions about the role of official Church departments and publications

Gratitude Decades of Service



Fr John Matusiak



David Drillock



Donna Karabin



Valerie Zahirsky

...and many others

Fundamental Question

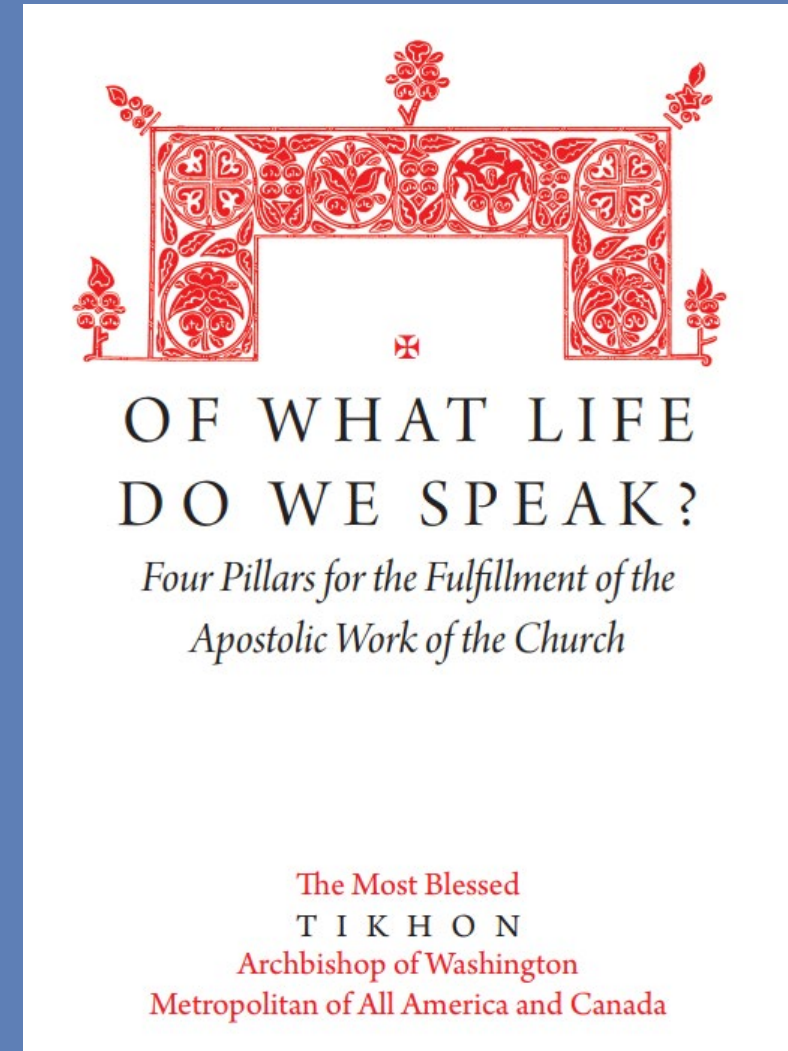
How do the Departments of the Orthodox Church in America, a paradigm created by the burgeoning Church of the 1970s, serve the Church of 2022 and beyond, which has access to a variety of resources, some of it outstanding, some of it ageing, and some of it unreliable?



The Way Forward

The role of the Departments of the Orthodox Church in America is to provide **essential resources and services which support the ministries of parishes and missions.**

These resources should also seek to fulfill the vision of Metropolitan Tikhon as outlined in the document “*Of What Life Do We Speak? Four Pillars for the Fulfillment of the Apostolic Work of the Church*” along with the guidance and blessing of the Holy Synod.



Today's Paradigm Shift

- Early 2019, stipends for Department Chairs were eliminated
- March 2020, Fr Thomas Soroka was engaged to assess and renew the work of the Departments
- Summer 2020, “loosely existing” departments were engaged to submit project proposals. Those were reviewed, revised, and approved or declined.
- Current operating model is
 - Project Manager (oversees the work of all departments)
 - Project Lead (lead for the remainder of the project)
 - Consultant (ad hoc)





Evangelization

Highlights: Evangelization

- Mission Planting Grants
 - 2022 did not award a Year 1 grant due few applicants and the requirement of no outside employment
 - 2023 proposing that matching grants be increased from \$24,000 to \$40,000/\$32,000/\$24,000
 - Considering a sister program for highly structured parish revitalization for legacy parishes
- 43 Newly available pamphlets
 - Introduction to Orthodoxy
 - Evangelism and Ministry
 - Love, Perfection, and Forgiveness
 - Great Lent
 - Worship
 - Christmas and Pascha
 - Feast Days

A photograph of a church service. In the foreground, a woman with dark curly hair, wearing a black dress with a white floral pattern, is seen from the back, gesturing with her right hand. In the background, a man in a suit and glasses stands behind a wooden podium with a microphone. To his right, a woman with grey hair is seated at the podium, looking down at a book. Further right, another woman in a grey cardigan is standing, also looking down at a book. The background features colorful stained glass windows. A blue semi-transparent banner with white text is overlaid on the bottom half of the image.

Liturgical Music and Translations

Highlights: Liturgical Music and Translations

- Thousands of pages of new music (both thee/thou and you/your)
- Sunday and festal hymn sheets (future expansion to a digital database)
- Order of services for Saturday/Sunday cycle (to be expanded)
- Free webinars on Great Lent/Pascha and All Night Vigil
- Online classes on music theory and choir directing
- Publish all existing materials (horologion, menaion, pentecostarion, triodion)
- Sunday, October 2, 2022 will be the first OCA Church Musicians Sunday
 - Highlight the role of choir directors, singers, chanters, composers, arrangers, and bell ringers
 - Give guidance to parishes regarding appropriate remuneration for choir directors
- We will be launching a Choir Director Certification Program
 - Ensure that choir directors are well prepared to serve in parishes
 - Ensure that parishes are confident that they have a competent and trained choir director



Christian Education



Continuing Education



**Christian Service and
Humanitarian Aid**

Highlights: Christian Ed/Continuing Ed/Christian Service

- Online Church School provided throughout the pandemic period
- Luminaries Activity Book for teens
- New Focus Unit on Pentecost/Acts (to be released within days)
- New Lessons for Vacation Church School (to be released within days)
- 2022 12 Continuing Education “Third Thursday” Webinars
- Christian Service links and tags to all current Parish Ministry Resources supporting His Beatitude’s “Four Pillars”



**Youth, Young Adult,
and Campus Ministry**

Highlights: Youth, Young Adult, and Campus Ministry

- Coordination of the annual Orthodox Youth Workers Conference, held January 27-29, 2021 online
- Coordination of the annual Orthodox Youth Workers Conference, held yearly at the end of January, which was held in early February 2022 at Antiochian Village
- 19th AAC moved a “spontaneous pledge drive on the Council floor, yielding pledges of \$87,000 toward the establishment of a comprehensive Youth Department and the funding of a full-time Youth Director.”
 - While not all the pledges were fulfilled, a study was conducted in throughout 2019, and presented in early 2020. Because of the pandemic, that report was not reviewed until Fall 2021
 - Spring 2022 I discussed with the Holy Synod and they directed me to create a job description and budget
 - That information will be presented to them as well as a possible candidate

In Production: A New Adult Catechism

A 16-chapter/session Catechism written collaboratively by outstanding OCA authors, teachers, and theologians, and made **freely available** for parish use, which will include:

- catechumen text and workbook
- catechist manual
- resource site to accompany the course
- **all 16 chapters have been submitted for editing** (475 pages)
 - will be reviewed by theologians and scholars
 - will be submitted for approval by the Holy Synod

Financial Support

- Stewards of the OCA
- Provides much of the finances
 - Departments
 - Offices
 - Boards
- oca.org/stewards



Needs and Ideas

Fr Thomas Soroka

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TO SUBMIT A PROJECT IDEA

International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) Address

Constantine M. Triantafilou
Executive Director & CEO



International Orthodox Christian Charities



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IOCC Overview

- Humanitarian relief and development agency
- Meet practical needs in the spirit of Christ's love
- > 60 countries
- > \$771 million in programs
- Emergency response & development assistance
- Partnerships key to success

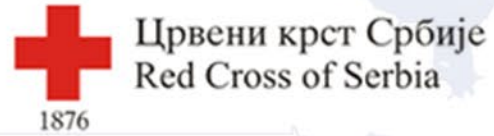


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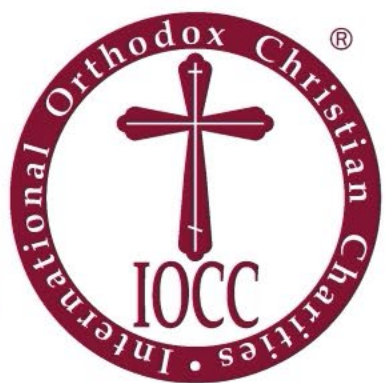


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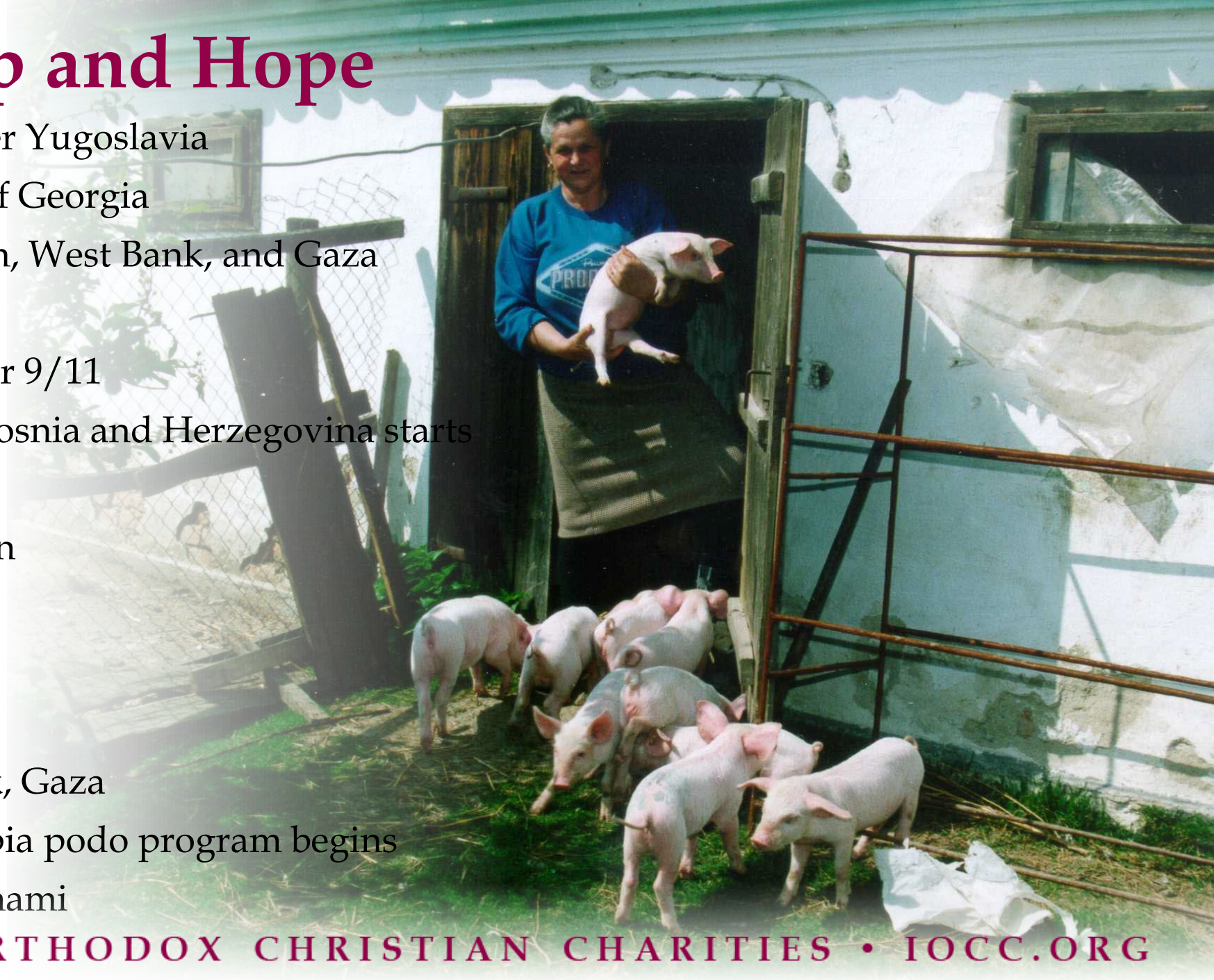
Ministry of Agriculture, Jordan

30th
YEAR OF SERVICE | 1992-2022



30 Years of Help and Hope

- 1992: Collapse of USSR, former Yugoslavia
- 1994: Formation of Republic of Georgia
- 1997: Began work in Jerusalem, West Bank, and Gaza
- 1999: Conflict in Balkans
- 2001: US Program formed after 9/11
- 2002: Microloan program in Bosnia and Herzegovina starts
- 2003: War in Iraq
- 2004: Tsunami in Indian Ocean
- 2005: Hurricane Katrina
- 2006: Postwar Lebanon
- 2007: Greece wildfires
- 2009: Aid to 80K in West Bank, Gaza
- 2010: Haiti earthquake; Ethiopia podo program begins
- 2011: Japan earthquake & tsunami



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30 Years of Help & Hope

- 2012: Response to conflict in Syria, famine in Horn of Africa
- 2013: Give for Greece begins (economic crisis)
- 2014: Uganda school construction; Ethiopia refugee crisis
- 2015: Syrian refugee assistance in Greece, Serbia
- 2016: Lebanon community kitchen (award-winning program)
- 2017: Health clinic opened in Azraq Camp, Jordan
- 2017: Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria
- 2018: Small-business development, fire response in Greece
- 2019: Health and nutrition for preschoolers in Gaza
- 2020: Emotional and spiritual care tools for crises
- 2021: Greece fire response
- 2022: Ukraine crisis response

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Expertise + Key Sectors

- Emergency preparedness and response
- Sustainable livelihoods
- Water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH)
- Health
- Food security and agriculture



A woman wearing a dark, patterned headscarf is shown in profile, lighting numerous yellow candles in a church. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the flames of the candles. Other people are visible in the background, also participating in the activity. The overall atmosphere is solemn and prayerful.

Ukraine Crisis Response

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Ramp Up

- Partner communications
- Crisis Response Team
- Field assessments
- Fundraising
- Guidelines

Ukraine Crisis Response Guidelines

- Focus: Humanitarian imperative
- Balanced needs-based approach: short- and long-term
- Support Orthodox Church and other partners in their responses, in country and regionally
- Pan-Orthodox response
- Impact on Orthodoxy worldwide
- Duty of care: Safety and security of all

Ukraine

- Direct assistance to local NGO
- Essential items to internally displaced people
- Pilot projects with local Church
- Easter “basket” distro in Holy Week



Poland & Romania

- Supplies for refugee shelters
- Educational assistance
- Support for host families
- Training



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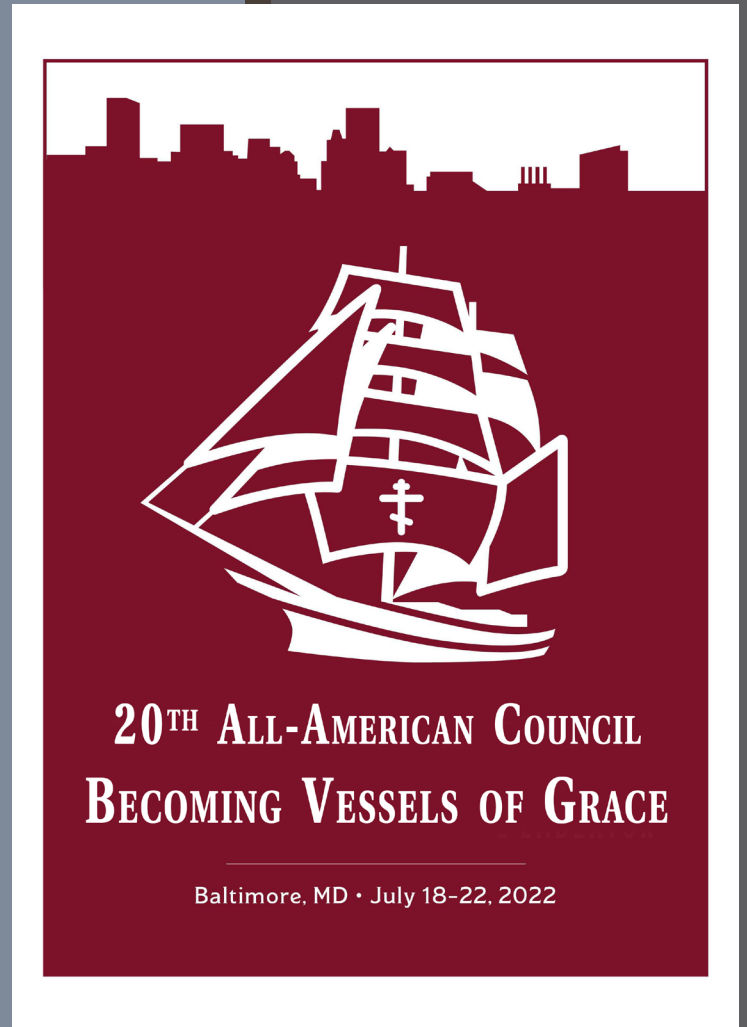


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Resolutions

Archpriest Timothy Sawchak
Chair of the Resolutions Committee



Resolution I

Whereas Alaska is the cradle of Orthodoxy in America:

Be it resolved that the 20th AAC asks the Holy Synod of Bishops to designate annually the Sunday closest to the pilgrimage to Alaska, for a free-will collection from each parish in the Orthodox Church in America to support the Diocese of Alaska Clergy Endowment.

Resolution II

The 20th All-American Council:

Expresses support for the statements by his Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon and the Holy Synod condemning the aggression against Ukraine;

Expresses support for his Beatitude Metropolitan Onuphry of Kyiv and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church;

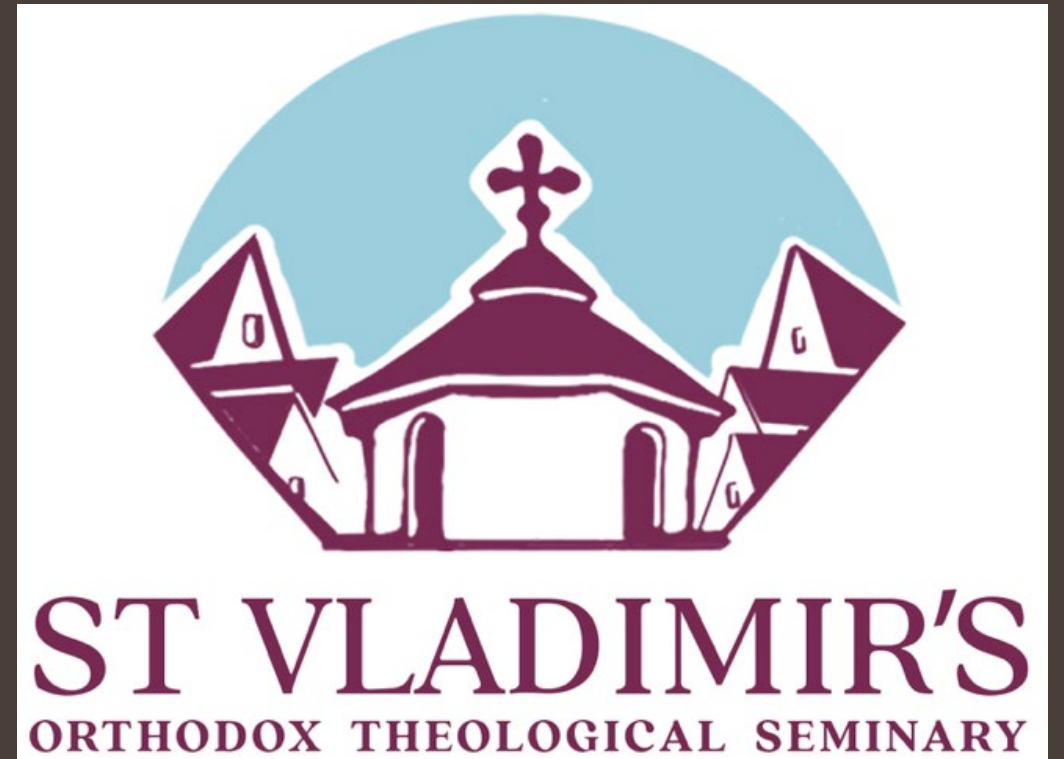
Condemns the attacks upon parishes, monasteries, and temples whether by military action, seizure by other religious groups, or pressure and interference by civil authorities or occupying forces;

And remembers with love the visit of his Beatitude Metropolitan Onuphry to the 18th All American council in Atlanta.

St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary's Report

Archpriest Chad Hatfield

President





St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary's Report

Archpriest John Parker

Dean





*Where Saints
have walked...*





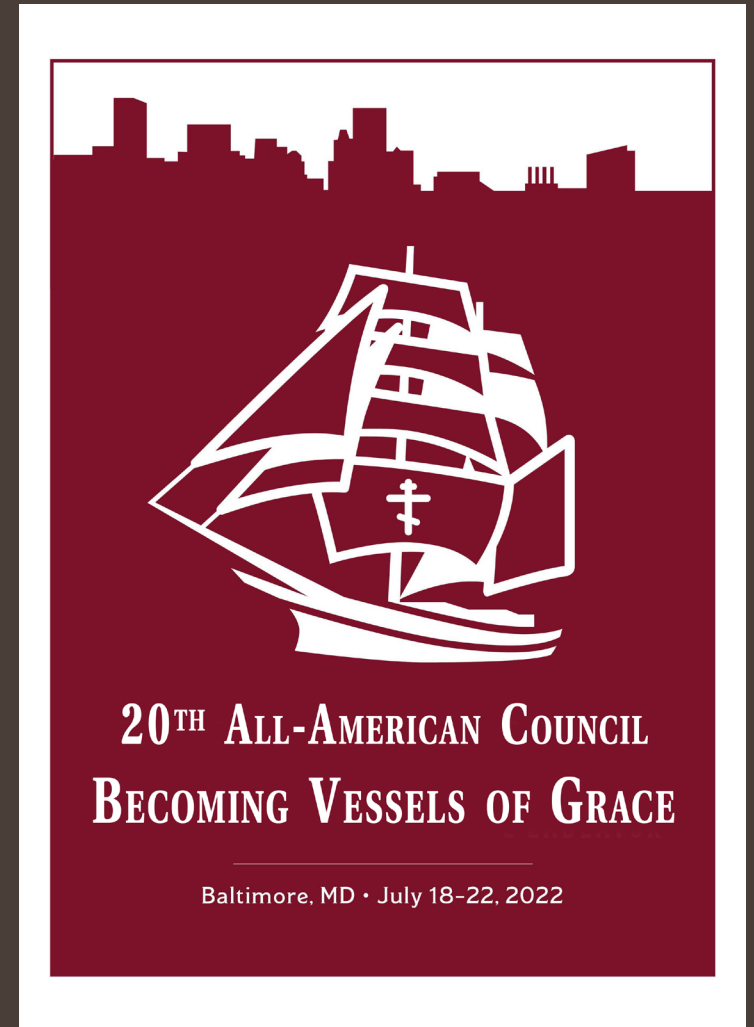
*Where Saints
have walked....
...and new saints
are being formed.*

Fr. Fred Goodwin



Questions & Discussions

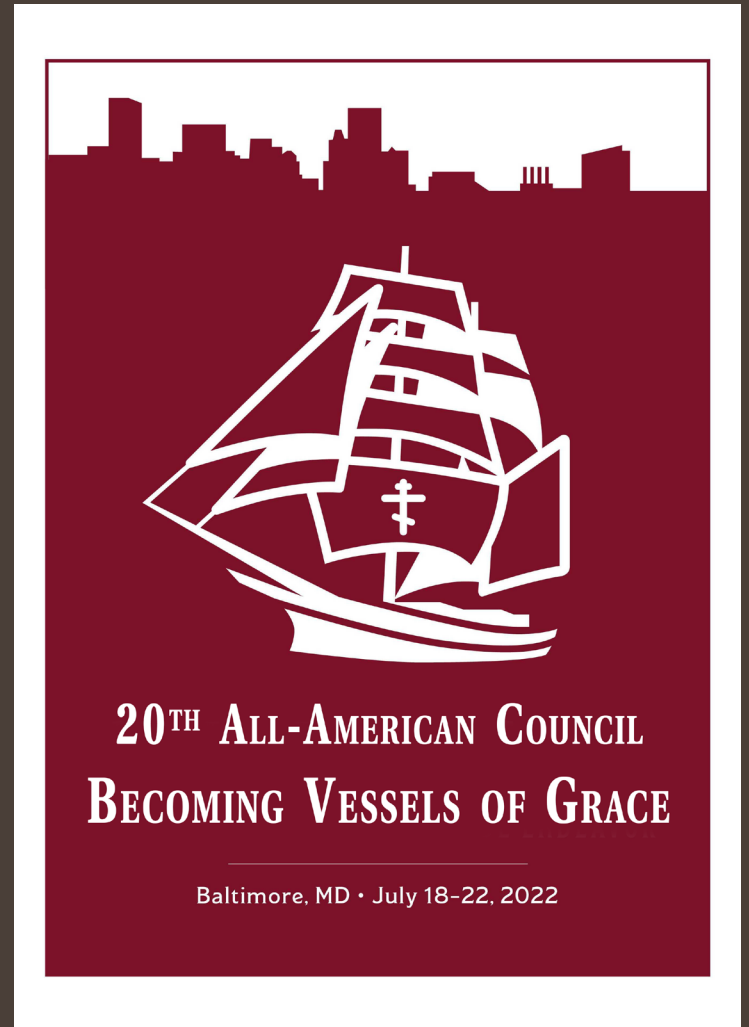
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Priest Alessandro Margheritino
Secretary of the Orthodox Church in America

Deacon Peter Ilchuk
20th All-American Council Manager



End of Plenary Session IV

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