



OCCM Lead

Orthodox Leadership Training

Summer 2019

Atlanta, GA

Diocese - East Region

Florida, Georgia, and Tennessee chapters

Date: August 14-17, 2019 (Wednesday to Saturday)

Location: St. Mary & St. Demiana Convent, located at 330 Village Dr., Dawsonville, GA 30534

Deadline to Register: July 12, 2019, by 11:59 p.m.

Conference Description

The program is designed to prepare OCCM student leaders, holding roles of the OCCM executive board, regional directors, committee chairs, and chapter presidents and officers. The program is also open to college students and young adults ages 18 through 25 that are interested to be educated in church leadership and development. All participants will attend lectures aimed at clarifying what it means to be an Orthodox Christian leader while detailing the skills one needs to do so, in addition to workshops on practical ministry, designed to enhance communication and pastoral leadership skills.

Leadership lectures will be taught by Fr. Tadros Hirmina. Workshops will be as follows – a mix of instructional learning and team activities.

1. “Ministering Toward the Kingdom” – investing your talents in the ministry and in building fellowship (Fr. Daniel Ebrahim)
2. “Pan-Orthodox Ministry” – creating an environment to attract, embrace, and unite the Oriental Orthodox youth on campus (Fr. Daniel Ebrahim)
3. “Orthodoxy in Conversation” – participating in tabling events and speaking of Orthodoxy on campus (Fr. Daniel Ebrahim)
4. “Setting 2020 for Success” – evaluating our vision and setting goals for 2020 (Fr. Jerome Maximous)

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Day/Time	Activity
<u>Wednesday, August 14</u>	
4:00 pm	Arrival and Check-in
5:00 – 5:30 pm	Communal Agpeya Prayers
6:00 – 6:30 pm	Welcome Note
7:00 – 7:45 pm	Dinner and Clean-up
8:00 – 9:30 pm	<i>Lecture #1 – Leadership Definitions and Laws of Leadership</i>
9:30 – 9:45 pm	Break
9:45 – 10:30 pm	<i>Workshop #1 – Ministering Toward the Kingdom</i>
<u>Thursday, August 15</u>	
8:30 – 9:00 am	Morning Prayers
9:00 – 9:45 am	Breakfast <i>(available in the Villas due to abstinence period of the Convent)</i>
10:00 – 11:30 am	<i>Lecture #2 – Influence and Effective Communication</i>
11:30 – 12:00 pm	Break
12:00 – 1:00 pm	<i>Workshop #2 – Pan-Orthodox Ministry</i>
1:00 – 3:00 pm	Free/Rest Time and Lunch (Lunch @ 2 pm in the Cafeteria)
3:00 – 4:30 pm	<i>Lecture #3 - Essential Qualities of a Leader</i>
4:30 – 5:00 pm	Break
5:00 – 5:30 pm	Communal Agpeya Prayers
5:30 – 6:30 pm	<i>Workshop #3 – Orthodoxy in Conversations</i>
6:30 – 10:30 pm	OCCM NOTT! (Night On The Town)
<u>Friday, August 16</u>	
8:30 – 9:00 am	Morning Prayers <i>(Strict abstinence from midnight for the Divine Liturgy)</i>
9:00 – 10:30 am	<i>Lecture #4 - Principles of Team Work</i> (Group Picture)
10:30 – 11:00 am	Break
11:00 – 12:00 pm	<i>Lecture #5 – Creating a Vision</i>
12:00 – 2:00 pm	Divine Liturgy
2:00 – 5:00 pm	Lunch and Free/Rest Time
5:00 – 5:30 pm	Communal Agpeya Prayers
5:30 – 6:30 pm	<i>Workshop #4 – Setting 2020 for Success</i>
6:30 – 10:30 pm	Breakout Groups Working Session and Free Time <i>(Dinner @ 7:00 pm in the Cafeteria)</i>

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<u>Saturday, August 17</u>	
8:00 – 8:30 am	Breakfast (cafeteria)
9:00 – 9:30 am	Morning Prayers
10:00 – 12:00 pm	Group Presentations and Deliverables
Noon	Departure

Accommodations

- Most rooms in the Convent have two sets of bunk beds, so each room will hold 4 people. The Convent provides pillows and blankets. Please bring your own bed sheets, pillow case, towels, and toiletries (shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.).
- Ladies are asked to dress modestly, without excessive makeup or accessories. Skirts must be well below the knees. Shorts are not permitted, as well as yoga pants, short skirts, tight skirts, tight jeans, sleeveless blouses, and tank-tops.
- Gentlemen are asked to wear pants and proper shirts at all times. T-shirts are permitted; long-sleeve shirts/t-shirts are preferred. Shorts are prohibited.
- Refer to the convent's guidelines: <https://convent.suscopts.org/rules-guidelines/>

Schedule

- The Convent community prays daily Communal Midnight Praises from 4:00-6:00 a.m. While it is not mandatory on our schedule due to our lectures, you are welcome to attend as you are able.
- Our group will pray liturgy on Friday at noon as shown on the schedule. On Saturdays, the Convent prays liturgy at 6 am, following tasbeha if you are able to attend.

Travel

Individuals flying into Atlanta are asked to take the [MARTA transit system](#). You will catch the train from inside Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport to the "North Springs" station, the last station on the **Red** Line. A transit card with a roundtrip fare is \$5 and is available from the machines at the station inside the airport. An OCCM Shuttle will be at the North Springs station to provide rides to the Convent (no cost). The train ride from the airport station to the North Springs station is about 50 minutes.

Female Attendees: If you wish to take a longer retreat at the Convent before or after our conference, you will need to register separately for the nights you wish to spend at the Convent and follow the approval process (by your Father Confessor). Our conference booking is only for August 14-17. If you wish to stay longer, register at <http://convent.suscopts.org>.