

# Orthodox Christian Campus Ministries (OCCM)

Official Campus Ministry Organization of the Coptic Orthodox Diocese of the Southern U.S.



## OCCM Curriculum – Year 2018-2019

### Fall 2018

#### First Month (August-September): Orthodoxy

- Session 1: OCCM Chapter Orientation
- Session 2: What is Orthodoxy? The Orthodox Faith.
  - Uniqueness and truth of Orthodoxy
  - Why Orthodoxy?
  - Ortho-praxy (works, behavior...). Orthodox life = home + school + work + social life.
- Session 3: The Orthodox Life, Sacramental Life
  - What are the sacraments? Meaning for me?
  - Importance and necessity of the sacraments = Participation is a must? Why?
  - Must have an active sacramental life = exams or not. Communion.
- Session 4: Orthodox Spirituality

#### Second Month (September-October): Martyria = Witnessing

- Session 1: Definition and meaning of witnessing. Martyrs as witnesses.
- Session 2: How to witness in this day and age? Are we influential or “being influenced”? One or the other!
- Session 3: The world needs us!
- Session 4: Open discussion regarding Orthodoxy and Witnessing (in the presence of a priest)

#### Third Month (October-November): Faith

- Session 1: True meaning of faith (more than just a belief), biblical examples of faith
- Session 2: Life of Faith – practical approach (home, school, relations)
- Session 3: Faith and Science: Orthodox Perspectives
  - Faith vs. Knowledge
  - More to life than molecules and biology
- Session 4: Faith in the context of a relationship with God
  - God as a Being / a Person who seeks us
  - Talking to Moses as a friend, face to face, talking to Abraham
  - St. Ignatius of Antioch and others who truly loved Christ as a person, died for a person

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## Spring 2019

### First Month (January-February): Boundaries

- Session 1: Boundaries
- Session 2: Conforming (fitting in)
- Session 3: Dating
- Session 4: How/when to choose a spouse

### Second Month (February-March): True Fasting

- Session 1: Meaning and purpose of fasting
- Session 2: Repentance (practical steps)
- Session 3: Self-control
- Session 4: Humility (Stand up for what believe?!)

### Third Month (March- April): Practicing Christianity in a Post-Modern World

- Session 1: Worship in a Secular Age
- Session 2: Balancing social life with spiritual and academic “life”
- Session 3: Role of the Spiritual Father
- Session 4: Daniel as “model”

## Assistance

The resources will be posted online on [www.susoccm.org](http://www.susoccm.org).

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