

# Enhancing Orthodox Christian Unity

AIOPA Monthly Meeting - Program Update

Oct. 25, 2022

# Agenda

- Opening: Fr. Christos | Bill Marianes
- Recap: Organization - 5 Work Groups
- Status Update
- Parish Engagement and Relationships
- Events Information – before | after
- Maintaining Momentum

# Organization - 5 Work Groups



## Religious

Fr. George Ac sente

Fr. George Tsahakis

Fr. Michael Tishel

Fr. Nicolae Clempus

Fr. Theodore Ehmer

Fr. Tom Alessandroni

Borko Komnenovic

Eliza Markley

Michael Uhr

Stephen Brannen

## Social

Fr. Matthew Dutko

Fr. Miladin Blagojevic

Andrea Uhr

Evelyn Kemp

Garrett Klawuhn

Joston Brown

Julia Hill

Liviu Sofian

Steve Sarantis

Toni Taggart

## Charity

Fr. Ben Bruce

Fr. Nicolae Clempus

Fr. Tom Alessandroni

Evelyn Kemp

Jackie Sarantis

Mirjana M. Brockett

Steve Sarantis

Tara Freeman

Tom Taratsas

## Development

Fr. George Ac sente

Fr. Jacob Andoun

Florian Ion

John Marion

Michael Uhr

Tom Taratsas

## Communications

Fr. Anthony Salzman

Cristina Lekas

Florian Ion

James Tsismanakis

Julia Hill

Natalia Saratsiotis

Regina Nasrallah

**RELIGIOUS**

**CHARITY**

**DEVELOPMENT**

**SOCIAL**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**AOCB/AIOPA**

Aug'22 The Liturgical Arts Academy

Sep'22 Cross Dive

Nov'22 Feast of St. John Chrysostom

Dec'22 Christmas Candlelight Service and Concert

Mar'23 Sunday of Orthodoxy

Jun'23 Pentecost Picnic

Jul'22 Project Mexico

Sep'22 Soles4Souls

Nov'22 Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

Surveys (2)

Parish Councils Presidents Round Table (2)

Sep'22 Connect Conference

Nov'22 Survey

Dec'22 Clergy Leadership Development Introduction

Jan'23 Parish Councils Presidents Round Table

22-23 Development Knowledge Sharing

Jun'22 Chattahoochee Bend

Jun'22 YAL Day of Service

Jun'22 AHEPA Centennial

Jun'22 Movie Screening

Jul'22 St. John the Wonderworker Feast

Aug'22 Holy Transfiguration Feast

Aug'22 St. Elias Centennial Celebration

Aug'22 Panagiri honoring Panagia

Aug'22 South Atlanta Golf Classic

Sep'22 Back to Church

Sep'22 St. Philothea Golf Classic

Sep'22 Atlanta Greek Festival

Oct'22 Serb Fest

Oct'22 Romanian Festival Dacula

Oct'22 Cumming Greek Festival

Oct'22 Romanian Festival Lilburn

Nov'22 Holy Transfiguration Young Adult Retreat

Reach Out to Hierarchs (4)

The Orthodox Chronicles (4)

Clergy Spotlight (6)

Educational Sessions (1)

May'22 Akron Relationship

May'22 AoB Relationship

May'22 OCL Relationship

Jun'22 AOCB/AIOPA website

Aug'22 MEOCCA Relationship

Oct'22 OCL 35th Conference

Nov'22 Ancient Faith Podcast

Facebook, Instagram

AOCB Meetings (5)

AIOPA Meetings (6)

Oct'22 AIOPA Meeting

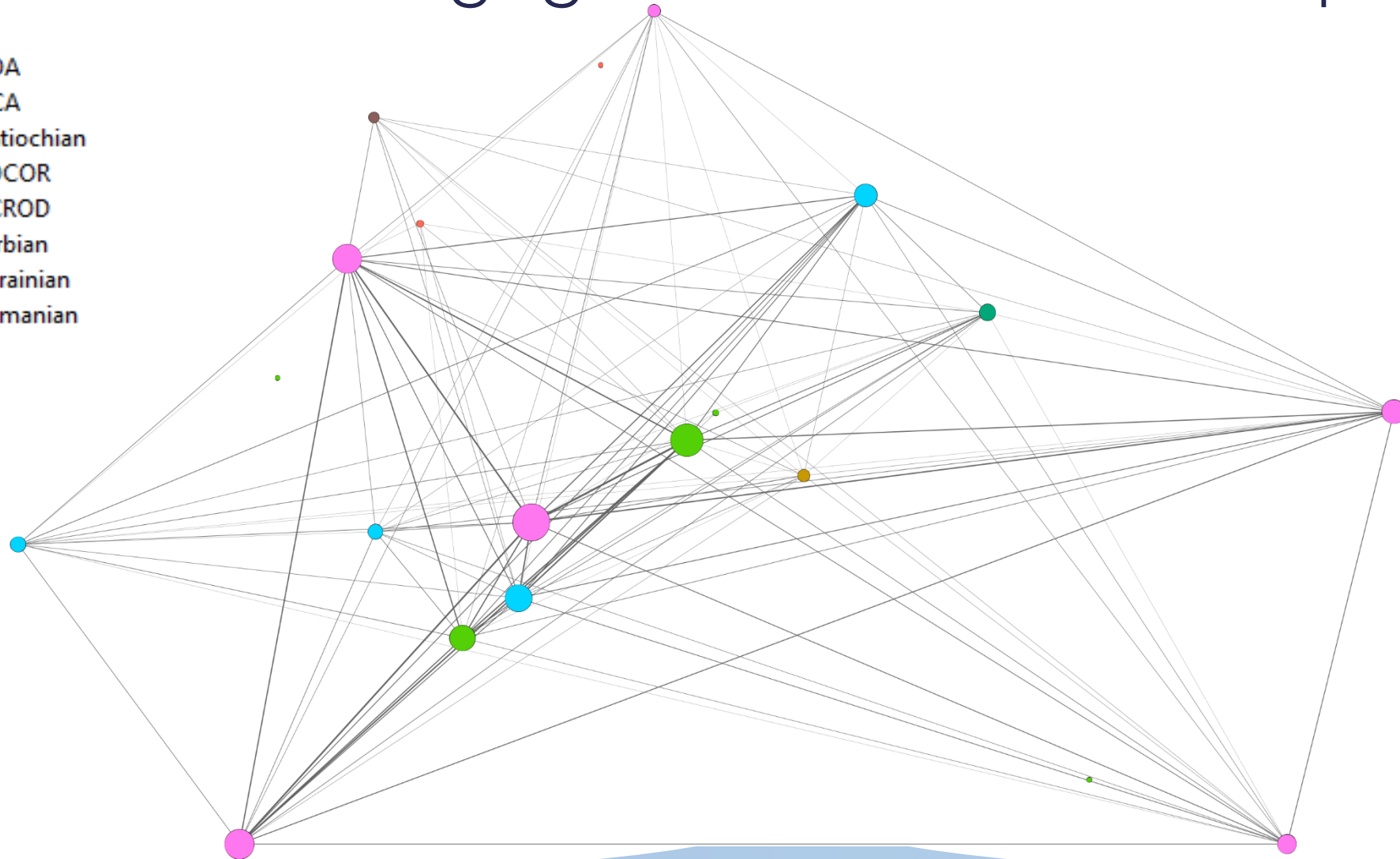
Nov'22 AIOPA Meeting

# Status Update

Legend	
Completed	the activity was completed by Date
On Track	the activity is planned and on track to be completed by Date
Need Help	the activity requires help to be completed by Date, needs to be discussed
New Plan Required	the activity cannot be completed by Date, needs to be replanned or cancelled
Cancelled	the activity was cancelled or reallocated to another activity
Potential	the activity is under evaluation thus it's not committed yet

# AIOPA - Parish Engagement and Relationships

- GOA
- OCA
- Antiochian
- ROCOR
- ACROD
- Serbian
- Ukrainian
- Romanian



## Event information – the PLAN **before** the event

- **The name of the event:** *South Atlanta Golf Classic*
- **A brief description of the event:** *The South Atlanta Golf Event is benefitting the Folds of Honor, a nonprofit organization that provides scholarships to the spouses and children of certain military men and women.*
- **Start date/time - End date/time:** *Tuesday, August 23, 2022 | 9:00AM - 5:00PM*
- **Location:** *Chattahoochee Bend State Park, 425 Bobwhite Way Newnan, GA, 30263*
- **A main picture:** *3:2 preferred, but anything from landscape to square works.*
- **A long description of the event including:** *which parish is organizing, long detailed description, RSVP link if needed, pictures and flyers.*
- **The original event link:** *<https://saintchristopherhoc.org/south-atlanta-golf-classic>*



## Event information – the IMPACT **after** the event

- **What parishes joined the event:** *The event was attended by clergy and/or laity from Annunciation Greek Cathedral (GOA), St. Elias Antiochian Orthodox Church (Antiochian), St. Mary (Romanian Patriarchate) and St. Mary of Egypt (OCA).*

- **Share pictures or screenshots:**



- **Event info before/after:** shown in the Orthodox Chronicles and website

# AIOPA - Maintaining Momentum

- Understand the problem and approach
  - Educational sessions, materials and dialog
  - Address unjustified fears and unreasonable dreams
- Reach out
  - Establish contact with other organizations
- Build Relationships
  - Get to know each other within the activities
  - Open to share. Open to learn.
- Continue to meet within workgroups
  - Select Events that have Church Unity potential
  - Capture Event Details before/after
- Engage Hierarchs in direct dialog
  - Laity need Clergy's blessing/support
  - Clergy need Hierarchs' blessing/support
- Stay connected with AoB
  - 16 committees toward the finish line
- God works through people
  - Continue to create, plan and run activities
  - "Pray for miracles but work for results" – St. Augustin
- Communication
  - Offer feedback
  - Invite us to the Parish Council for an AIOPA update





**Thank you!**