

# Enhancing Orthodox Christian Unity

AIOPA Monthly Meeting - Program Update
Jan. 31, 2023

# Agenda

- Opening: Fr. Christos getting ready for 2023
- Welcome Charles Glotzbach and Congratulations Natalia Saratsiotis!
- Organization 5 Work Groups
- Status Update: AOB XII and Presidents' meeting
- Parish Engagement and Relationships
- Events Information before | after
- Maintaining Momentum

# Organization - 5 Work Groups

#### Religious

Fr. George Acsente

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 Acsente

Fr. Jacob Andoun

Florian Ion

John Marion

Michael Uhr

Tom Taratsas

#### Communications

Fr. Anthony Salzman

Cristina Lekas

Florian Ion

James Tsismanakis

Julia Hill

Charles Glotzbach

Regina Nasrallah

#### RELIGIOUS CHARITY SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT Aug'22 The Liturgical Arts Mar'22 Exploring God's Reach Out to Hierarchs (4) Jul'22 Project Mexico Surveys (2) Academy Creation **Parish Councils Presidents** May'22 Sts Constantine and Sep'22 Cross Dive Sep'22 Soles4Souls The Orthodox Chronicles (8) Round Table (2) Helen Patronal Feast Dec'22 Christmas Candlelight Nov'22 Children's Healthcare Jun'22 Chattahoochee Bend Sep'22 Connect Conference Clergy Spotlight (6) Service and Concert of Atlanta Dec'22 Clergy Leadership Jun'22 YAL Day of Service Educational Sessions (1) Mar'23 Sunday of Orthodoxy **Development Introduction** Jan'23 Parish Councils Jun'23 Pentecost Picnic Jun'22 AHEPA Centennial May'22 Akron Relationship **Presidents Round Table** 22-23 Development Jun'22 Movie Screening May'22 AoB Relationship **Knowledge Sharing** Jul'22 St. John the May'22 OCL Relationship Wonderworker Feast Aug'22 Holy Transfiguration Jun'22 AOCB/AIOPA website **Feast** Aug'22 St. Elias Centennial Aug'22 MEOCCA Relationship Celebration Aug'22 Panagiri honoring

# 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

Oct'22 Serb Fest Oct'22 Romanian Festival Dacula Oct'22 Cumming Greek Festival Oct'22 Romanian Festival

Aug'22 South Atlanta Golf

Sep'22 St. Philothea Golf

Sep'22 Atlanta Greek Festival

Panagia

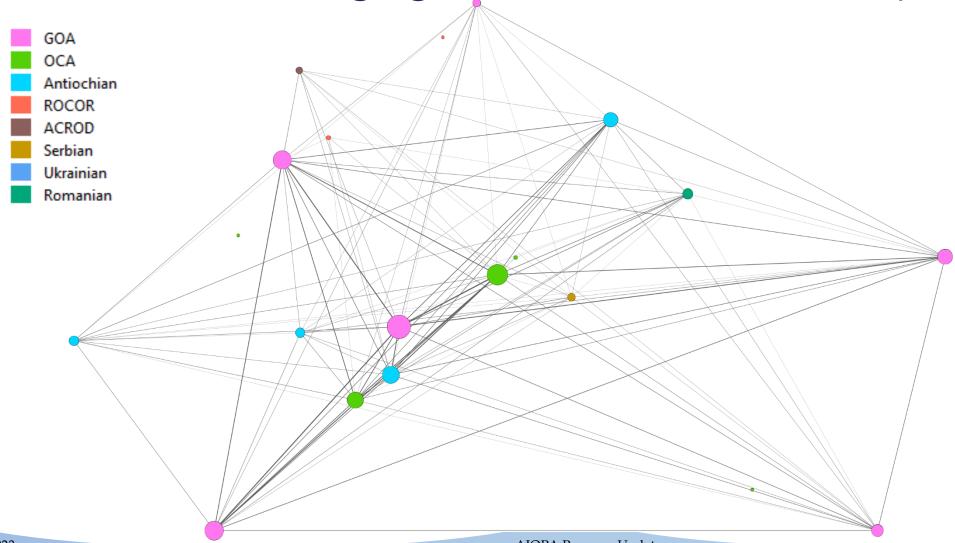
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Nov'22 Holy Transfiguration Young Adult Retreat

AOCB/AIOPA AOCB Meetings (8) AIOPA Meetings (8) Feb'23 AOCB Meeting Feb'23 AIOPA Meeting Oct'22 OCL 35th Conference Jan'23 AoB Presentation





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AIOPA Program Update

## 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!