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| cid:B6AD8A7C-8430-4FBC-9996-AF786D4D6134@attlocal.net ****Archpriest Maximus Urbanowicz******Rector,****St James Church******Port St. Lucie FL**** | **Fr. Maximus R. Urbanowicz** is a graduate of St. Tikhon’s Orthodox Seminary. (M.Div.) He served twelve years as a missionary priest at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Washington DC. By the invitation of local churches and the blessing of his Hierarch, he traveled throughout the world, preaching evangelistically, from the jungles of Africa to the Arctic Circle, to places like Pakistan and Myanmar, in schools, open fields, auditoriums, stadiums and teaching in churches, conferences and seminaries, where he labored to inspire and encourage the faithful. Over the thirty years he has been in full-time church ministry, he has proclaimed the Gospel throughout fifty-four nations, to millions of individuals, and in hundreds of cities throughout the former Soviet Union, under a non-profit, evangelistic mission he founded called, Gospel To All Nations. He converted to Orthodoxy through the influence of Metropolitan Philaret of Minsk & Slutsk (former Exarch of all Belarus). Prior to his conversion, he preached together with acclaimed Pentecostal Evangelist Reinhard Bonnke (his father in law), served as head counselor at Teen Challenge, a drug and alcohol rehabilitation program and earned a Missions degree (M.Div.) from Regent University in Virginia Beach, VA.  He played on the 1983 Penn State National Championship Football Team where he responded to God’s calling in a Team Bible Study. In 2015, he completed the Sacerdos Institute, School of Exorcism and Prayers of Libation, in Rome.  He resides in Jupiter, Florida together with his wife Susanne and four children.    |
| C:\Users\Joe Kormos\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Word\abernathy-DSC_0289rPaul.jpgPriest Paul AbernathyFOCUS PittsburghRector, St. Moses the Black ChurchPittsburgh, PA | **Father Paul Abernathy** is an Orthodox Christian priest and the Director of FOCUS Pittsburgh, an Orthodox Christian non-profit focused on Trauma Informed Community Development located in the Hill District, Pittsburgh Pa. He has a B.A. in International Studies from Wheeling Jesuit University, and holds a Masters in Public and International Affairs from the University of Pittsburgh as well as a Master of Divinity from St. Tikhon’s Orthodox Theological Seminary. Since its inception in 2011, FOCUS Pittsburgh has distributed millions of dollars in food, clothing, furniture, transportation assistance, Identification, and emergency relief to the Greater Pittsburgh Community which includes a Back Pack Feeding Program that distributes food to 2,500 children every weekend during the school year. Father Paul is also the CEO of the FOCUS Pittsburgh Free Health Center which offers free primary, behavioral health, and dental care to Pittsburgh’s uninsured and underinsured. Under his leadership all FOCUS Pittsburgh programing has been developed as part of an overall initiative currently underway to address Community Trauma called Trauma Informed Community Development, to include a Trauma Response Team for acute stress as a result of homicides in Allegheny County (in partnership with the Allegheny County Health Department). In addition to his work with FOCUS Pittsburgh, Fr. Paul is and has been a member of multiple community boards and committees to include the PA State Parole Citizens Advisory Committee, Neighborhood Allies Grassroots Grant Making Committee, Allegheny County Health Department’s Violence Prevention Community Advisory Board, and is a Foundation of HOPE board member. A former Non-Commissioned Officer in the U.S. Army, Father Paul is a combat veteran of the Iraq War and has received community awards to include the rank of Eagle Scout, the New Pittsburgh Courier’s Fab 40 award, Larry Richert’s Hometown Hero Award, Pittsburgh Magazine’s 40 under 40, and Wheeling Jesuit University’s Fr. Pedro Arrupe Distinguished Alumni Award. Fr. Paul is the pastor of St. Moses Orthodox Christian Mission also located in the Hill District. He is a husband and father as well. |
| Fr Stephen Frase***Priest Stephen Frase****St Gregory of Nyssa Church* ***Columbus OH*** | **Fr. Stephen Frase** is the Parish Rector of St. Gregory of Nyssa in Columbus, OH. Additionally Fr. Stephen is the spiritual advisor for the campus ministry groups / Orthodox Christian Fellowships (OCFs) at The Ohio State University, Denison University, and Ohio University. Along with his parish and para-Church service, Fr. Stephen is a science teacher in the Olentangy Local School District, north of Columbus. Fr. Stephen and his wife, Matushka Elizabeth, have two daughters - a high schooler as well as a middle schooler. |
| C:\Users\Joe Kormos\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Word\Fr A Jarmus.jpg****Archpriest Andrew Jarmus******Rector, St. Nicholas Orthodox Church******Ft. Wayne IN**** | **Father Andrew Jarmus** was raised in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Manitoba, in Winnipeg, Canada, a Master of Divinity from St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox College, Winnipeg, and a Master of Theology from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Boston, MA.Ordained to the priesthood in 1992, in addition to pastoral his assignments, Father Andrew spent over 10 years working in church administration, specifically in the area of communications, for both the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada and in the Orthodox Church in America. For 13 years he also lectured at his alma mater, St. Andrew's College.Father Andrew is the priest at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, in Fort Wayne, IN, a parish of the OCA's Bulgarian Diocese; he is also the diocesan chancellor. In addition, he is the creator and host of "The Kingdom Within" podcast and writes a blog of the same name.In his off time, Father Andrew and his wife, Kristi, are enthusiastic lacrosse parents. |
| https://scontent-ord1-1.xx.fbcdn.net/hphotos-xft1/v/t1.0-9/10365765_10152796894330141_1848569399407688562_n.jpg?oh=a7deb0f078ae7d840a9ec2987c643abd&oe=56006768***Priest, Jonathan Bannon***Rector, Christ the Savior Church, Rockford IL (ACROD) | **Father Jonathan Bannon** has been a priest for just under five years with the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese.  Having grown up in the large parish of St. John the Baptist in Bridgeport, CT he is now learning about the demographics and challenges of a small parish where he serves in Rockford, IL, the farthest west in his diocese.  With degrees in Art Education and Fine Arts thinking abstractly is nothing new for him as he has found positive ways of using his love for art in the parish atmosphere from re-creating a magazine to collaborating with Orthodox. In the Pan-Orthodox atmosphere of Chicago, IL he continues to learn from many parishes and priests who he meets at the events this great city offers.  He met his wife Pani Marianna attending an OCF Real Break trip to Greece in 2008 and has assisted with Real Break trips to Thessaloniki (2017) and Mount Athos (2018).  They have been married for 6 years. Their first child, son Adrian was born in 2015.Father Jonathan will join us via the internet. |
| C:\Users\Joe Kormos\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Word\Portrait Valerie.jpgMatishka Valerie ZahirskyChair, Department of Christian Education. OCASteubenville OH | **Matushka Valerie Zahirsky** is the current chair of the Orthodox Church in America’s Department of Christian Education. She holds a Master’s Degree in English from the Claremont Graduate University (California) and a Master of Divinity Degree from Saint Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary.In addition to her work with the Department of Christian Education, Valerie has written curricular materials for church schools in Eastern Europe and the Middle East. She has lectured and offered teacher training in Russia, Lebanon, Albania, Cyprus and Romania as part of an agreement between the Orthodox Church and World Vision.Her interest in families and women in the Orthodox Church has led to her representing the Church at ecumenical meetings in several countries, including Syria, Australia, Crete and Turkey. She also speaks and offers retreats in parishes across the US, and is part of the team creating materials for the Department of Christian Education’s website.Matushka Valerie and her husband, Very Reverend Michael Zahirsky, live in Ohio. They have two grown children and two grandchildren.  |
| C:\Users\Joe Kormos\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Word\IMG_0004.jpgPres. Michelle JannakosPrincial St. Sava Orthodox SchoolPalos Hills IL | **Matushka Michelle Jannakos** is married to Fr. Paul Jannakos and has been a clergy wife for 34 years.  They have served parishes in Minneapolis, Michigan and Montana and are presently serving St. Luke the Evangelist Orthodox Church in Palos Hills, IL.   These assignments have ranged from large, established parishes in inner city settings to founding new missions, isolated from other Orthodox presence.    Michelle has held many leadership positions within the Church on the local, diocesan and national levels in the areas of music, clergy family health, Christian education, Pre-conciliar commissions and ministry departments.Michelle was raised at St. Sava Cathedral in Cleveland, OH and graduated from Iona College with a BBA in Management and from St. Vladimir’s Seminary with a Certificate in Liturgical Music. She also has a Masters of Education in Curriculum and instruction and an Education Specialist Degree in Leadership.  She taught Elementary Music for over 15 years, has served as a Development Officer for the Orthodox Christian Mission Center and is currently the Principal of St. Sava Academy, a dual language Orthodox elementary school in Chicago, IL.Michelle and Father Paul have 4 grown children and 6 grandchildren |
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| C:\Users\Joe Kormos\Pictures\My Pictures\Family\Joe\Joe Toronto Ukrainian.jpgJoseph Kormos,*Parish Development Leader Archdiocese of Pittsburgh & Western PA* Cincinnati, OH  | As the Parish Development Ministry leader for the OCA’s Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania, **Joseph Kormos** presents workshops and webinars, authors a parish leadership newsletter and helps to create parish tools for stewardship, growth and parish administration. He has served as leader for three OCA Pre-Conciliar Commissions and as a member of the Midwest Diocesan Council. As a result of travels and in his role as parish development ministry leader Joe has visited 90 Orthodox parishes in the past 10 years. Materials from this ministry can be found at [www.ocadwpa.org/pardev.html](http://www.ocadwpa.org/pardev.html)Experienced in communication, team building, project management and an ability to conceptualize fresh solutions, Joe has been a product innovation consultant and product development executive. Joe and his wife Joyce are founding members of Christ the Savior – Holy Spirit Orthodox Church in Cincinnati OH where he serves on the stewardship committee and as choir director. They have a son, a daughter, five grandsons and one granddaughter.  |