# A Guide to the National Ministries of the Church

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<td><strong>Archives</strong></td>
<td>Gathers and records materials relating to the history of the Greek people, their culture and religion in the United States.</td>
<td>Provides information and photographs on request to scholars, researchers and authors.</td>
<td>Online, hardcopy data and photographs for hundreds of documents representing many categories of Church development.</td>
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<td><strong>Church &amp; Society</strong></td>
<td>Addresses issues of contemporary American culture and society. Develops programs and ministries to help guide the faithful.</td>
<td>Through social networking sites such as Facebook individual parishioners can engage in constructive dialogue with the department.</td>
<td>Online connection to the Archdiocese and Orthodox Faith; provides lectures at young adult seminars, retreats and OCF Real Break.</td>
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<td><strong>Communications</strong> <em>(includes GOTEcom, Press Office, Internet Ministries, Orthodox Observer)</em></td>
<td>Provides information about the Church through electronic, social and print media.</td>
<td>Connects parishioners to the National Church through print, social and electronic media. Informs the U.S. and Greek media and general public about Orthodoxy.</td>
<td>Videos of religious television productions, Orthodox Observer, annual yearbook, ecclesiastical calendar, website, e-bulletin, listserver.</td>
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<td><strong>Greek Education</strong></td>
<td>Provides for the instruction of Greek and promotes Hellenic culture.</td>
<td>Provides textbooks and other instructional materials for all Greek afternoon and parochial schools; teacher training.</td>
<td>Textbooks and other educational materials for Greek schools; conducts teacher seminars and workshops and curriculum guidelines.</td>
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<td><strong>Information Technologies</strong></td>
<td>Responsible for Archdiocese’s digital Ministries and strategic direction and coordination.</td>
<td>Provides online support to help parishioners connect to various Archdiocese services.</td>
<td>Offers Bulletin Builder, Orthodox Market Place, Interactive: Children’s Bible, Iconograms, Online store for parishes.</td>
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<td><strong>Inter-Orthodox Ecumenical, Interfaith</strong></td>
<td>Promotes relations with other Orthodox Christian jurisdictions, other Christian churches and other faith groups in the U.S.</td>
<td>Through its efforts, parishes benefit through more meaningful contacts with such groups at the local level.</td>
<td>Establishes and maintains direct contacts between the Archdiocese and other Christian denominations and other Faiths, fosters ecumenical relations.</td>
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<td><strong>Marriage &amp; Family</strong></td>
<td>Addresses issues relevant to marriage and family life through the Center for Family Care and Office of Interfaith Marriage.</td>
<td>Provides assistance to families and individuals coping with problems affecting relationships and daily life.</td>
<td>Online and personal connections with Archdiocese clergy, publishes books and other resources.</td>
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<td>Parish Development</td>
<td>Assists parishes with fund-raising guidance and development.</td>
<td>Helps with strategic planning, capital improvements, grants, endowments and expanding stewardship.</td>
<td>Assists parishes through Capital Campaign Planning Studies, ongoing management programs, strategic planning seminars, stewardship workshops.</td>
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<td>Philanthropy*</td>
<td>Develops and coordinates the philanthropic work, the Archdiocese special funds and also works with the Philoptochos.</td>
<td>Provides assistance for local catastrophes such as Hurricane Katrina, fires in Greece, aid to families of 9/11 victims.</td>
<td>Provides assistance for charitable causes in each Metropolis, at local level and worldwide.</td>
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<td>Public Affairs</td>
<td>Coordinates Archdiocese involvement in public and political issues affecting the Church.</td>
<td>Works with local parishes in events such as Patriarchal visits.</td>
<td>Maintains direct contact with local, state and national government officials to increase information &amp; knowledge about the Church.</td>
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<td>Registry</td>
<td>Maintains records relating to the life of the faithful of the Church.</td>
<td>Issues marriage licenses, divorce decrees, baptismal and chrismation certificates, replaces lost transcripts.</td>
<td>Provides important documents for vital statistics and maintains records in parish registry books.</td>
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<td>Religious Education</td>
<td>Develops and provides religious education materials to advance the metropolis and parish programs.</td>
<td>Sunday schools use materials and run programs including the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival.</td>
<td>Creates and produces Sunday School texts and other materials, PRAXIS Magazine, oratorical &amp; festival information, resource catalog and teacher certification.</td>
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<td>Stewardship, Outreach and Evangelism</td>
<td>Works with National Stewardship Ministries Team and Outreach and Evangelism Advisory Board.</td>
<td>Provides resources for parish ministry, support for parish leadership and stewardship activities.</td>
<td>Evaluates parish management software programs, provides resources to help parish outreach programs, other materials.</td>
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<td>Youth, Young Adult Ministries*</td>
<td>Coordinates the national youth and young adult programs with metropolis youth directors. Administers campus</td>
<td>Provides opportunities for parish youth to participate.</td>
<td>Online and hardcopy materials to youth directors, workers; administers youth camps, including Ionian Village.</td>
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*includes Philoptochos Society, retired clergy benevolence fund, other humanitarian assistance

*includes camping ministries
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The mission of the Department of Archives & Resource Center is to systematically collect, organize, catalogue, and maintain the documents relating to the history of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and the Greek-American Community. As a repository of select resources, the department’s goal is to preserve our indelible past, chronicle our present and to provide a valuable resource center for future generations interested in the unique history of our Holy Archdiocese, the vast richness of our Greek Orthodox Faith and Hellenism in America.
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The IT Department’s mission and charge exists to aid in proclaiming the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Information Technology (IT) Department is responsible for overseeing all Archdiocesan technologies. The IT Department provides strategic visioning, development, and operational support to the Archdiocese. Thus, the mission of the IT Department is multifaceted and includes:

- Developing and implementing the Archdiocese’s overall technology strategy and strategic plan
- Overseeing and approving all technological development, applications and services for the Archdiocese and all her Departments
- Evaluating emerging technologies
- Generating technology policies and procedures
- Setting and enforcing digital graphics standards
- Establishing Archdiocesan technology standards and compliance guidelines
- Creating secure, reliable and effective information systems within the Archdiocese and between the Archdiocese, its Metropolises, institutions, organizations, and parishes.
- Maintaining the infrastructure that supports those systems
- Providing technical support to the people who use those systems
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The mission of Internet Ministries is to follow the commandment of our Lord Jesus Christ who said: “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation” (Mark 16.15). The Department of Internet Ministries is responsible for identifying, leveraging, and developing technologies appropriate for Orthodox Christian digital ministry. Internet Ministries is dedicated to wielding technology for the proclamation of the Good News of the Gospel and for the advancement of Orthodox Christian ministry. In this capacity, the Department is charged with the development and expansion of the Archdiocese’s presence on the Internet and the World Wide Web.

The Department of Internet Ministries was created through the generous support of Leadership 100 and its offices are located on the Campus of Hellenic College & Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology.
Ecumenical, Inter-Orthodox, Interfaith

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The Ecumenical Office has as its main function the task of providing information, stimulating interest and coordinating ecumenical activities on the archdiocese, metropolis and parish levels. It adheres to the principle that Orthodoxy and Orthodox ecumenism must always speak the truth, never compromising the integrity and purity of Orthodox teachings, but always respecting the sincerity of the religious convictions and spiritual sensitivities of others.
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• **OUR MISSION**
  • The Center for Family Care nurtures and empowers stewards who, at the forefront of ministry within the home and parish family, navigate the joys and challenges of life. Grounded in prayer and through multifaceted resources, trainings, and collaboration with the ministries of the Archdiocese and metropolises, we foster the building up of the Body of Christ.

• **OUR VISION**
  • 1. The Center for Family Care will nurture and promote collaboration with others to more fully serve the Body of Christ.
  • 2. The Center for Family Care will expand its exposure and presence, raising greater awareness of its ministry.
  • 3. The Center for Family Care will share and develop programs and resources that enhance family life.
  • 4. The Center for Family Care will equip others for ministry through training and education.
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Our staff’s expertise in development and fundraising is available to provide hands-on guidance to your parish in:

- Strategic Planning
- Expanding Stewardship
- Raising Funds for Capital Improvement
- Planned Giving and Parish Endowments
- Seeking Grants for Parish Programs
- Other Fundraising Guidance

Every parish in America — from the youngest mission to the most established cathedral — has growth needs. The Archdiocesan Office of Parish Development has helped Greek Orthodox parishes around the country. Contact us today to discuss how we might assist your parish.
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The task of this Archdiocesan Department is to further develop and coordinate the philanthropic work of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. Working closely with various community organizations, most especially the Ladies Philoptochos Society and IOCC, this Department coordinates on a national level the philanthropic work of the Church. Responding to the apostolic exhortations that “our love may abound more and more, with deep knowledge and discernment” (Philippians 1:9) and that “faith without works is dead” (James 2:26), this office seeks to motivate all communicants, men and women, young and old, to be more philanthropic in their outlook. The Department of Philanthropy is concerned with promoting philanthropy in its original and purest expression i.e., “love for one’s fellow man”, love expressed in thought, word, and deed, cognizant of the fact that God is love.

The Department has also been charged with overseeing and coordinating the work of the various relief funds which have been established by the Archdiocese. These funds include: the September 11th Fund in which over $2.1 million was collected and distributed, the Haiti Relief Fund which distributed over $350,000 in assistance, the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund which distributed over $900,000, the Greek Fire Relief which distributed close to $4 million, the Relief Fund for the People of Greece which distributed over $1,000,000 to assist the people of Greece impacted by the economic crisis, the Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund which has collected and distributed $270,000 to victims of the hurricane, and the newly established Relief Fund for the People of Cyprus.
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• The Department also serves individuals, organizations, military bases, ecumenical groups, and overseas parishes with catechetical resources that advance the spiritual admonition to:

• “Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ”
  2 Peter 3:18
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Orthodox Christian Stewardship is a way of life, which acknowledges accountability, reverence, and responsibility before God. A primary goal of Stewardship is to promote spiritual growth and strengthen faith. Becoming a Steward begins when we believe in God, to whom we give our love, loyalty and trust and act on those beliefs. As Stewards, we affirm that every aspect of our lives comes as a gift from Him. Stewardship calls on the faithful to cheerfully offer back to God a portion of the gifts with which they have been blessed.
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The mission of the Archdiocese Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries is to strengthen the relationship between God and the Greek Orthodox youth and young adults through supportive Christ-centered resources aimed to sustain youth leaders as well as Orthodox individuals.

- **Department Ministries**

  The Department works with the following ministries of our Church: HOPE (Holy Orthodox Primary Education), JOY (Junior Orthodox Youth), GOYA (Greek Orthodox Youth of America), Altar Boys, Young Adult Ministries, OCF (Orthodox Christian Fellowship), EOCS (Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting), and Camping Ministries.
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