



2026 OPL MONTHLY WEBINAR SERIES

Expanding the Living Parish

Discerning, Leading, and Embracing

2026 WEBINARS

MONDAYS AT 5:00 PM (PDT)

JUNE 15, 2026

Elements of a Thriving Parish &
Empowering Parish Ministries

JULY 20, 2026

Building a Christ-Centered,
High-Trust Team

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Beyond Stewardship: Fundraising
for Special Parish Initiatives and
Capital Campaigns

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Conflict: Using The Right Approach
and Strategy for Success

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Seek, Prepare & Receive
To Seek: Welcoming &
Engaging Seekers

NOVEMBER 16, 2026

To Prepare: Healthy Catechism for
Newcomers

DECEMBER 14, 2026

To Receive: Building the Orthodox
Mindset & Adult Religious Education

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026

5:00 PM PDT | 8:00 PM EDT

PARISH COUNCIL LEADERSHIP: WHAT MAKES A PARISH COUNCIL HEALTHY, FAITHFUL, AND EFFECTIVE?

In this practical session, Fr. Mark Leondis and Girard Mitchell will explore what parish council leadership is truly meant to be: not politics, not control, and not simply filling positions, but stewardship, service, and shared responsibility for the mission of the Church. This session will offer clear Orthodox principles, governance insight, and practical best practices for building a strong parish council culture. Topics will include mission clarity, nominations, accountability, ministry involvement, meeting culture, the priest-council relationship, and common pitfalls councils should avoid. Whether you are clergy, a current parish council member, or discerning future leadership, this session will challenge and equip you to help build a parish council that truly serves the mission of Christ and His Church.

OUR PRESENTERS



GIRARD MITCHELL

Parish Council Leader at
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