



Saint Catherine's Vision
Building Up the Body of Christ

“Divine Compassion and Christ in the Everyday”
An SCV Outreach Ministry via Teleconferencing

***“Living the Beatitudes:
Everyday Encounters on the Spiritual Journey”***
Spring-Summer 2020 Session

Facilitator-Leaders

Julia Corduneanu Curtright owes her theological formation to both her native Romania and her “new land.” Leaping in faith from engineering school for a M.Div. degree from the University of Iasi in Romania, her new path led to a Th.M. from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology and post-graduate studies at Marquette University. Married to Fr. Mark Curtright, a Greek Orthodox priest serving in Kansas City, Kansas, they are the parents of Anna and Mariam. Committed to striving to understand and apply in her daily life (as a mother and wife) the ecclesiological gift of the “liturgy after the Liturgy”, she is also learning that *being* an Orthodox woman is first and foremost the experience of kneeling at the foot of the Cross.

Maria Drossos is a Master of Divinity candidate at the Sheptytsky Institute of St. Michael's College in the University of Toronto. She serves as a member of the Ecumenical Patriarchate's Task Force on Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking. A graduate of Loyola University (Chicago) in Business Administration, she enjoys over thirty years combined leadership in the food industry and charitable sector. For well over a decade, her efforts have been focused on outreach ministry and on providing Christian education. Married to Father Odisseys Drossos, Presbytera Maria and Father “Odis” are the parents to their wonderful son, Thomas!

Kyriaki Karidoyanes FitzGerald serves as an Orthodox theologian, educator and pastoral psychologist and is an Adjunct Professor of Theology at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. She also taught on other faculties in the USA and abroad, most recently as Visiting Professor at the Toronto School of Theology of the University of Toronto. She has published several books and numerous articles including, *Women Deacons in the Orthodox Church: Called to Holiness and Ministry*, as well as *Persons in Communion: A Theology of Authentic Relationships* and edited *Orthodox Women Speak: Discerning the ‘Signs of the Times’*”. With abiding interest in spiritual life and the healing of trauma and addiction, Dr. FitzGerald serves as

a Clinical Psychologist and Pastoral Psychotherapist at the Pastoral Counseling Services of the South Shore (Hanover, MA).

Christine Halikias, a long-time student of Orthodox Christian spirituality, is committed to learning about and facilitating healthy responses for individuals and communities surviving various types of distress, injustice, trauma and/or abuse. She has studied at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology and William James College. As mother of five-year old Maria, she is married to Fr. Philip Halikias, assistant priest of Holy Archangels Greek Orthodox Church in Watertown, MA. Presbyteria Christine was recently accepted for graduate studies in Social Work in the MSW program at Boston University. She is looking forward to beginning this September.

Fr. Philip Halikias, M.Div., D.Min., (*candidate*) is the assistant priest for the Archangels community in Watertown, and serves as special assistant to the COO at HCHC. He is currently writing his D.Min dissertation at Boston University, focusing on the theology of the Home Church and creating a curriculum for Orthodox-Catholic spouses to assist enhancing attachments to (i.e. relationships with) each other, and their faith. For several years, Fr. Philip has been a behind a scenes consultant and facilitator with SCV. He strongly supports the participation of women in the life of the Church and upholds their vital presence in ministry. Fr. Philip is married to Presvytera Christine and together have a beautiful 5 1/2 year old, Maria.

Maria Koulianos, M.Div., Th.M., is an Orthodox Christian educator of over 20 years, loving every minute, with vast experiences in both public and private schools as a classroom teacher, a developer and implementer of learning programs for students, and an area administrator. Currently she teaches at Saint Raphael School, an Orthodox online classical education school. A long-time student of Orthodox Christian worship, spirituality, and Church history, she completed her thesis on the Virgin Mary, the All-Blessed Mother of God, *The Annunciation of the Theotokos from a Liturgical Perspective* at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, MA. She is greatly inspired and deeply appreciates the Providence of our loving God which never fails to love His creation. Presbyteria Maria is married to Father Dionysios who is the Dean of Saint George Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Springfield, Massachusetts.

Anberin Eugenia Pasha, M.Div., Th.M. (*candidate*), has a background in documentary filmmaking and Orthodox Christian theology. While completing her Master of Divinity degree at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, she researched, filmed and directed the documentary film on the life of Saint Maria of Paris, Love to the End. She is currently working on "Project Psalm 103" titled, Heaven and Earth - A Song of Creation at HCHC while completing her Th.M. at Holy Cross.

Vera Proctor is the director of FOCUS Minnesota, an Orthodox charitable non-profit working on pervasive and persistent issues of poverty in our communities. Committed to "service to one another," she particularly desires to encourage faithful how they can more fully become the Church, through prayer and faith in action. Her educational background is in communications, and has worked in the fields of advertising, television, arts management and public broadcasting; Married to Fr. Jonathan Proctor, they serve Holy Trinity Orthodox Church (OCA), in St. Paul, MN. Matushka Vera is an alumna of St. Vladimir's Seminary.

Nikki Stournaras is a graduate of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Seminary, has completed four units of hospital chaplaincy training (*Clinical Pastoral Education, CPE*) at St. Vincent's Hospital, Worcester, MA. Chaplain Stournaras serves as a hospice chaplain and bereavement counselor for West River Hospice, Needham, MA. For many years, she has been serving her parish, St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, in Weston, MA in various capacities, including, twice as Philoptochos President and directing a parish prayer group for over 20 years. She is also currently teaching seventh graders in catechetical education.

Fr. Anthony Tandilyan & Pres. Kellie Tandilyan “met in the middle” 17 years ago when he arrived from Armenia and she travelled from Montana to study at Hellenic College/Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. Father Anthony completed coursework for the Th. M. and Presvytera recently returned to Holy Cross to pursue studies for her long-awaited Master of Divinity degree. Together they have served the church in a variety of capacities from music and Sunday Church School to their current ministry as Priest and Presvytera at the Dormition of the Virgin Mary in Somerville, MA. They live in Wilmington, MA where they homeschool their three children while keeping tabs on 13 chickens and one excessively clever dog.