

Conference Schedule

Monday, June 9

12:00 PM Registration Opens
2:00 PM Opening Prayer
and Archpastoral Message
by His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos
2:40 PM Speaker: Fr. Adam Roberts
3:50 PM Breakout Session 1: Introduction
5:00 PM Workshop: How to Start
an Evangelism Team
6:00 PM Vespers
7:00 PM Dinner
7:30 PM Idea Sharing
8:00 PM Speaker: Christian Gonzalez

Tuesday, June 10

8:45 AM 3rd Hour Prayers
9:15 AM Speaker: Fr. Adam Roberts
10:15 AM Breakout Session 2:
Obstacles to Evangelism
11:15 AM Workshop: How to Start
an Evangelism Season
11:45 AM Orthodox Converts Speak
12:30 PM Lunch
1:30 PM Speaker: Christian Gonzalez
2:00 PM Workshop: How to Start
a Welcoming Team
2:45 PM Workshop: How to Create
an Engaging Website
3:15 PM Breakout Session 3: Reaching
Your Local Community
5:00 PM Vespers
6:00 PM Speakers Engage:
Fr. Adam Roberts & Christian Gonzalez
6:30 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Launch of Grow Orthodoxy
7:30 PM Wine and Cheese Social Hour

Wednesday, June 11

9:00 AM Akathist for Sts. Peter and Paul
10:00 AM Commissioning Service
10:30 AM Panel Discussion
11:15 AM Reflections from Attendees
11:45 AM Closing Remarks and Prayer
by His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos
12:00-4:00 PM To-Go Lunch Provided
& Fellowship Time

Schedule subject to change.

GROWING 2025 ORTHODOXY Evangelism Conference

Monday, June 9 – Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Saint Paul Greek Orthodox Church | 4949 Alton Parkway | Irvine, CA

Register now to be inspired, equipped, and encouraged to share the Orthodox faith – starting in your local area.

\$100 per person through May 1 | \$125 per person beginning on May 2
Includes meals outlined on the schedule.

Registration Deadline: June 1, 2025

Accommodations are recommended at: La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Irvine Spectrum | 14972 Sand Canyon Avenue | Irvine, CA 92618 | 949-551-0909

Join us for the **2025 Growing Orthodoxy Evangelism Conference**, a three-day gathering dedicated to equipping Orthodox Christians with practical tools for sharing the faith. This conference will feature inspiring speakers, interactive workshops, and meaningful discussions on evangelism. **If you are someone passionate about spreading the Gospel or want to learn about evangelism in an Orthodox context**, this event will provide valuable insights and actionable strategies to bring back to your community. You'll also have the opportunity to **connect with others who share your passion** for sharing Christ and strengthening the Church.

Keynote Speakers



Rev. Father Adam Roberts

Father Adam is the President of St. Athanasius Academy of Orthodox Theology and pastor of St. Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church in Katy, TX. He co-founded Camp St. Thekla, authored several books, and has hosted the Go Forth podcast on Ancient Faith Radio, as well as the Stories That Work live broadcast for the Department of Missions and Evangelism. Father Adam's approach to evangelism is deeply rooted in Orthodox tradition while being practical and relevant for today. He emphasizes that Orthodoxy itself is evangelism,

as taught by St. John Chrysostom, and frames evangelism not as a daunting task but as an opportunity to build relationships, share personal stories, and plant seeds of faith.



Christian Gonzalez

Director of Strategic Engagement for OYM

Christian is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist who holds multiple degrees from Wheaton College, Azusa Pacific University, and Luther Seminary. Well known for his work developing training materials like "Effective Christian Ministry" and podcasts like "We Are Orthodoxy" and "Pop Culture Coffee Hour," he is passionate about upbuilding of the Church as the Family of God: a household that forms young people into the likeness of Christ.



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For details on registration and accommodations, please visit: groworthodoxy.org/2025