

## Event Information

The Orthodox Institute Ontario provides a wonderful opportunity for continuing education in the faith and training in the ministry of Christian Education. The day consists of three class sessions. Each session offers the participants four courses from which to choose. The courses are arranged in "tracks."

- *Sharing Our Faith*
- *Church School Director Seminar*
- *Teacher Training I*
- *Teacher Training II*

If a participant chooses to take all the courses in a track, a certificate of participation will be given at the end of the day.

### Schedule

8:30 Registration, pastry and coffee	1:00 Session II continues
9:00 Session I	2:00 Break
11:00 Break	2:30 Session III
11:30 Session II	4:30 Certificates and Closing
12:30 Break for lunch	

#### Presenting workshops will be:

- **Mrs. Carole Buleza**, Director  
Antiochian Department of Christian Education
- **Mat. Myra Kovalak**, Director of Teacher Training  
Orthodox Christian Education Commission
- **Mr. Joseph Tershay**, Christian Education Coordinator, Diocese of Los Angeles

We are pleased to have, as our special guest presenter,

#### Fr. Andrew Stephen Damick

Pastor, St. Paul Church, Emmaus, Pennsylvania and originator of the Ancient Faith Radio podcasts, "**Heterodoxy and Orthodoxy**," & "**Roads from Emmaus**"

#### PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

The host parish prepares a substantial notebook of materials for each participant in advance of the event. Therefore, pre-registration by **September 10** is a necessity. The fee of \$25 covers the cost of the materials as well as lunch and refreshments. You may pre-register by mail, email, or phone. Please contact the parish at [www.stmichaelvannuys.org](http://www.stmichaelvannuys.org), or by phone, (818) 994-2313, or Kh. Elaine Alkhas at [elaine\\_alkhas@hotmail.com](mailto:elaine_alkhas@hotmail.com).

# A Day of Fellowship and Learning

## "Sharing Our Faith"

### Orthodoxy--Why Share?



Orthodox Christians have been entrusted with the life-giving ancient faith. Learn the ways you already share and ideas for speaking with others.

### Catholicism, Protestantism and Orthodoxy

(Fr. Damick)

History and theology are the basis for understanding the main branches of Christianity. The focus of the course will be on understanding the differences, and appreciating the similarities.

### Helping Children Share their Faith

Teachers and parents can guide and nurture children's spirits so they may ultimately share their faith. Examples from Scripture, Tradition and the Saints will provide advice and inspiration.

## Church School Director Seminar



### Introduction to Church School Ministry

The course introduces the CSD Manual, designed by experienced Directors to facilitate the organization and management of Church Schools. The course is instructive as well as a platform for sharing.

### Curriculum and Resources for the CSD

Participants will receive information on grade-level standards, and review resources that should be in the Church School Library. Online resources will also be presented.

### Build Your Staff, Build Your Students

This course will cover positive techniques for recruiting teachers and staff, and ideas for boosting enrollment.

## Teacher Training I

### Overview of Orthodoxy

The basic tenets of our faith are provided in an interactive course that models a variety of teaching techniques.

### Introduction to Teaching

Effective teaching is a combination of planning and management. Topics include: how to write a measurable objective, five components of a lesson plan with ideas for the presentation of each, and how to manage a positive, productive classroom.



### Curriculum and Resources

An overview of "best resources" will be provided. Websites valuable for Orthodox education will be explored.

## Teacher Training II

### Enhancing the Classroom Experience

Teachers will be provided with tools to instruct students in a variety of ways, based on how they learn. The principles of teaching special needs students will also be addressed.

### Overview of Moral Issues

The Orthodox viewpoint on moral issues will be contrasted with those of our secular society. Major topics of concern to youth will be touched upon throughout the presentation.



### Utilizing Crafts for Religious Education

Easy arts and crafts ideas will be introduced for use in the church school among various age levels. Games will also be demonstrated.

