
Continuing Education Program at St. Tikhon's Seminary
Tuesday, June 19 at 12:00 PM through Thursday, June 21 at 4:30 PM

“CONTEMPORARY ISSUES FACING TODAY'S ORTHODOX PASTOR”



Donna Witek, MA, MLIS – “Using Social Media Well: Information Literacy on the Internet for Orthodox Christian Clergy and Faithful”

Donna Witek is Associate Professor and Information Literacy Coordinator in The University of Scranton's Weinberg Memorial Library. This talk will introduce participants to a framework for understanding the way people use social media to meet their information needs, with a focus on information needs related to the Church and Orthodox spiritual life. The presenter will share examples of information literacy concepts in action through the online behavior of both faithful and clergy of the Orthodox Church, and make recommendations about what it means to use social media well for both personal and pastoral uses.



Archpriest Steven Voytovich, D.Min. — “Ministering in Times of Crisis”

Archpriest Steven Voytovich, D.Min., has served as the the Dean of St. Tikhon's Seminary for the past five years, and is Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Pastoral Arts and Praxis. Over the past few years acts of violence at or near church settings and institutions of learning are on the increase, as seemingly are natural disasters. This session will, through the lens of the presenter's live experiences, seek to identify some skills, training, and approaches that will aid attendees should they find themselves near one of these events.



Dr. Albert Rossi — “Dealing with Internet Pornography Issues”

Dr. Al Rossi teaches courses in pastoral theology at Saint Vladimir's Seminary, is a retired Associate Professor of Psychology at Pace University, and is a licensed clinical psychologist in the state of New York. This talk will present some of the back story of Internet pornography use, and provide strategies for priests to begin to help counselees with this problem.



Archimandrite Sergius (Bowyer) — “Prayer: the Liturgy of the Heart”

Fr. Sergius has been the Abbot of St. Tikhon's Monastery since 2009. He entered the monastic life in 1999 at the Monastery of St. John of San Francisco, and came to St. Tikhon's Monastery in 2000, where he served as Choir Director. The focus of this presentation will be to answer questions about the importance and mechanics of personal prayer based on Fr Sophrony's theology of the person

Melissa Wertman — “The Opioid Epidemic”

Melissa Wertman is the Assistant Director with Wayne County Drug and Alcohol Commission, and is a certified CRN (Court Reporting Network) Evaluator for the DUI Program in Wayne County, as well as a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor, through the Pennsylvania Certification Board. This presentation will cover both general topics relating to addiction and substance abuse, as well as the specifics of the Opioid Epidemic currently afflicting the country.

Registration is \$100 and includes meals as well as overnight accommodations in the dormitory. Register by June 17 by calling 570-561-1818 or emailing info@stots.edu.