



Clergy Wives Report

Master bless!

Your Eminence, reverend fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters in Christ,
Christ is in our midst!

Our Clergy Wives of Orthodox Church in America continues to focus its work on bringing beneficial programs to our clergy wives in an effort to establish a supporting environment to one another. We attempt to reach out to all clergy wives regardless of their spouse's status (active, retired, and widowed clergy wives). Our group receives guidance from the leadership from the Office of Pastoral Life (Episcopal Liaison - Bishop Nikodhim of the Albanian Diocese, OPL chairperson - Fr. Nicholas Solak). We have three Diocesan Point People for the Diocese of Chicago and the Midwest, Protinica Michelle Jannakos (Palos Hills, IL), Mka. Valerie Zahirsky (Parma, OH) and Mka. Miho Ealy (Dayton, OH). Please note our activities including recent events listed below.

Clergy Wives Activities

- Collecting data for clergy wives directory (submit information using the link on <https://www.oca.org/about/clergy-wives-ministry>)
- Clergy Wives Quarterly Newsletter (The latest issue came out on September 8th.)
- Clergy Wives' social media presence through Facebook, Instagram and YouTube channel
- Sending e-cards to clergy wives on various occasions such as Nativity, Pascha and at individual life events
- Reaching out to clergy widows (Clergy Widows group plans to have zoom events as needed.)
- Working closely with the OCA chancery regarding clergy wives' events at the All American Council in July, 2025
- Recent Zoom Retreats/Events
 - Clergy Wives Zoom Event (March 2024) - "International Clergy Wives Speak" by a number of clergy wives residing in different countries
 - Clergy Wives Zoom Event (June 2024) - "The Road to the Canonization of Blessed Matushka Olga" by Archbishop Daniel, Diocese of Chicago and the Midwest
 - Clergy Widows Online Retreat (February 2024) - Guest Speaker: Father Sergius, Abbot of the Monastery of St. Tikhon of Zadonsk
 - Clergy Widows Online Retreat (May 2024) - Guest Speaker : Father Ian MacKinnon, Retired Archpriest, Diocese of the West
- Upcoming Zoom Event
 - 1) Saturday, October 12th (1pm, ET) - "Continuing the Road to the Canonization of Blessed Matushka Olga of Alaska" by Bishop Alexei, Diocese of Alaska
 - 2) Saturday, December 14th (1pm, ET) - "A Reflection on Pain and Suffering" by Archbishop Alexander Golitzin, Diocese of the South/Bulgarian Diocese

Clergy Wives Reliquary Fundraising for St. Olga of Alaska

Clergy Wives began raising funds for St. Olga's reliquary project this the summer. We hope to reach at least \$10, 000 by February, 2025. Please support this wonderful project by spreading the word among your family, friends and parishioners. The flyer for the fund raising project is attached to this report. For any questions, suggestions, and concerns, please contact clergywives@oca.org.

Respectfully submitted,

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September, 2024



Clergy Wives Reliquary Fundraising Project for Saint Olga, Matushka of Alaska and North America

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FUNDRAISING VIDEO***



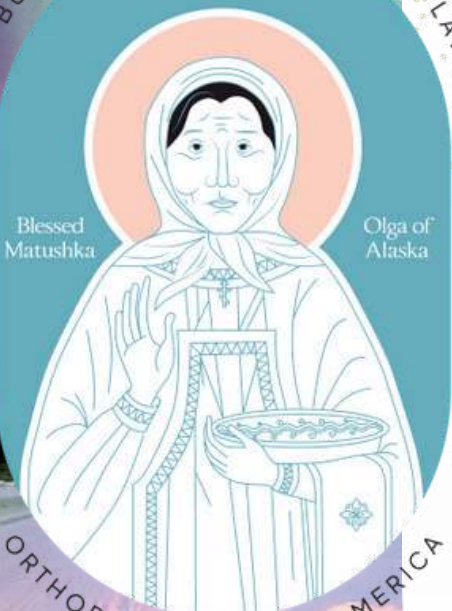
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