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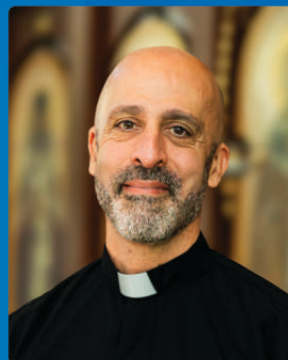
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## ARCHEPISCOPAL MESSAGE

*By His Eminence  
Archbishop Elpidophoros of America*

I greet all of you — the esteemed members of Leadership 100 — and welcome you to your 33rd Annual Conference. I am deeply delighted to join you in this celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Fund, Inc, and its innumerable achievements and extraordinary generosity over these last four decades.

In recent years, we have had the distinct honor to celebrate together the Bicentennial of the Greek Revolution and the Centennial of our Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. However, this year we convene here in Naples to acknowledge Leadership 100's remarkable history — the legacy of our much beloved Archbishop Iakovos.

Your support, of course, continues to remain true to his memory and legacy in every respect — through the aid you provide to Hellenic College & Holy Cross, the National Ministries of our Archdiocese, our

clergy, our youth and families, and the various humanitarian assistance we offer to individuals in need both here and abroad.

You continue to fulfill Leadership 100's original mission by recruiting members with exceptional accomplishments, integrity and philanthropic spirit, who have been active in providing critical financial assistance whenever needed. In this regard, then, you perpetuate your high standards of excellence. And I would like to express my deepest appreciation for your steadfast support of my Archepiscopal ministry and the national ministries of our Archdiocese, which demonstrates your genuine Christian love and devotion as well as your unyielding Hellenic spirit.

Leadership 100 has prevailed over 40 years because of your unbreakable commitment to excellence, transparency and accountability — providing necessary resources in a thoughtful and effective manner, and always putting your dedication to our faith and heritage at the very forefront of your efforts. This has allowed you to remain financially stable and to elevate the dedication and beneficence of your members in a manner that creates fellowship and provides a fertile ground for spiritual growth and the perpetuation of Orthodoxy and

Hellenism in America.

As we assemble at this conference, I remind you to remain ever mindful of our Ecumenical Patriarchate and our Sacred Archdiocese America. As Orthodox Christians, we face constant growing challenges in a rapidly changing contemporary culture and society. Nevertheless, we must always remain committed to our spiritual values and cultural ideals, recognizing the precious gifts of faith and salvation that we have the privilege to bear as servants and disciples of Christ.

And so, my dear and esteemed friends, I encourage you to follow faithfully the founding vision of Leadership 100, which was conceived by the ever-memorable Archbishop Iakovos with the aim of fashioning a path forward for our Church in the United States. May the Almighty bless the entire family of Leadership 100, together with all of your loved ones, and grant that we may continue to receive His heavenly enlightenment and inspiration in our collective efforts and endeavors. I wish all of you a very enjoyable, successful and spiritually rejuvenating conference!

*With paternal love in Christ,*

*† ΕΠΙΔΟΦΩΡΟΣ*  
**† ELPIDOPHOROS**  
*Archbishop of America*



## MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN



Dear Members and Friends,

Welcome to the 33rd Annual Leadership 100 Conference, and to Naples, Florida. We are gathered to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Fund.

We anticipate the celebration with great excitement. In preparation we have arranged for the exhibit titled *Leadership 100, 1984 to 2024, 40 Years of Philanthropic Service* at the National Hellenic Museum in Chicago, as part of the exhibit *Legacy, Renewal & Unity: Celebrating 100 Years of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America*, which Leadership 100 funded, and a video produced at the exhibit will be shared with you on Thursday morning, February 29. The exhibit will be on display at the Museum until May 2024 thanks to our esteemed member, John P. Calamos, Sr., Chairman of the Museum, who will address us after the video.

Leadership 100 has been tested and endured challenges during these spiritually symbolic 40 years. We have grown in membership and assets, but mostly in faith, becoming even more aware of our purpose and mission.

His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros will address us in acknowledgement of our 40th Anniversary in his lecture on Friday, March 1.

Speakers include Deacon Marek Simon, Executive Director, and Maria Tsarnas and Chris Kontomaris, of the Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF), General Andrew Poppas, Commanding General, US Army Forces Command, and Drs. Theodoros Teknos, President and Scientific Director at the UH Seidman Cancer Center and Professor at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Cleveland, and Leonidas Plataniias, Director of the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center and Professor at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, on Thursday, February 29; Colonel Matthew Bogdanos, Chief, Antiquities Trafficking Unit, New York District Attorney's Office, on Friday, March 1; and Matina Kolokotronis, Chief Operating

Officer, Sacramento Kings, on Saturday, March 2.

Other events include the Welcome Reception and New Member/First Timers Orientation on Thursday, February 29, our General Assembly, Young Professionals' Private Dialogue with Archbishop Elpidophoros and the Hellenic Glendi on Friday, March 1, the Annual Walk/Run and Golf and Tennis Tournaments and Awards on Saturday morning, March 2, the Obelisk and Icon Photo Presentation, Children's Program, and Grand Banquet on Saturday evening, March 2, and the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at St. Katherine's Church in Naples, Florida on Sunday, March 3.

This Conference has record-breaking registrations, especially with our Young Professionals. We are excited to share in this momentous celebration of our 40th Anniversary with you, the faithful supporters of Leadership 100.

I wish you and your family a wonderful time and look forward to greeting you personally and thanking you.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim H. Logothetis".

**Demetrios G. Logothetis**  
Chairman





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# PROGRAM

### Thursday, February 29

9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Registration/Hospitality	Registration Foyer
8:45 am - 9:45 am	Opening Breakfast	Ritz Carlton Ballroom
9:45 am - 10:15 am	<i>Video Presentation: Leadership 100's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</i>	
10:15 am - 11:00 am	Forum Speakers: <i>Deacon Marek Simon</i> <i>Maria Tsarnas and Chris Kontomaris (OCF)</i>	Ritz Carlton Ballroom
11:15 am - 12:30 pm	Forum Speaker: <i>Gen. Andrew Poppas</i>	Vanderbilt Ballroom
12:45 pm - 1:45 pm	Luncheon	Ritz Carlton Ballroom
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm	<i>Forum Speakers: Drs. Theodoros Teknos</i> <i>and Leonidas Platanius</i>	
5:45 pm - 6:30 pm	New Members / First Timers Orientation	Estuary
6:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Children's Program	TBD
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Welcome Reception	Center Court <i>Back up: Ritz Carlton Ballroom</i>

### Friday, March 1

9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Registration/Hospitality	Registration Foyer
8:30 am - 9:30 am	Breakfast	Ritz Carlton Ballroom
9:45 am - 10:45 am	Lecture <i>His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros</i>	Vanderbilt Ballroom
9:30 am - 3:30 pm	Children's Program	TBD
11:00 am - 1:00 pm	General Assembly	Vanderbilt Ballroom
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Luncheon	Ritz Carlton Ballroom
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm	<i>Forum Speaker: Col. Matthew Bogdanos</i>	
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Young Professionals private dialogue with Archbishop Elpidophoros <u>Young Professionals Only</u>	Vanderbilt Ballroom
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Hellenic Glendi	Ritz Carlton Ballroom
11:00 pm	Buses Depart Young Professionals After Hours Event	TBD

### Saturday, March 2

7:45 am - 8:45 am	13 <sup>th</sup> Annual Walk/Run	TBD
8:30 am - 1:00 pm	Golf Tournament	Tiburon Golf Course
9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Tennis Tournament	Tennis Courts at Tiburon
9:30 am - 11:00 am	Brunch	Ritz Carlton Ballroom
11:00 am - 12:30 pm	<i>Forum Speaker: Matina Kolokotronis</i>	
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Golf/Tennis Awards Luncheon <u>Players Only</u>	The Patio
5:45 pm - 6:30 pm	Obelisk and Icon Photo Presentation	Plaza I
6:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Children's Program	Port Royal
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Grand Banquet Reception	Ritz Carlton Ballroom Foyer
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Grand Banquet (Black Tie)	Ritz Carlton Ballroom
11:15 pm - 1:15 am	After Hours Social	The Plaza Ballroom

### Sunday, March 3

8:15 am	Transportation to Church	St. Katherine's Church
8:30 am	Orthros	7100 Airport Road North
9:30 am	Hierarchical Divine Liturgy	Naples, Florida Tel. 239-591-3430



## **General Andrew P. Poppas, Commanding General, U.S. Army Forces Command, to address Forum on Thursday, February 29**

General Andrew Poppas, who became the 24th commander of United States Army Forces Command, Fort Liberty (formerly Fort Bragg, NC), on July 8, 2022, will address the Forum on Thursday, February 29.

As commander of the U.S. Army's largest organization, he commands 216,000 active-component soldiers and 190,000 members of the U.S. Army Reserve, while also providing training and readiness oversight to the Army National Guard. In total, the Forces Command team includes more than 740,000 soldiers and 13,000 civilians.

A native of Wisconsin, General Poppas graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point and was commissioned in 1988. He spent his early years serving within the 3rd Infantry Regiment at Fort Myer, VA; the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC; as a foreign area officer in Thessaloniki, Greece; and on the Joint Staff in Washington, D.C.

In 2005, he returned to the 82nd Airborne Division and Fort Liberty (formerly Fort Bragg), where he commanded 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment and later 5th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, which he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He then served in the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, KY, as its 1st Brigade Combat Team Commander and later as the division's Deputy Commanding General (Operations). In both these roles, he deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

General Poppas then returned to Washington, D.C. where he served as Deputy Director for Regional Operations and Force Management on the Joint Staff, and Director of Force Management in the Headquarters, Department of the Army G-3/5/7. In 2017, he assumed command of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and again deployed with the division to Afghanistan.

Prior to assuming command of Forces Command, General Poppas served more than three years as a senior leader on the Joint Staff, first as Director for Operations, and later as Director of the Joint Staff. In this role, he assisted the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as advisor to the President and Secretary of Defense, coordinated and directed Joint Staff activities in support of the Chairman, and served as the Staff Inspector General.

In addition to his Bachelor of Science degree in National Security Affairs from the United States Military Academy, General Poppas holds a Master of Science degree in Occupational Education from Kansas State University. He is also a graduate of the Defense Language Institute, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and a fellowship at Harvard University.

General Poppas and his wife of 22 years, Beth, have three teenage children.



## **Matina Kolokotronis, Chief Operating Officer of the Sacramento Kings, to Address Saturday Forum on March 2**

Entering her 27th season with the NBA, Matina Kolokotronis, who serves as the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the Sacramento Kings, will address the Saturday Forum on March 2. Bringing decades of experience in sports and government law, community affairs and contract negotiations, Kolokotronis' leadership has been integral to the development of the award-winning Golden 1 Center as well as its adjacent, \$500 million mixed-use development project, Downtown Commons.

Golden 1 Center is recognized as the greenest and most technologically advanced arena in the world and is the first professional sports venue in the world to achieve LEED Platinum certification. Together, Golden 1 Center and Downtown Commons represent a \$1 billion investment in downtown Sacramento, CA – a great source of pride for the community and driver of significant economic growth in the region.

Prior to her appointment as COO, Kolokotronis was the President of Business Operations. Kolokotronis is the only female in the NBA to hold both COO and President of Business Operations titles.

Before being named President of Business Operations, Kolokotronis served as legal consultant for the Kings business and basketball operations teams, negotiating player and staff contracts. During that time, Kolokotronis was an Adjunct Professor of Law at McGeorge Law School,

University of the Pacific, where she taught Sports Law. Prior to that, she served for six years as director of the Sacramento Kings Foundation, overseeing strategic development and fundraising activities. Before joining the Kings, Kolokotronis was an associate with Miller, Owen and Trost and practiced contract and sports law where her clients included the Kings and various NBA players.

Kolokotronis' leadership extends beyond the Kings organization and into the community, where she is an advocate for numerous women's advancement groups and non-profits. She is a mentor at SheShares, a Sacramento-based organization dedicated to supporting young female professionals working and creating careers in California. She also serves on the California State Protocol Foundation board, as appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom, and is the board chair of the Greater Sacramento Economic Council.

Kolokotronis is a graduate of Loyola University Chicago and received her law degree from McGeorge Law School, University of the Pacific. A Chicago native, she was raised in the Greek Orthodox faith and is an active member of the Greek Orthodox community. She and her husband, Sotiris, are long-time Sacramento residents, and the parents of three children – Constantine, Marisa, and Nicholas.





## Colonel Matthew Bogdanos to Address Forum on Friday, March 1

Colonel Matthew Bogdanos, Chief, Antiquities Trafficking Unit, New York District Attorney's Office, will address the Forum on Friday, March 1. Bogdanos has served as Assistant District Attorney since 1988. He is an author, boxer, and a retired colonel

in the United States Marine Corps. Following the September 11, 2001 attacks, Bogdanos deployed to Afghanistan where he was awarded a Bronze Star for actions against Al-Qaeda and the Taliban. In 2003, while on active duty in the Marine Corps, he led an investigation into the looting of Iraq's National Museum, and was subsequently awarded the National Humanities Medal for his efforts. Returning to the District Attorney's Office in 2010, he created and still heads the Antiquities Trafficking Unit, "the only one of its kind in the world." He had previously gained national attention for the prosecution of Sean Combs, who was acquitted of weapons and bribery charges in a 2001 trial stemming from a 1999 nightclub shootout.

Bogdanos attended Don Bosco Preparatory High School in New Jersey and later Bucknell University in Pennsylvania. He holds a Bachelor's degree in classical studies from Bucknell and a degree in law from Columbia University Law School. He also has a Master's degree in Classical Studies from Columbia University and another Master's in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College.

Bogdanos is one of a set of twins born and raised in New York to a Greek father, Konstantine, and a French mother, Claire. He is one of four children. Growing up he waited tables in his parents' Greek restaurant, Deno's Place, in lower Manhattan.

Bogdanos enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserve in January 1977, while still a freshman. In 1988, he resigned from active duty to join the Manhattan District Attorney's Office. Following the September 11, 2001 attacks, Bogdanos returned to full-time active duty.

In 1996, Bogdanos led a counter-narcotics action on the Mexico–United States border. He was active during Operation Desert Storm and served in South Korea, Lithuania, Guyana, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Kosovo. In 2001, he was part of a law enforcement, counter-terrorism team deployed to Afghanistan, where he was awarded a Bronze Star for actions against Al-Qaeda for, according to the Bronze Star citation, "seizing unexpected opportunities and relying on his personal courage often at great personal risk."

In March 2003, he was promoted to colonel and deployed to Iraq as head of his team. During his stint in Iraq, the Iraq Museum in Baghdad was sacked and thousands of valuable antiquities were stolen. For over five years Bogdanos led a team to recover the artifacts. Up to 2006, approximately 10,000 artifacts were recovered through his efforts. Antiquities recovered include the Warka Vase and The Mask of Warka. Bogdanos co-wrote a memoir with William Patrick, *Thieves of Baghdad: One Marine's Passion for Ancient Civilizations and the Journey to Recover the World's Greatest Stolen Treasures*. The book chronicles his efforts to recover the missing Iraqi artifacts. In November 2005, he was awarded a National Humanities Medal from President George W. Bush for his efforts to recover the artifacts. He has also received the 2004 Public Service Award from the Hellenic Lawyers of America, the 2006 Distinguished Leadership Award from the Washington DC Historical Society, and a 2007 Proclamation from the City of New York, among other awards.

Deployed to Afghanistan in 2009 with NATO counter-insurgency forces, he was released back into the Marine Reserves in September 2010, and returned to the District Attorney's Office.

When Cyrus Vance, Jr. became District Attorney in 2010, he authorized Bogdanos to prosecute antiquities trafficking, but with no additional resources assigned. For the next six years, he and Special Agent Brenton Easter, a federal agent with Homeland Security Investigations, worked dozens of cases, including one of the largest seizures of stolen antiquities in U.S. history, more than 2,600 idols valued at more than \$143 million and seized from renowned New York dealer Subhash Kapoor who is on trial in India and awaiting extradition to New York.

By 2017, Bogdanos and Easter were making so many antiquities trafficking cases that Bogdanos was sleeping in his office. When supervisors alerted District Attorney Vance, he approved the creation of the first-of-its-kind Antiquities Trafficking Unit consisting of prosecutors, federal agents, New York City detectives, and specialized analysts. Since then, the Unit has grown to 16 personnel. Since 2010, Bogdanos and his team have convicted a dozen traffickers, seized more than 4,000 antiquities valued at more than \$200 million, and repatriated more than 2,000 antiquities to almost two dozen countries. Among the seizures was a golden first-century-B.C. Egyptian coffin that the Metropolitan Museum of Art had acquired for \$4 million and was made famous when Kim Kardashian posed for a photo next to it at the 2018 Met Gala.

As a Senior Trial Counsel in the District Attorney's Office, Bogdanos still prosecutes homicides, what he describes as being "connected to the worst moment in people's lives."

Bogdanos is also a former middleweight boxer with almost 30 amateur fights and is still boxing, with a record of 10-2 since his 40th birthday. Along with another Assistant District Attorney, fellow U.S. Marine officer Al Peterson, he co-founded a Charity Boxing Foundation called Battle of the Barristers that has raised more than \$1 million for wounded veterans and children at risk.

## **Drs. Theodoros N. Teknos and Leonidas Plataniias** to address Forum on Thursday, February 29



Theodoros (Ted) N. Teknos, MD, is President & Scientific Director for the University Hospitals Seidman Cancer Center at University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center and Deputy Director of the Case Comprehensive Cancer Center. Dr. Teknos has also been appointed the Jane and Lee Seidman Chair in Cancer Innovation and he holds the title of Professor at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. He is board certified in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. In November 2020 he was bestowed with the Distinguished Physician designation in recognition of exceptional service that personifies UH's mission: To Heal. To Teach. To Discover.

In his role as President & Scientific Director, Dr. Teknos leads the development of strategic, business and marketing plans for UH Seidman, including cancer-related palliative care, integrative care, and interface with UH Hospice care. He oversees all inpatient and ambulatory cancer care delivered at facilities across the UH system. Dr. Teknos provides leadership of UH Seidman's academic components and the Clinical Trials Unit and directs UH Seidman's involvement in the Case Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Dr. Teknos is a renowned clinician and academic authority in head and neck cancers, and he continues to perform surgery, lead clinical trials, and conduct research at University Hospitals. Dr. Teknos has been published in over

200 peer-reviewed journals and publications, and he is a frequent presenter at major scientific meetings, both nationally and internationally. He is active in numerous professional societies, including the American Society of Clinical Oncology, the International Academy of Oral Oncology, the American Association for Cancer Research, and the American College of Surgeons. He serves on the Board of Directors of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN).

Dr. Teknos came to University Hospitals in October 2017 from The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, where he served in several leadership roles since 2008. He served as Professor and Chair, Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery. Prior to his position at Ohio State, he was Division Chief, Head & Neck Oncology Division, Department of Otolaryngology, at the University of Michigan Health System in Ann Arbor. From 2007 to 2014, Dr. Teknos co-chaired a Task Force on Recurrent & Metastatic Disease for the National Cancer Institute's Head & Neck Cancer Steering Committee.

Dr. Teknos earned his medical degree from Harvard Medical School. He completed his otolaryngology residency at Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary/Harvard Combined Program, Boston, and a fellowship in head and neck oncology, skull base and microvascular reconstruction at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville.

Dr. Teknos is a first generation Greek American, born in Detroit, Michigan. His parents, Nicholas and Penelope, emigrated to the United States in 1955 and 1964, respectively. Nicholas was a welder at General Motors and his mother was "Detroit's Greek School Teacher." His family spoke Greek exclusively and Dr. Teknos learned English upon starting elementary school. He has a younger brother, Athanasios, who is an engineer in the Special Vehicles Unit (SVU) at Ford Motor Company. Dr. Teknos is married (Kari) and has six children (ages 26-11 years).





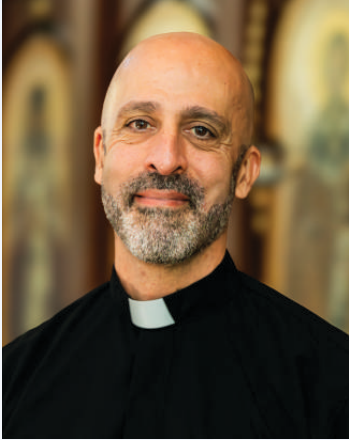
Leonidas Platanius, MD, PhD, is Director of the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University in Chicago, Associate Vice President for Cancer Programs, Northwestern University, and a founding member of National Comprehensive Cancer Centers Network (NCCN). He is the Jesse, Sara, Andrew, Abigail, Benjamin and Elizabeth Lurie Professor of Oncology and Professor of Medicine and Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics. Since Dr. Platanius became director in 2014, the Lurie Cancer Center (LCC) has experienced dramatic growth, with doubling of its NCI funding and the recruitment of over 160 new faculty members. Under his leadership, LCC received the highest rating in its history, an overall exceptional and a near- perfect score on the last CCSG renewal.

Dr. Platanius was born and raised in Athens, Greece. He earned his medical degree from the University of Patras Medical School, in Patras, Greece. He subsequently moved to the US and began his research career at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, as a Fogarty research fellow studying the immune mechanisms of bone marrow failure syndromes. He subsequently moved to New York City where he completed his residency in Internal Medicine and eventually to Chicago where he completed his fellowship in Hematology-Oncology at the University of Chicago. He joined Northwestern in 2002, initially as

Deputy Director and eventually as Director of the Lurie Cancer Center in 2014. Prior to joining Northwestern, he was Professor and Chief of the Division of Hematology Oncology at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Dr. Platanius is board certified in Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology, with clinical expertise in leukemia. Dr. Platanius' research work focuses on cytokine signaling pathways in malignant cells, with translational applications in leukemia and brain tumors. He has published more than 370 papers and his research has been continuously funded by the NCI for over 30 years. In addition to being the principal investigator of the largest institutional grant for cancer (CCSG) at Northwestern, he is currently the principal investigator of 4 NIH R01 grants. He has made significant contributions in the interferon and cytokine signaling field for 3 decades. His early work on interferon signaling, along with the work of others, led to discoveries that helped define the modern cancer immunotherapy field and resulted in clinical applications for the treatment of malignancies. He has been recognized with numerous awards, including the Seymour and Vivian Milstein Award for outstanding contributions in cytokine research. Dr. Platanius previously served as President of the International Cytokine and Interferon Society and he was an elected member of the Association of American Cancer Institutes (AACI) Board of Directors from 2018 to 2021. He serves as Editor for several oncology and immunology journals and has been a chair or member of several study sections and site visit teams for the NIH, including more recently the NCI Subcommittee A for Cancer Centers. He has also served as chair or member of several grant panels for the US Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs. He is an elected member of the Association of American Physicians (AAP) and currently serves as chair of several external advisory boards for NCI designated cancer centers across the country.





## **Dn. Marek Simon, OCF Executive Director to Address Opening Forum on Thursday, February 29**

Deacon Marek Simon, Executive Director of the Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF), will address the Opening Forum on Thursday, February 29, accompanied by OCF staff, Maria Tsarnas and Chris Kontomaris.

Dn. Marek earned a Master of Divinity from St. Vladimir Orthodox Theological Seminary and a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from Butler University. He has more than 20 years of experience in youth and young adult ministry. He previously served at Antiochian Village Camp from 2002-2019, mentoring and supervising summer camp staff, developing programming, and overseeing the advancement efforts of the camp.

Dn. Marek transitioned to this role with OCF in 2019, recognizing a strong desire and opportunity to strengthen the Church's ministry to college students. He believes that every college student should have the opportunity to be part of a faithful campus community where they are known and loved- keeping students more richly connected to Christ.

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