

MEET OUR TEAM

In order to create the best possible content, we brought together theologians, therapists, and youth directors to take the high-level academic research and language on these topics and create interactive curriculum in the language of teenagers. We found tremendous fruit in facilitating this collaboration in order to provide engaging, theologically sound, and effective resources for clergy, youth workers and Sunday school teachers.



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Fr. Timothy received his Master of Divinity Degree from St. Vladimir's Seminary in 1983. He was ordained to the Holy Diaconate by His Eminence, Metropolitan PHILIP in 1982 and ordained to the Holy Priesthood by his Grace, Bishop ANTOUN in 1983. He was assigned to the Pastorate of St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1983 where he pursued a Doctor of Ministry Degree at St. Vladimir's Seminary, focusing his studies upon addictive behavior and addressing the subject from the Orthodox Patristic perspective. He completed four semesters of his studies, and was assigned to the Pastorate of St. Michael Antiochian Orthodox Church in Van Nuys, California and has been the pastor there since 1990. He was elevated by His Grace, Bishop BASIL to the rank of Archpriest on Holy Pascha 1995. He is the proud grandfather of Andrew Keoni, James Michael and Katherine Leilani.



MICHELLE MOUJAES

Founder and Executive Director, Faithtree Resource

Michelle is the founder and volunteer Executive Director of Faithtree Resources, an international teaching ministry and parish-based effort of St. Michael Church in Van Nuys, California. She is a married, stay-at-home mother of four children and an active member of St. Michael Church. After graduating from Boston University with a Masters degree in Social Work/Community Organizing, she worked with a variety of agencies including the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Monster.com's Making it Count Program, Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless and the Easter Seals School for Children with Autism. She has always been extremely active in the Orthodox Church including roles as New England Regional Youth Director for the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese, IOCC Metropolitan Committee Chair-Los Angeles, OCF National Board Member, Founding Chair of St. Elijah Orthodox Church Mom's Day Out in Oklahoma City, among others. She currently acts as an advisor to St. Vladimir Seminary's Board of Trustees Communication Committee, and sits on the Sustained Giving Team at Trinity Classical Academy in Santa Clarita, California. She also speaks internationally on the topic of autism and interventions for adults and children with Extraordinary Needs, as well as being a frequent speaker and workshop leader on behalf of Faithtree Resources.



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Dr. Philip Mamalakis is the Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. Dr. Mamalakis directs the Field Education program and teaches classes on pastoral care, marriage and family, couples counseling, grief, death and dying, and topics related to pastoral counseling. He has been working in private practice with youth, adults, couples, and families for 20 years. Dr. Mamalakis has an M.Div. from Holy Cross and a Ph.D. from Purdue University in child development and family studies, specializing in marriage and family therapy. He has served as a parish youth director and Directed All Saints Orthodox camp in Washington for five years. He is a parent educator and presents seminars, lectures, and podcasts on raising children, talking to kids about sex, and pastoral care of same sex attraction. He served as the theological consultant and content coordinator for a four-part video series on Orthodox manhood, Lionheart, with the Faithtree ministries of St. Michael's Antiochian Orthodox Church, and was the Faculty supervisor for the development of Freedom to Live, a program for those struggling with pornography addiction and same sex attraction. In collaboration with Fr. Charles Joanides, he has completed a marriage preparation program for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, The Journey of Marriage in the Orthodox Church. Most recently, Ancient Faith Ministries published his Orthodox parenting book, Parenting Towards the Kingdom. He, and his wife, Georgia live in Boston where they are raising their seven children.



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Anna is a curriculum developer and project manager for Faithtree Resources. She also directs the Sunday School, teaches the high school Sunday School class, and assists her husband in leading the GOYA program at SS. Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church in Glenview, IL. Anna graduated with a bachelor's degree in English Literature from Illinois Wesleyan University in 2010. She graduated with a Masters of Divinity from Holy Cross School of Theology in 2013 focusing her studies in Religious Education and Youth Ministry. She worked for the CrossRoad Summer Institute for four years, first as a staff member and then for three years as the Assistant Director. During that time she developed and taught curriculum as well as trained staff to write and teach high-level curriculum. Additionally in her portfolio of experience, Anna has developed and lead countless retreats, worked as a camp counselor for many summers, and is currently producing her own curriculum for her Sunday School class.

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