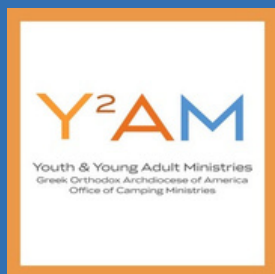




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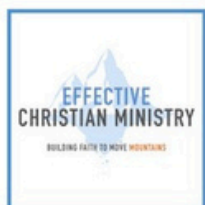


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Parish and Camp Resources

MISSION OF Y2AM

The Y2AM (Youth and Young Adult Ministries) Department of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America exists to help ministry workers introduce young people to Jesus Christ so they can live out their relationship with the Lord and His Church on a daily basis. To fulfill that mission, we provide high-quality, easy-to-use resources to help build, sustain, and grow parish and camp ministries.



MINISTRY TRAINING - www.effectivechristianministry.org

Effective Christian Ministry is the official ministry training program of the Y2AM Department of the Archdiocese. Effective Christian Ministry (ECM) combines the timeless wisdom of the Church with current research on faith formation. ECM offers an Online Course, as well as a comprehensive and transformative parish Cohort.



Y2AM MINISTRY PLAN - www.y2am.org/ministryplan

The Y2AM Ministry Plan is a free, downloadable resource for parish ministry leaders to guide monthly youth group discussions. Each month's plan, centered around a yearly theme, includes prayers, icebreakers, Scripture reflections, stories from Orthodox Christian saints, as well as discussion questions and activities.



BE THE BEE VIDEO SERIES - www.y2am.org/be-the-bee

Be the Bee is a well-known video series that explores Orthodox Christian faith in an engaging and relatable way, making it a valuable resource for personal spiritual growth and group discussions. Supplemental discussion guides are available for many of the videos with more on the way.



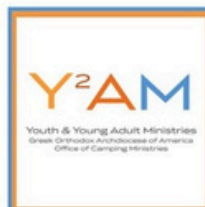
CAMP RESOURCES - www.y2am.org/other-resources

Y2AM provides a comprehensive summer camp curriculum for an engaging one-week program. A second curriculum will be available for 2025-2026. The Staff Mental Health Guide offers essential support for camp staff, focusing on mental well-being and resilience. Both resources are adaptable for parish use.



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY - www.goarch.org/young-adults

Through the work of the National Young Adult League (YAL) Board and the National YAL Biennial Conferences, Y2AM is assisting and support parishes and Metropolis to grow and strengthen its ministry to young adults ages 18-35. Support includes the creation of new initiatives



MINISTRY GUIDELINES - www.goarch.org/-/youth-ministry-guidelines

The Parish Ministry Guidelines are a valuable resource for parishes and ministry leaders, designed to help build Christ-centered, transformative ministry groups at various stages of development. Rooted in worship, witness, service, and fellowship, these guidelines assist parishes in creating an engaging, well-rounded experience.



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STAY CONNECTED to the National Y2AM Department so that you do not miss important news and resources regarding Parish Resources, Effective Christian Ministry, Camping Ministries, National YAL Ministry and much more! Like and follow us on social media. Also, subscribe to the new “Engage & Equip” Newsletter.



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BUILDING FAITH TO MOVE MOUNTAINS

Effective Christian Ministry (ECM), combines the timeless wisdom of the Church with current research on faith formation to equip people to identify the 5 needs in the lives of young people, address the 5 challenges they face today, and implement the 5 practices that help to form faithful Orthodox Christians. ECM provides multiple levels of training for anyone who wants to lead young people to Christ – including ministry leaders, parents, clergy, youth workers, and teachers.

LEVEL 1

ECM ONLINE COURSE

A self-paced series of video lessons (5+ hours) with reflection questions, accompanying workbooks, and bonus content.

Whether you are a ministry leader, parent, clergy, paid youth worker, teacher—anyone who wants to help lead young people to Christ, this course is for you!

LEVEL 2

ECM COHORT

Parish Teams join a learning community with highly-trained Coaches and apply the principles of the ECM Course.

The nine-month transformational journey includes practices of spiritual discernment, applied projects, presentations by expert guest speakers, and concludes with a One-Year Ministry Plan specific to your parish.

Enrollment for 2025-2026 ECM Cohort NOW OPEN through June 18, 2025. Visit our website and apply today!



Scan this QR code and enter the special code **ATLCLC2025** for **25% off** of the **Level 1 ECM Online Course**.



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INFORMATIVE AND HELPFUL PRESENTATIONS BY A DIVERSE GROUP OF CLERGY AND LAY MINISTRY LEADERS



TWO HOURS OF REFLECTIVE AND APPLIED PRACTICE OF ECM PRINCIPLES PER MONTH



9 MONTHS OF SUPPORT FROM A HIGHLY-TRAINED ECM COACH, AS WELL AS THE SUPPORT OF THE COHORT

2025-2026 Cohort Application Deadline: **June 18, 2025**

2025-2026 Cohort Begins: **September 2025**



Visit www.effectivechristianministry.org or contact Alexis Pappas (pappas@goarch.org) for more information about ECM.



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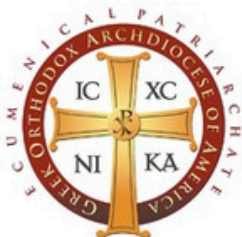
ONLINE INFORMATIONAL SESSION

Why Are Young People Leaving the Church? What Can We Do About It?

[Effective Christian Ministry \(ECM\)](#) is the official ministry training program of the [Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries \(Y2AM\)](#). ECM is here to support you in addressing these questions. Join us for our FREE informational sessions to learn how ECM, rooted in the timeless wisdom of the Church, equips ministry leaders to meet the needs and challenges of this generation through its ECM Course and Cohort.



Please join our official email list to stay up-to-date on upcoming Online Informational Sessions. Also, feel free to contact us so that we can schedule an Online Informational Session for your parish or Metropolis.



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ECM WATCH CLUB

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WHAT IS THE EFFECTIVE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY COURSE (ECM)?

A self-paced series of video lessons (5+ hours) in three amazing modules to help you lead young people to Christ.

HOW DOES THE ECM WATCH CLUB WORK?

- Watch the ECM Course videos when it's convenient for you in preparation for each week.
- Meet via Microsoft Teams with like-minded people from different parishes for a 5-week series.
- Reflect on and discuss the course material with a trained ECM Coach

Join fellow co-workers in Christ and a trained facilitator for an opportunity to discuss the real needs and challenges of today's generation of youth. Contact us TODAY to schedule your parish Watch Club session!

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WHO WANT TO
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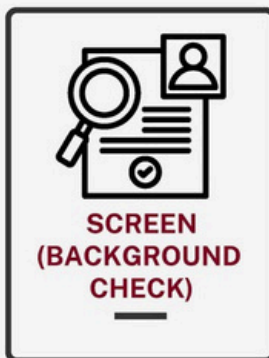
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Three-Step Process



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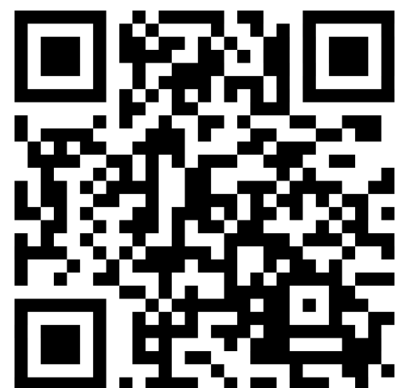
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QUESTIONS REGARDING
COMPLIANCE WITH THE
YOUTH SAFETY POLICIES?
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WHAT MINISTRY RESOURCES DOES THE ARCHDIOCESE OFFER FOR PARISH SUPPORT AND GROWTH?

The National Ministries of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America are here to equip and support you, the parish ministry workers, to build up the Body of Christ (CF. Ephesians 4:11-13).

Scan the QR code to visit the GOARCH website for a curated selection of tools and resources to help grow, strengthen, and accelerate your ministries.



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