

# Living the Faith in an Orthodox Home

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## Guest Presenter



**Melissa Tsongranis**  
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Center for Family Care  
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Archdiocese

Melissa Tsongranis has worked with the Center for Family Care since 2001. She received her BA from Sacramento State University in California in child development with an emphasis in family education and an additional 2 years of studies for a credential in early childhood special education. Prior to her work at the Archdiocese Melissa was a Development Specialist for an Early Intervention Program which

worked with families with children who had special needs. Melissa and her husband, George, live in Tarpon Springs, Florida with their son, Nomikos. Her passion is to teach about spiritual development and how we can live our faith daily in our homes and lives.

*About the GOA Center for Family Care, "Growing Faithful Families"*

Each and every couple and family needs to be connected to the Church—a place where true relationships with God and one another are nurtured and sustained. The Center for Family Care works to bring our faith into the home, by equipping families with the resources to "affirm the importance of the family as a blessed gift of God and to address the specific needs of families as they try to live in a very challenging culture and world" (Archbishop Demetrios of America).

## THE PROGRAM

The York Conference will open with a Keynote Address and Reception on Friday night. Workshops will be held on Saturday from 8:30 to 4:30. Participants may choose the theme track for the three sessions, or attend the Church School Staff training workshops.

### **Living the Faith in an Orthodox Home**

Presenters: Melissa Tsongranis and Kristina Wenger

Session 1: Our Children's Spiritual Development

Session 2: The Church in the Home

Session 3: Keeping the Faith Alive:

Resources for Families

### **Church School Staff Training**

Church School Director

Session 1: Introduction to CS Ministry

Session 2: Build Your Staff/Build Your Students

Session 3: Curriculum & Resources

### **Teacher Training I**

Session 1: Overview of Orthodoxy

Session 2: Introduction to Teaching

Session 3: Curriculum & Resources

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A registration fee of \$20 covers all workshops, speakers, printed materials, handouts, and Saturday lunch. Certificates will be given to participants who complete the courses in their track. Registration material will be available on the Christian Education website, [www.antiochian.org/christianeducation](http://www.antiochian.org/christianeducation).

