



Holy Trinity Orthodox Church
Willimantic, Connecticut
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Parish Growth Ministry Seminar
April 20, 2013
9:00am – 3:00pm

Presenter:

V. Rev. Jonathan Ivanoff

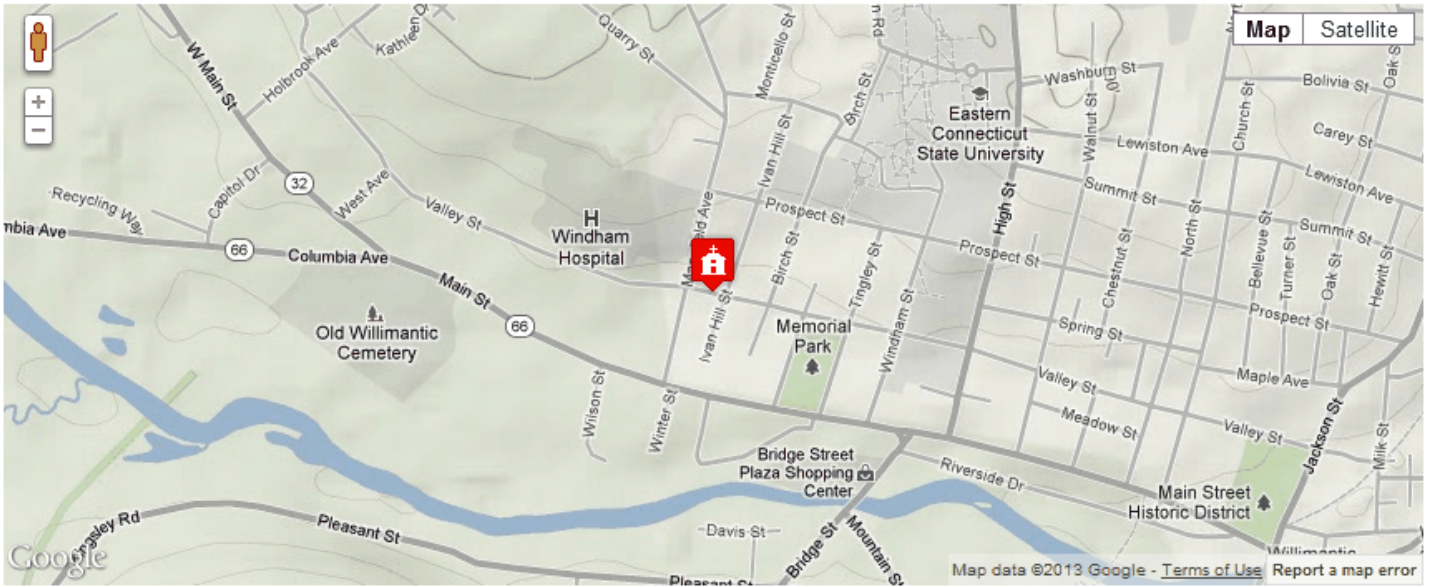
Rector: Saint John the Theologian Orthodox Church, Long Island, NY

9:00 am	Registration
9:30 am	Molieben
10:00 am	Welcome and First Morning Session: <i>Becoming All Things to All Men / Understanding the Challenges Facing Christianity and Orthodoxy in the 21st Century (45 mins)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A survey of the North American spiritual landscape over the past 100 years. • Utilizing interesting facts, statistics & demographics, presentation will draw attention to these challenges.
10:50 am	Questions & Discussion
11:00 am	Break / Snacks
11:15 am	Second Morning Session: <i>Demythologizing Church Growth: Six Common Myths about Church Growth and How to Overcome Them (60 mins)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Misconceptions exist regarding Orthodox evangelization and church growth. • Examining & scripturally refuting misconceptions regarding church growth.
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12:15 am	Sixth Hour
12:30 pm	Lenten Lunch
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1:00 pm	Afternoon Session: <i>Parish Revitalization & Natural Church Development: Parish Life Cycle / Ups & Downs of Parish Growth (90 mins)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What causes a church to cycle in terms of growth? • Why some ideas work; why others do not. • Understanding why what worked 50 years ago will not succeed today. • How do I grow my church vs. what are we doing that is inhibiting God's ordained growth? • Eight quality characteristics of a healthy church and how they affect natural, God-blessed growth.
2:30 pm	Questions & Discussion; Final Comments and Wrap-up.
3:00 pm	Vespers

Fr Jonathan Ivanoff:

Pastor: Saint John the Theologian Orthodox Church (1993 – current).
 Director and Certified Coach: Orthodox Natural Church Development (2004 – current).
 Director: Commission on Missions & Evangelism, Diocese of New York & New Jersey (Orthodox Church in America).
 Presenter: Church Growth Boot Camp, 1998 – 2002.
 Fr Jonathan has worked with more than 80 parishes since 1998 in the field of Parish Growth Development.

Driving Directions



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414 Valley Street; Willimantic, CT 06226

From the West - Take I-84 east to I-384 east. Follow for 8 miles, until the last exit. Go onto Route 6 east and travel for 12 miles into center of Willimantic. Make left turn onto Mansfield Ave and the Church is on the corner on the right.

From the East - Take I-84 east to Route 195 south. You will be on 195 south for approximately 15 miles; it is a 2 lane road which will lead through the University of Connecticut. Go approximately four blocks past the Potter Funeral Home (on right) and make a right turn onto Valley St. Church is approximately 1 mile on the left.

From the North - Take I-195 south and follow signs to downtown Willimantic. Church is on the corner of Mansfield Ave and Valley St.

From the South - Take I-32 north into center of Willimantic. Turn left onto Route 6W. Make right onto Mansfield Ave. Church is on corner on the right.

Registration

To allow us to adequately plan for seating and refreshments we ask that you RSVP by Wednesday, April 17th. You may do so by 1) detaching this form and mailing to the church c/o: Parish Growth Ministry Seminar; 2) Contact Fr. Marc via the telephone number below or 3) emailing the information to fathermarc@orthodoxct.org.

Name(s): _____ Number in attendance: _____

Address: _____ Ph: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Email: _____

Would you like to receive periodic updates from our church? Y or N ____

Contact Person: Fr. Marc Vranes Ph: 860.983.2012 Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 141 Valley St, Willimantic, CT 06226

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