

# 2017 Small Parish Forum

3:00 PM Thursday July 13 to 12:15 PM Saturday July 15 2017

Host Parish: St John the Baptist Orthodox Church, New Kensington PA

Co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania, and the Diocese of the Midwest, Orthodox Church in America



## BECOMING A COMMUNITY OF ENGAGEMENT



### What You Will Learn

The fourth Small Parish Forum will help attendees to bring back tools and good practices to build strength in their parishes. The Forum will focus on four aspects of "engagement" that are critical to smaller parishes.

**Engage In Worship** – Enliven your church's music and worship for everyone.

**Engage with Neighbors** – Break insularity from the world by reaching out in service to your neighbors.

**Engage Across Generations** – Harness the gifts, experiences & mentoring across multiple generations to build a community of love.

**Engage with Your Future** – Hope in a bright future requires leadership, an understanding of your identity as a Christian community and shared, lived values.

### MORE INFO?

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Online Registration Opens Mid-May  
\$100 per person for meals & materials  
*Registration Fee Rebated for Attendees from  
Archdiocese of Western PA & Diocese of the Midwest*

### Most Orthodox Churches in North America are Small.

Just as a clinic is not a large metropolitan hospital with fewer beds, small churches are not immature, malnourished versions of large parishes. While they think, act and feel different small parishes can worship well, care for one another, serve others, teach and share Christ's love with others

Doing so requires harnessing the intimacy and close relationships inherent in their modest size -- *AND avoiding using size as an excuse for inactivity and mediocrity.*



### Who Should Attend

The Forum is designed for Orthodox parishes that want to build vitality and are not content with the status quo. The Forum will offer helpful insights to: **Priests ✕ Deacons ✕ Parish Council ✕ Ministry Leaders ✕ Treasurers ✕ Committed Laity ✕ Singers ✕ Religious Educators**



**Build a bright parish future – together at 2017 Forum**

*Attendees 2016 Small Parish Forum, Canton OH*