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PROGRESS



Updates on the progress of Orthodox Volunteer Corps



OVC Snapshot

We last wrote a newsletter in October. What's been happening since then?

- Our Corps Members have been offering over 450 hours of service every week at a dozen different nonprofits in Boston and Pittsburgh
- Our Corps Members have directly engaged a dozen Orthodox parishes.
- Over 20 guest speakers have contributed to our weekly formation seminars—from renowned Orthodox theologians to local leaders running high-impact nonprofits.
- 30 young adults have participated in our part-time program, OVC Reach.
- We hired a third staff member (see the feature below).
- We held our midyear retreat at St Basil Academy (see p. 3).



Meet Demetra



In November, Demetra Zouzas joined OVC staff as the Manager of Organizational Growth!

Her background:

- Over four years of experience as the Girls' Director at the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Boston Camp.
- Earned a graduate certificate in Youth and Young Adult Ministry and Leadership from the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology.
- Holds a Master of Science in Applied Communications from Fitchburg State University.
- Worked in Higher Education and College & Career Counseling.

Her Spirit & Committment

- Through her time at camp she developed “a love of serving others in the Church.”
- She looks forward to developing relationships with “the OVC community, alumni and current cohort members, and learning about how OVC has impacted the way they serve others.”
- And (not least!), she enjoys “traveling, hiking, and a good iced coffee.”



Mid Year Retreat

In late January, we stole away for a long weekend to hold our Midyear OVC Retreat at Saint Basil Academy. Our hostess was Gavrielia Constantine, an OVC alum who now works full time at St Basil. We asked her what that was like:

"Suddenly on the other side of OVC, I realized just how truly transformative OVC was for me. Not only did it connect me and put me into the role I have now at Saint Basil Academy, but it formed me into the person I am today. OVC built on my essential foundation for how I interact with others, building community, and growing in love for Christ."





Recruitment for 2025-26

We are wrapping up our fourth recruitment season and are thrilled with the interest we've seen from Orthodox young adults across the country to give a year of their lives in service. For the 4th year in a row, we've received more applications than we can accept.

Special thanks to our OVC Alumni who traveled across the US to spread the word about OVC! (Pictured below).



THANK YOU!

With love in Christ,
Michael Sider-Rose & Kyra Limberakis