



Helping transform and improve Orthodox Christian parishes, organizations, and ministries in order to strengthen the body of Christ

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Doctors know the tests to administer to assess our personal health. Financial planners know how to assess our financial health. However, our Orthodox parishes lack similar empirical and validated tools to help them. Would you like your parish to have a reliable, easy, and effective way to assess your parish health and effectiveness, and receive a professional analysis to address your biggest challenges?

After over 20 years of working with over 500 Orthodox Christian parishes and completing strategic plans that cover over 26% of Orthodox Christians in the U.S., the **Orthodox Ministry Services (OMS)** team has developed the **Effective Parish Assessment (EPA)**. OMS is providing the Effective Parish Assessment to selected parishes in the United States.

Is your parish committed to operational excellence and ensuring the best possible parish health and effectiveness?

OMS Orthodox Effective Parish Program

The empirical data shows that there are 6 Operational Pillars that must be optimized to excellence in the most healthy and effective Orthodox Christian parishes. The research also shows that there are a total of 30 Operational Building Blocks that support those 6 Pillars.

The OMS **Effective Parish Assessment 1 (EPA 1)** gives a parish an assessment of its operational effectiveness in the 6 Pillars. The **Effective Parish Assessment 2 (EPA 2)** gives a parish a more detailed assessment of its effectiveness in all 30 Building Blocks of operational excellence.

If your parish participates in the **Effective Parish Program**, OMS will make available the EPA 1 and EPA 2 through an easily accessible online survey process to everyone in your parish, including an agreed-upon group of parish leaders.

After your Parish Participants complete the online full Effective Parish Assessment (EPA 1 and EPA 2), and OMS analyzes the empirical results, your parish will receive an assessment of its assessed effectiveness in the 6 Pillars and 30 Building Blocks. This assessment will provide you a roadmap of where your parish could focus to achieve greater health and operational effectiveness.

Selected parishes can also receive a tailored and confidential **Preliminary Parish Improvement Plan (P-PIP)** plus personalized consultations with OMS subject matter experts. These consultative sessions will help your parish understand some of the most effective things it can do to address its biggest issues and needs.



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Next Steps

I have provided a short outline of the Effective Parish Program and an informational presentation that describes this powerful and helpful solution to your parish's most critical challenges.

If your parish meets the above criteria and is interested in applying to be an Orthodox Effective Parish, please email your parish name and city, Orthodox jurisdiction, and the name, email address and phone number of the appropriate contact person to info@effectiveparish.org.

We are confident that the Orthodox Effective Parish Program can help improve your parish's operational effectiveness and health. Thank you in advance for your interest and for everything else you do.

May God bless you and grant you many years.

Yours in Christ,

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