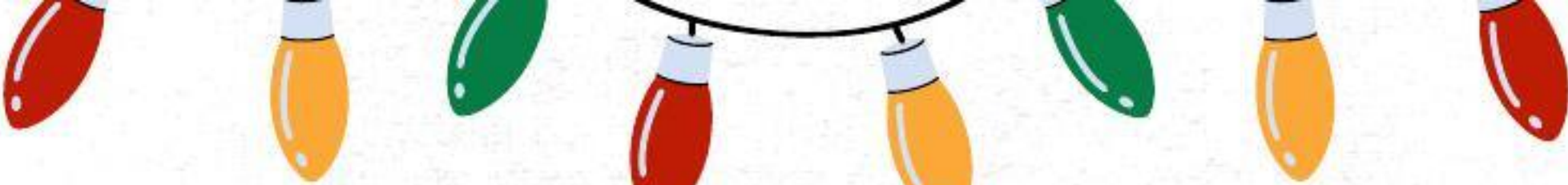




# Mission in SOUTH AMERICA







# WELCOME!

## Orthodox Mission as Imitatio Christi

### What does this look like in practice?

Welcome, we invite you to journey with us through the life and ministry of the Holy Metropolis of Buenos Aires and South America, where this missionary calling is lived and witnessed each day.





# A MISSION ACROSS AN ENTIRE CONTINENT



## The Holy Metropolis of Buenos Aires and South America

serves Orthodox faithful across multiple countries, cultures, and languages, bearing witness to Christ through worship, education, service, and missionary outreach.

✦ One of the **Largest Orthodox Mission Territories in the World**

🌐 **8 Countries**

⛪ **25 Parishes & Missions**

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👤 **23 Clergy (3 Bishops, 4 Deacons, 16 priests)**

🌐 **Ministry in Spanish, Portuguese & Greek**







# Why Support Mission in South America

In a continent marked by great religious diversity and spiritual searching, Orthodox mission is a continuous **Imitatio Christi**—a call not simply to speak about Christ, but to reveal Him through our lives.

Through worship, service, education, and authentic Christian witness, we seek to share not another ideology or denomination, but an encounter with the living Christ.

Orthodoxy offers the fullness of the faith and the living experience of Christ, inviting all to discover Him through the life of the Church.





# THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE MISSION



Orthodox mission is carried forward by dedicated clergy and their families who embody a daily Imitatio Christi.

Our clergy are the heart of Orthodox mission in South America. Most of them serve their parishes while **maintaining secular employment** to support their families, offering their time, talents, and lives in service to Christ and His Church.

For them ministry is not only a vocation but also a **personal sacrifice** sustained alongside daily work and family responsibilities.





# Meet our People

| Name                          | Salary Amount/ month                 | Source                                   |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Auxiliary Bishop Irineo       | 300 \$                               | Metropolis                               |
| Fr Demetrios Mygdalis         | 400 \$                               | Parish – Uruguay                         |
| Fr Ioannis Argyris            | 50 \$                                | Parish Banfil– BsAs                      |
| Fr Miguel Spyrakis            | 50 \$                                | Parish – BsAs<br>Works in a grocery shop |
| Fr Fantino Mangarella         | 300 \$                               | Metropolis                               |
| Fr Damianos Pechlivanidis     | 400 \$                               | Parish – BsAs                            |
| Fr Gabriel Diaz               | 400 \$                               | Parish – Cordoba                         |
| Dcn Augustin Belloni          | 0 \$                                 |                                          |
| Dcn Callinicos Chriavassa     | 0 \$                                 |                                          |
| Fr Vasilios Santos Lima       | 1000\$                               | Parish – Sao Paolo                       |
| Fr Chypriades                 | 0 \$                                 |                                          |
| Fr Juvenall Repass            | OCMC Missionary                      |                                          |
| Fr Enrique Cairus             | 0 \$                                 |                                          |
| Fr Paulo de Oliveira de Lima  | 0 \$                                 |                                          |
| Fr Speradio                   | <u>Only health Insurance covered</u> |                                          |
| Fr Gennadio Schaeffer         | 0 \$                                 | Works as an UBER driver                  |
| Dcn Athenagoras Polo Bosio    | 0 \$                                 |                                          |
| Dcn Arsenio Ferreira da Costa | 0 \$                                 |                                          |
| Dcn Paisios Andrade Neto      | 0 \$                                 |                                          |
| Fr Ignacio Cavieres Cerda     | 600 \$                               | Metropolis                               |
| Fr Cosmas Correa              | 0 \$                                 |                                          |

# THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE MISSION





# Our Work So Far

## Serving Christ Through Many Ministries

The mission of the Metropolis extends beyond parish life into education, philanthropy, youth ministry, catechesis, social outreach, publications, and inter-Orthodox, ecumenical, and civic cooperation.

**TOGETHER**, these ministries strengthen Orthodox witness and support communities throughout South America.



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# OUR WORK

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Forming the next generation of Orthodox Christians through conferences, and gatherings that foster faith, friendship, leadership, and a living relationship with Christ.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Strengthening bonds among clergy and faithful through regional gatherings, conferences, and the revitalization of Clergy-Laity assemblies, fostering unity and shared responsibility for the mission of the Church.

## VIBRANT LITURGICAL LIFE

At the heart of every community is the Divine Liturgy. Through worship, prayer, feast days, & sacramental life, our faithful encounter the living Christ





# OUR WORK

## PHILANTHROPY & SOCIAL OUTREACH

Serving Christ through service to our neighbor. Through charitable initiatives, visits to the elderly, assistance to families in need, and community support programs, we seek to make the love of Christ visible in everyday life.

## PARTNERSHIPS & COOPERATION

Mission flourishes through collaboration. Together with governments, educational organizations, and philanthropic partners, we strengthen Orthodox witness throughout South America.

## ECUMENICAL & INTERRELIGIOUS RELATIONS

In the diverse religious landscape of South America, we seek to share the Orthodox witness through respectful dialogue, encounter, and cooperation with Christians and people of other faith traditions.





# OUR WORK

## CATECHESIS

Accompanying children, youth, families, and adults on their journey of faith through Orthodox formation, spiritual growth, and active participation in the life of the Church.

## THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

Investing in the future of the Church by providing theological education and formation for clergy, candidates for the priesthood, catechists, and lay leaders throughout South America.

## PUBLICATIONS

Making Orthodox spirituality and theology accessible through liturgical books, prayer books, children's publications, translations, and educational resources in Spanish and Portuguese.





# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Every renovated parish, every child who learns about Christ, every family strengthened in faith, every act of charity, and every Divine Liturgy celebrated is part of a story that you have helped make possible. Your prayers, generosity, and love are bearing fruit throughout South America.

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF  
OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY.



Philanthropy  
Education  
Publications  
Charity  
Strengthen Mission



Renovation of Parishes



Renovation of Metropolis







# Vision for the Future

BUILDING FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS



Orthodox mission in South America continues to grow, bringing new opportunities and new responsibilities.

Looking ahead, we seek to **strengthen** the life of the Church through the development of the **Olivos Center**, expanded **catechetical** and educational programs, **clergy** formation, **youth ministry**, and **missionary outreach** throughout the continent.

**Together**, we are building a spiritual home where future generations can encounter Christ, grow in the Orthodox faith, and become witnesses to His Gospel.







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# YOUR SUPPORT

**IS HELPING OUR  
MISSION IN  
SOUTH AMERICA**

***Support the mission of the Holy Metropolis of Buenos Aires and South America in spreading faith, hope, and service throughout our continent.***

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