

# Orthodox Parenting Conference: Difficult Conversations

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## Resource and Reference Sheet

### Resources

[Parenting Toward The Kingdom](#) (book): The Orthodox Christian tradition is filled with wisdom and guidance about the biblical path of salvation. Yet this guidance remains largely inaccessible to parents and often disconnected from the parenting challenges we face in our homes. *Parenting Toward the Kingdom* will help you make the connections between the spiritual life as we understand it in the Orthodox Church and the ongoing challenges of raising children. It takes the best child development research and connects it with the timeless truths of our Christian faith to offer you real strategies for navigating the challenges of daily life.

[How Should Orthodox Parents Talk to Their Kids About Homosexuality?](#) One of the extremely complicated issues with which Orthodox parents must contend these days is that of homosexuality. How do we talk to our kids about same-sex desires and relationships and how do we do so with the sensitivity, nuance, and frankness that the topic requires? At the request of Carole Buleza, the Director of the Antiochian Department of Christian Education, Bobby Maddex interviews Dr. Philip Mamalakis, an Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, about how to talk about marriage, intimacy, and homosexuality with your children.

[How Should Orthodox Parents Talk to Their Kids About Homosexuality?](#) Part Two.

[Intentional Parenting](#): Fr. Nick and Dr. Roxanne welcome special guest Dr. Philip Mamalakis, author of the popular parenting book "[Parenting Toward The Kingdom](#)."

### Biography

Dr. Philip Mamalakis with his wife, Georgia, have seven children and live in Boston, Massachusetts where he is the Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. Dr. Mamalakis directs the field education program and teaches classes on pastoral care, marriage and family, grief, death and dying, and topics related to pastoral counseling. Dr. Mamalakis has an Masters of Divinity from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of theology and a Ph.D. from Purdue University in child development and family studies, specializing in marriage and family therapy. Together with Fr. Charles Joanides, Dr. Mamalakis published, *The Journey of Marriage*, (GOA 2012) a resource for couples preparing for marriage in the Orthodox Church and is the author of *Parenting Toward the Kingdom*, Ancient Faith Publishing's bestselling Orthodox parenting book (Ancient Faith Publishing, 2016). In addition to his teaching and writing, he enjoys offering seminars and retreats throughout the United States and internationally on intimacy, relationships, marriage, parenting, and family life as well as Orthodoxy and psychology.