

Orthodox Christian
PRISON MINISTRY

WHO WE ARE

Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry is the national prison ministry of the Orthodox Church in the US and an agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops.



OUR MISSION

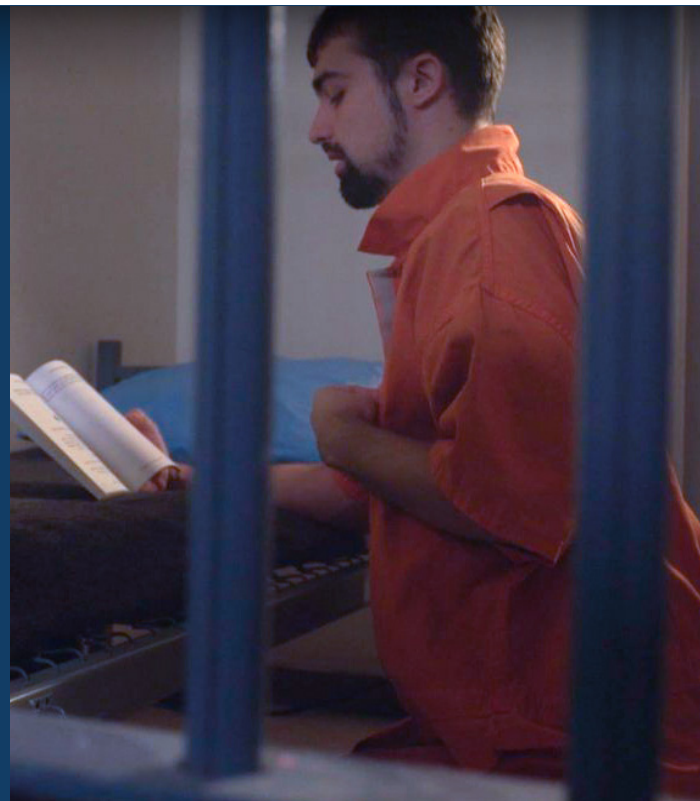
Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry serves those who are incarcerated and their families, and provides resources, training, and support to our ministry partners so that lives are transformed and God is glorified.

WHAT OCPM DOES

Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM) proclaims the love of Christ to men and women who are incarcerated. We do this by applying the teachings of the Orthodox Faith to correspond with thousands of prisoners, providing them personalized spiritual care, Bibles, books, icons, catechism, and study courses. For those wishing to live an Orthodox way of life, we advocate on their behalf for correctional facilities around the country to recognize the Orthodox faith, so that priests can enter prison facilities and administer the Sacraments and Services.

As the national prison ministry of the Orthodox Church, we provide resources and training to local parishes and clergy, enabling them to offer local solutions and fulfill Christ's command to visit Him in prison. As a result, families are reunited, marriages are healed, and thousands of incarcerated men and women have a new sense of peace and restored order in their lives.

- We correspond with prisoners to provide personalized spiritual care, Bibles, books, icons, catechism, and study courses.
- We publish our own books and icons, which have been designed for use in prison and are printed to meet the stringent rules of prison mailing rooms.
- We catechize prisoners in the Orthodox faith through a series of correspondence study courses.
- We train Orthodox priests and laypersons to visit and counsel those in prison and to provide the Sacraments.
- OCPM advocates for correctional facilities around the country to recognize the Orthodox faith so that priests can enter prisons and administer the Sacraments and the services.



BY THE NUMBERS

Prisoners hear from OCPM, on average, **120** times per year.

46,047 Bible studies, daily readings, and spiritual reflections were sent to prisoners in 2021.

6,606 personalized letters were sent and received by OCPM

YOUR GIFT TO OCPM IMPACTS REAL LIVES

- From an Orthodox Christian in prison: "I have completed the Orthodox Christian Catechism study course . . . The course was excellent and perhaps the most comprehensive Biblical presentation of the Faith I have come across. Truly wonderful!"
- "I look forward to the next studies . . . I am at a loss for words at the humanity I feel you have brought into my world. Thank you."
- "God bless you all. I am so very thankful to you all and my kids too. They have seen a big difference in my life thanks to you all. They told me to tell you thank you for all you have done and the difference you have made in my life."

INVITE AN OCPM SPEAKER TO YOUR PARISH

OCPM trains clergy and laity in the unique work that is prison ministry. Our chaplain/speakers have decades of experience in prisons at every security level. We are available for virtual and in-person seminars. Reach out to us to speak with our prison ministry experts or access our publications and resources. Email us at communications@theoocpm.org.

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