



## 2024 Director Biographies

Below you will find the biographies of our 2024 6-Week Directors and Camp Directors. We asked each of them the following questions: (1) Where you're from (city) ; (2) What church do you go to; (3) Where do/did you go to school; (4) What are you studying and future career goals, or what is your current job; (5) How long you've been going to camp (6) Why you love MDSC or what makes MDSC special to you...

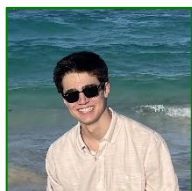
### 6-WEEK CORE STAFF DIRECTORS

#### **Mr. George Perakis, Program Director**



George is from Troy (MI) and attends St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Troy. He is studying Business at the University of Michigan and is planning on a career in finance. George has attended MDSC for 10 years as a camper and Counselor and shares that he “loves MDSC because it is the one place where I can disconnect from the outside world and be my authentic self. What makes camp truly remarkable, though, is the incredible people who make up its community and keep me coming back each summer to create new memories.”

#### **Mr. Xander Darling, Program Director**



Xander is from Grand Rapids (MI) and attends the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. He is studying Psychology at Michigan State University with the goal of attending the seminary after he graduates. Xander has attended MDSC as a camper, CIT and Counselor for over 10 years. He shared that “MDSC is responsible for my love of the Faith and has connected me with so many friends, family, and mentors. It holds a huge piece of my heart, and I’m so excited to finally serve it as a part of the Core Team. See you this summer!”

#### **Mr. Basil Lambros, Waterfront Director**



Basil is from Sleepy Hollow (NY) and attends the Church of Our Savior in Rye (NY). He is going into his junior year at Binghamton University in New York, where he is studying Biomedical Engineering to help create devices such as prosthetics to help people with disabilities. Basil has been a camper and lifeguard at MDSC for 13 years. When asked about what he loves about MDSC, he said “The location, the people, and the activities each have a part in making MDSC a living dream. It has been an integral part of growing up in my faith, but also as a person, as well as the experience itself and I can't wait to return once again. “

#### **Ms. Sophia Lambros, Waterfront Director**



Sophia is from Sleepy Hollow (NY) and attends the Church of Our Savior in Rye (NY). She attends Michigan State University, where is studying Human Biology with a goal of becoming a dentist. Sophia has been attending MDSC for 11 years as a camper, CIT and lifeguard, and says that “MDSC has always been a second home to me. It is a place where friends become family and unforgettable memories are made.”

#### **Ms. Tina Perakis, Arts & Crafts Director**



Tina is from Northville (MI) and attends the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Plymouth Township (MI). She is going into her junior year at the University of Michigan, where she is studying Biology with plans to on pursuing a career in dentistry. Tina has been attending MDSC for 9 years as a camper, CIT and Counselor, and shared that “I love MDSC because of the inclusive and loving environment it fosters. Everyone comes as strangers and leaves as family. I am so thankful to MDSC for allowing me to make many life-long friends and wonderful memories. “

#### **Mr. Dean Panagos, Media Director**



Dean is from Grosse Pointe (MI) and attends the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in St. Clair Shores (MI). He will be a junior at Michigan State University, where he is studying Digital Storytelling, planning on pursuing a career in filmmaking. He has been going to MDSC for 12 years as a camper, CIT and Counselor. Dean shares that “I love MDSC because it's like a little world you can always turn to for friendship and lasting memories. It's just positively the best!”

***Ms. Zoe Patselas, Media Director***



Zoe is from Ann Arbor (MI) and attends St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Ann Arbor. She is a student at the Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design, studying Communication Design with plans to pursue a career as a graphic designer. This will be her 12th year at MDSC, and she says “I look forward to going to MDSC every year because it’s a place where I can leave the stresses of daily life behind and focus on my faith and community. MDSC is my favorite place to make memories and find everlasting friendships!”

***Mr. Serafim Dionyssopoulos, Health Director***



Serafim is from Grosse Ile (MI) and attends the St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Southgate (MI). He is a student at the University of Michigan, majoring in Biochemistry on a premedical path with future aspirations of being a physician. Serafim recently obtained his EMT license. This will be Serafim’s 11<sup>th</sup> year at MDSC, and he shares “What I love about MDSC is the chance to disconnect from the business of everyday life and reconnect to the things that matter the most, God and one another.”

**WEEKLY CAMP DIRECTORS**

***Mr. Alex Malian (Week Zero – Week 5)***



Alex is from Macomb (MI) and attends the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in St. Clair Shores where he worked as the Pastoral Assistant and Youth & Young Adult Ministries Director. He is a student at Holy Cross School of Theology in Brookline (MA), where he will be returning in the fall to complete his Masters of Divinity in order to serve as priest. Alex has been coming to camp many summers since 2006, starting as a camper, then serving as Orthodox Life Director for several years before working as Assistant Director and Co-Director. He recently joined the MDSC Board. He believes “MDSC is a place where you are surrounded by people who share the same faith and values”. Alex shared that he has made many meaningful friendships and connections at camp, and “my experiences at MDSC were instrumental in my decision to pursue a life of services to the church”.

***Ms. Katina Cloutier (Week Zero)***

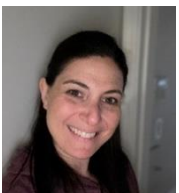


Katina lives in Huntington Woods with her husband Aaron and daughters Sophia and Maria. She is a lifelong member of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Troy. Katina works as a program manager, while also volunteering her time on the MDSC Board, the St. Nicholas Parish Council and with FOCUS Detroit. Her journey with MDSC started in the 1970s as a camper and counselor before joining the Board in 2013. Katina shared that she “loves MDSC for the friendships that were formed. My daughter’s godparents are from my camp days, my goddaughter’s mother and I formed a lasting friendship in 1980 and I still get together with my camp friends often. All of these friendships are rooted in our Orthodox faith and bound by a very special place we call Greek Camp”

***Mr. Demetri (Week 1) and Ms. Dena Inempolidis (Week 1 & 2)***



Demetri is originally from Grosse Pointe Park (MI), and now lives in Dayton (OH) where he attends the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. He is a graduate of Kalamazoo College, and later received his Master’s in Accountancy from the University of Michigan Ross School of Business. He is the Controller for Ziehler Lawn Care. Demetri attended MDSC as a camper and staff member for 20 years. He stated that “MDSC is a special place to me – I met and proposed to my wife (Dena) at camp, and made my longest lasting, deepest friendships there. I’m looking forward to helping make camp a fun, memorable experience for the campers so they can make the long-lasting friendship I was able to growing up at MDSC”.



Dena is from Dayton (OH) and attends the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. She graduated from Indiana University, completed her Master’s in Forensic Science at the University of Illinois-Chicago and works as a Forensic Examiner. Dena attended MDSC for many years as a camper and staff member, and it is where she met her husband (Demetri) along with friends who have become Koumbari! Dena shared that she is “looking forward to watching new friendships being made and old friendships grow among the campers and staff” while at MDSC.

**Ms. Anna McCullough (2<sup>nd</sup> Week)**



Anna is from Dayton (OH) and attends the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. She has worked as a licensed massage therapist for 17 years. Anna first attended camp in the 1990s as a camper, and returned every summer after that as a camper, lifeguard and waterfront director. She returned to camp last summer as an adult volunteer, and looks forward to serving MDSC for many years to come. Anna shared that “MDSC is such a unique and special place that allows us to have a yearly reset from our busy lives, all while immersing ourselves in our faith and having SO much fun while building lifelong friendships. MDSC is a hidden treasure of our diocese and is a huge blessing to all who get to experience it!”.

**Mr. Kirk Moundros (Week 3)**



Kirk grew up in Farmington Hills, and now lives in DeWitt (MI) where he attends Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Lansing (MI). He graduated from the University of Michigan with a Mechanical Engineering degree and then received a Master’s in Education. Kirk is a math teacher in the Dewitt Public Schools. This will be his 5<sup>th</sup> time at MDSC and he shared that “MDSC provides kids an opportunity to have fun while building relationships with others in the Greek community and growing closer to God”.

**Mr. Ronnie Smith (Week 3)**



Ronnie is originally from Livonia but now lives in Grand Rapids (MI). He grew up at the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Troy. Ronnie attended Michigan State University and Cooley Law School, and is current working in a legal diligence role. He first attended MDSC in 1994 as a Junior Boy, and returned every summer as a camper before serving as a CIT, Counselor, Media Director and Assistant Director. Ronnie shared that he is “looking forward to reliving old traditions and creating new ones, and helping out the camp that has provided me so many memories and lifelong friends”.

**Ms. Jamie Gialanella (Week 4)**



Jamie grew up in West Bloomfield and attended St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church. She graduated from Oakland University and works at DDSMatch, assisting dentists in their retirement plans by transitioning their dental practices. She is married with three children and lives with her family in Rochester. She now attends St. Mark Orthodox Church. Jamie first summer at MDSC was 1986. She attended several summers as a camper, CIT, counselor, and Program Director (1999 and 2000). Jamie shared that “camp has always had a special place in my heart. It gave me the opportunity to become friends with other Orthodox Christians and those relationships continue to grow today!”

**Mr. Michael Hostetler (Week 5)**



Michael is originally from Dewitt (MI), and currently attends St. Spyridon Cathedral in Worcester (MA). He completed his Bachelor’s degree at the University of Michigan, before attending Holy Cross School of Theology, where he recently completed his Master’s in Divinity in 2023. Michael currently serves as the Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries for the Metropolis of Detroit. He attended MDSC as a camper, CIT, Counselor and Assistant Director for 12 years. Michael shared that “I love MDSC because it played a large role in forming me as an Orthodox Christian. Additionally, it has given me some of my most valuable friendships. MDSC is special for many reasons, but one of the most notable is that it has served as a locus for Orthodox fellowship, education, and worship for thousands of children and staff from across the Metropolis (and beyond) for over seven decades. It played a central role of the upbringing of many of our Metropolis clergymen and parish leaders, and it continues to form the future leaders of the Church every summer. I can confidently say that my life would look very different right now had I not attended MDSC.”

**CAMP CLERGY**

**Week Zero:** Fr. Teodor Petrutiu (St Constantine & Helen-Westland) and Fr. Niko Tzetzis (St. John – Sterling Hgts)

**Week 1:** Fr. Anthony Cook (Annunciation - Dayton)

**Week 2:** Fr. Larry Legakis (Holy Trinity – Toledo) and Fr. Bryce Buffenbarger (Annunciation – Kalamazoo)

**Week 3:** Fr. Spyridon Morris (St. George – Bloomfield Hills)

**Week 4:** Fr. Nick Kotsis (St. Nicholas – Ann Arbor) and Fr. Alex Radulescu (Holy Cross – Farmington Hills)

**Week 5:** Fr. John Sakellariou (St. George - Southgate) and Dn. Steven Sarigianis (Metropolis of Detroit)