

# **2025 Director Biographies**

Below you will find the biographies of our 2025 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. Perry Christy, Program Director



Perry is from Troy (MI) and attends St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Bloomfield Hills. He is a Civil Engineering major at Michigan Tech University and is planning on a career in engineering management. Perry has attended MDSC for 11 years as a camper, CIT and Counselor and shares that he loves MDSC it "is such a special place because of the fellowship that it fosters. I've seen so many people become the closest of friends over the years through camp, and my best friends have been made at camp too. It's truly one-of-a-kind the way that MDSC brings people together. Everything from the peaceful setting, to the escape from the outside world, to the way everyone grows closer to their

faith makes these connections possible, and makes coming back to MDSC so special for myself and many others"

# Ms. Stamatia Bastounis, Program Director



Stamatia is from Washington Township (MI) and attends St. John Greek Orthodox Church in Sterling Heights. She is studying Political Science at Oakland University and plans to attend law school after she graduates. Stamatia has attended MDSC as a camper, CIT and Counselor for 11 years. She shared that "I love MDSC because it provides unique perspectives into understanding our Orthodox faith, praying, and becoming more connected to each other through our relationship with God. MDSC creates an environment where both campers and staff are able to disconnect from the stress of their everyday lives and focus on themselves, their faith, and building lifelong friendships, and for that I am so

thankful to be a part of this journey! "

# Ms. Alexis Perakis, Waterfront Director



Alexis is from Novi (MI) and attends the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Plymouth Township. She is a student at Indiana University – Bloomington, where she is studying Business. Alexis has been a camper and staff member at MDSC for 9 years. When asked about what she loves about MDSC, he said "MDSC is so special to me because it creates an environment where everyone feels truly loved and welcome. The camp has had endless impacts on my faith, friendships, and community. MDSC is the home to so many of my favorite memories and friendships- it is a place where people enter as strangers and leave as family.

# Mr. Micah Richards, Waterfront Director



Micah is from Traverse City (MI) and attends the Archangel Gabriel Greek Orthodox Church. He is a student at Northwest Michigan College where he is studying Welding Technology. Micah has been attending MDSC for 6 years as a camper, CIT and counselor, and says that "I love MDSC because it has provided me with so many positive experiences and friends that will last for a lifetime. Camp has also led me to be drawn towards the Orthodox life in a way that I am forever grateful. What makes MDSC so special is that it puts into perspective the collective journey that is encountered in Orthodoxy. We all have individual strengths and struggles, yet the Body of Christ (the church) wouldn't exist without

the individual."

# Ms. Melina Pardales, Arts & Crafts Director



Melina is from Waterford (MI) and attends St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Bloomfield Hills. She will be starting graduate school at the University of Michigan to obtain a Master's in Public Health with a focus on Nutrition and Dietetics. Melina has been attending MDSC every year since she was a junior, and shared that "I love MDSC because it's a place you can go to just disconnect from everyday life and strengthen your faith. Especially in our busy technological world, having a place where you can put your worries aside and connect with people that share your faith makes it a peaceful and comforting environment."

## Mr. George Koukios, Media Director



George is from Glencoe (IL), and attends the Sts. Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church in Glenview. He is studying Aerospace Engineering at the University of Illinois and hopes to work in a design role in the aircraft or automobile industry. George has attended MDSC for 10 years and says "MDSC is special because it is a place where people can bond with others of the same faith. It's where I've met all my closest friends and it's the place my faith has felt the strongest."

#### Ms. Gina Haddad, Media Director



Gina is from Lake Orion (MI) and attends the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Troy. She is a student at Northern Michigan University where she is studying marketing, with the goal of working for the Department of Natural Resources. This will be her 11th year at MDSC, and she shares that "MDSC is an integral part of who I am. It has been the foundation of my strong faith, morals, and my character, shaping the way I see the world and the way I interact with others. The experiences and values I've gained from MDSC continue to ground me, reinforcing the person I strive to be. This summer, I hope to help cultivate an uplifting environment in which those around me are able to feel the same sense of

growth and belonging!"

## Mr. Niko Przeslawski, Assistant Director



Niko is from Farmington Hills (MI) and attends the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church. He is a graduate of Alma College, with a degree in secondary education, and is currently a math and physics teacher. Niko has been attending MDSC since he was a junior, and has as previously served as a CIT, Counselor and Assistant Director. He says that MDSC "is a special place beyond what words can do justice. The friends you make there are like nothing else. There are many people that I see at camp every year, but every year we pick up exactly where we left off like no time had passed. And for those that I do see outside of camp, the stories of camp are enough to last hours upon hours of conversation. This is not even mentioning the spiritual side. Being in a space with other Orthodox Christians and able to

freely talk about the faith, be it questions or just thoughts, is very refreshing. Not to mention the priest being there every day for the week to also converse with outside of seeing them at church. All of it brings us closer to God in a way that would be hard to replicate anywhere else".

#### **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. He is currently a student at Holy Cross School of Theology in Brookline (MA), working on completing 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 is also a member of 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 Inempolidis (Week 1)



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".

# Ms. Anna McCullouah (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 18 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 a few summers ago when her daughter became a camper, 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 6<sup>th</sup> year 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 as an executive recruiter. 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!"

#### **CAMP CLERGY**

<u>Week Zero</u>: Fr. Teodor Petrutiu (Sts. Constantine & Helen-Westland) and Fr. Niko Tzetzis (St. John – Sterling Hgts)

Week 1: Fr. Anthony Cook (Annunciation - Dayton) and Fr. Paul Patitsas (St. Nicholas - Troy)

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

Week 3: Fr. Spyridon Morris (St. George – Bloomfield Hills) and Fr. Michael Manos (Assumption – St. Clair Shores)

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 Fr. Joshua Pappas (Holy Trinity – Grand Rapids)