



Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

YOUTH SAFETY COMPLIANCE INSTRUCTIONS

Register here: youthsafetyplatform.goarch.org



NOTE: Please allow at least 30 minutes to complete the process before exiting. If you do not have the time, wait until you do to begin. If you already completed the process after 9/1/2022, log in to your existing account.

REGISTRATION (every year)

- Create an account by registering at the link above. Our new Youth Safety provider is Sterling Volunteers and you will need to register even if you completed a Praesidium background check during the past two years.
- You will be responsible for the \$29 fee for the background check if your parish does not cover the cost.
- When you register, make sure you select your **District or Metropolis** and **Home Parish and City** as your Primary location. Your primary Role: See list and then add any other roles you hold in the parish.
- Under Title: **Describe your position.** (Sunday School Teacher, Parish Council Member, GOYA Advisor, etc.)
- You will complete the general information, Archdiocese's Code of Conduct, Registration & Reference questions, and then will be directed to complete your background check.

SCREENING (every two years)

- When you are directed to the Sterling Volunteers site to complete your background check, you will see the screen (right) with your email address.
- You **MUST** create a new password as this is a different site.
- Agree to the terms and create an account. (If you have been to this site before, just log in.)
- You will verify your legal name, birthdate, and Social Security number.
- You must include residences/addresses for at least the last seven years with no gaps between dates.
- This portion will take you approximately ten minutes to complete.



Email Address: rballas@lonianvillage.org

Password: Must be at least 8 characters in length with 1 uppercase and lowercase letter, 1 number and 1 special character.

Confirm Password

I agree to Sterling's [Terms of Use](#)

[Create Account](#)

[I am a returning user.](#)

TRAINING (every year)

- Once your background check has been completed, go back to the youthsafetyplatform.goarch.org site where you will be prompted to complete training if due. Training is completed every year with a different module assigned each year. (If you don't see the training lesson, log out and then go back in.)
- Best Practice would be for all Council Members to complete the training as well, but it is not required unless your District/Metropolis or Parish has chosen to make it mandatory. If you serve as a Youth Worker in addition to being on a Council, then you are required to complete the training.
- The training will take approximately one hour.
- Note: The video speed needs to be set to normal. (You can't speed it up, nor can you use the "Picture in Picture" setting.)

Online Training Modules



To begin your online training, please click the file at your assigned lessoning.

Protecting God's Children® Online Awareness Session 4.0 Greek Orthodox Archdiocese

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Sterling Volunteers Support Team, specifically for Greek Orthodox Parishes and Ministries available Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 6:00 pm ET. Phone: 855.326.1860, select Option 1 and enter 6548. Or you may email for support: goa@sterlingvolunteers.com and cc: youthsafety@goarch.org.