

Dying to Worship

Sacrifices and Sacrifice in Scripture and in Our Life

The sacrificial prescriptions in the Torah are often overlooked and treated as a generic typology fulfilled by Christ and thus forgotten. They are also dismissed because they seem to belong to a more violent and more primitive world. This vagueness about the meaning of sacrifice prevents us from properly understanding what Christ shows us through the Cross and the way the early Church interpreted it. These laws are revelations of the complex interaction between God and humanity and give us the shape of a very detailed theology and anthropology. If we are beings made for worship, then sacrifice is central to our life in Christ.

Workshop Presenter, Presvytera Rebecca

Luft holds an M.Div and MA in Hebrew Bible from the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, CA, and a ThM in Biblical Studies from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago and is currently a doctoral candidate in Hebrew Bible at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. She has taught in the Diaconal Vocations program in Chicago and the Diocese of the Midwest for the last eight years. Presvytera Rebecca is a member of Saint Makarios the Great Orthodox Mission at the University of Chicago.



PLUS

**An afternoon visit to
St. John Chrysostom Monastery
and service project TBA**

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Or complete registration here. Mark one:

- I am a young adult, age 18 to 25-ish.
- I am an ordained Orthodox priest/deacon.
- I have the blessing of my priest to attend as a youth leader.

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Anything you think we should know? (phone, emergency contact, late arrival, early departure, allergies or medical condition, financial need, or transportation need, etc.) _____

Send your registration and \$50 to St. Elizabeth Church, 2020 Silver Bell Rd., Eagan, MN 55122.

Youth leaders and ordained clergy need not pay to attend, but please consider a donation to off-set costs for students. Donations will be applied to student scholarships, retreat expenses, and travel stipends for speakers. Extra donations will be reserved for potential out-of-region retreat speakers next year. Questions? Contact Hollie Benton, District Coordinator, htiegs@yahoo.com.



**IDOLATRY
POWER
AND
IDENTITY**

**OCF and Young Adult
Retreat**

April 5-7, 2013

St. Iakovos Retreat Center

**1070 224th Ave
Kansasville, WI 53139**

Join Young Adults and OCF students from MN, WI, IA, and Chicago



Idolatry, Power and Identity:

A Study of Paul's Letter to the Galatians

The letter to the Galatians offers a brief but demanding exposition of the teaching of the Old Testament for a gentile audience. Highlighting the Bible's struggle against idolatry, power, and human identity, St. Paul's letter exposes Jerusalem's fatal misreading of biblical circumcision: a practice given to remove social barriers had been co-opted to build the same. By imposing their religious identity and practices on the gentiles, the Pillars had betrayed the Torah, offering things that pass away as though they were eternal. Worse, they had done so at the expense of the weaker brother. Having been liberated by God from the worship of Caesar, why would the Galatians now turn to another human master?

Keynote Speaker, Fr. Marc Boulos,

is pastor of St. Elizabeth Orthodox Mission, in Eagan, Minnesota. Since 2003, Fr. Marc has served on the Board of Directors of the Orthodox Center for the Advancement of Biblical Studies, which publishes biblical commentaries, lectures, and an annual journal in the field of biblical studies. He holds a Master of Divinity from St. Vladimir's Theological Seminary in Crestwood, New York. In addition, Fr. Marc is employed in the private sector, where he works as a Manager in Information Technology.



The Parting of Ways:

Judaisms in the Advent of Christianity

At the beginning of Christianity, this Jewish sect represented only one of multiple "Judaisms" competing for the soul of the people of the Lord. Christians argued along side Pharisees, Sadducees, and sectarians living by the Dead Sea, over the deeply Jewish matters of authority, interpretation of scripture, and what is clean or unclean. These common questions defined all these groups as Jewish, while each group's answers forged their separate identity; while their questions united, their answers divided them. This talk will show in what ways Christians are Jewish, and how they differ from other Jewish groups in the first centuries of the Common Era.

Workshop Presenter, Dr. Richard Benton,

completed his Ph.D. in Hebrew and Semitic Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. His dissertation focused on linguistics and the Biblical Hebrew verbal system. Benton taught various Jewish studies courses (including Jewish cultural history, Jewish mysticism, and the Bible in the middle ages) at the University of Wisconsin, Beloit College, the University of Washington-Seattle, and The Evergreen State College. He has also taught Hebrew Bible and Biblical Hebrew classes abroad at the Ukrainian Catholic University and at Balamand University in Lebanon. His research interests include linguistics, Hebrew Bible, and the history of interpretation of the Bible.



Finding the Heart, Image, Reason, and Will of God with the Ascetic Tradition

The ascetic tradition helps us to find the inner temple of the heart, in which our reason and image are fulfilled, and our will united with God's through the priestly ministry of Christ and the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit. This imagery, central to Scriptural reading and liturgy is a validation of our whole created being and a path to realization of the providential working out of our salvation.

Workshop Presenter, Fr. Elijah Mueller,

is a graduate of St. Vladimir's Seminary and the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley California, where he received a Masters in Biblical Languages. He is presently a Ph.D. Candidate in Church History at Marquette University, pastor of St. Makarios Mission in Chicago (Hyde Park), Chaplain for the University of Chicago OCF, and Chaplain for the Great Lakes Midwestern District of the OCF. He is Director of Catechist and Diaconal Vocations for the Chicago Deanery, from 2004 and into the present, successor program run by the Diocese of the Midwest and has taught classes within this program and at Marquette University in Spirituality, Church History, Sacraments, Homiletics, and Catechesis.

