



# St. Macrina Orthodox Institute

*for Renewal of Diakonia and Catechesis in the Midwest*  
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## Schedule, 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

All talks, services and Practica at Saints Cyril and Methodius, 2505 S.  
30<sup>th</sup> St. Milwaukee 53215.

### Thursday

5:30pm Vespers

6:30pm Diaconal Practicum with Fr. Protodeacon  
Tom Keith.

### Friday

9-11am Diaconal Practicum with Fr. Protodeacon  
Tom Keith

Lunch on own, not provided.

1-2:30pm Keynote by Fr. Silviu Bunta:  
*“Set a guard, O Lord, upon my mouth and a  
guarding door about my lips”*: Psalmic thoughts  
on the diaconate as spiritual life

3-4pm Dr. Rebecca Luft, “The Levites Guarding  
the Holy Things, Insights from the Law”

4-5pm Fr. Elijah Mueller, “Silence and Rest: the  
Lord’s Silence and the Sabbath in Christ.”

5pm Vespers

6pm **Dinner, provided at Church**

7-9pm Diaconal w/ Protodeacon Tom and  
Catechetical Practicum w/ Anna Strelka

### Saturday

Please complete registration online on this google doc:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hf5tCCdLOpNQ6c7-wLvMWSZUuwCYQYgSTIxjnYCzvII/edit>

ANY QUESTIONS? Contact Fr. Elijah, number and email above.

Send Registration fee, \$125, to Diocese of the Midwest, address above, subject line: 9<sup>th</sup> St. Macrina  
Conference.

Breakfast on own!

9am Dr. Sampson Nash, “Gateways to Knowledge:  
How to Listen to Experts with Faithful Humility.”

10am Dr. Cristina Bucur, “Compassionate Self-  
Regulation: Cultivating Good Voices, from Good  
Will to Good Deed.”

11-1 Diaconal Practicum, Fr. Protodeacon Tom, Fr.  
Protodeacon Bob Northrup and Catechetical  
Practicum w/ Anna Strelka

1pm **Lunch to Go, provided at Church**

Throughout the day on Saturday, there will be  
opportunities to meet with our new ruling hierarch,  
Bishop Daniel to talk about vocation.

To participate in the extra diaconal practice  
sessions, please be at the church by 6pm that  
Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> for the extra Thursday night and  
Friday morning session. Note: the provided meals  
will begin with the full conference that will begin at  
1pm on Friday and end at 1pm on Saturday (so  
Friday dinner & Saturday lunch).