

# 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Orthodox Men's Retreat of St. John the Baptist



## ***Becoming Human: Meditations on Christian Anthropology in Word and Image***

Facilitated by: Very Reverend Father Dr John Behr

**April 3-5, 2020**

Sanctum Retreat Centre - **Caroline, Alberta**

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## **Seventeenth Annual Orthodox Men's Retreat of St. John The Baptist**

### **Friday – April 3, 2020**

- 4:30 p.m. Registration begins
- 6:30 p.m. Supper and Orientation
- 7:15 p.m. Akathist to, Saint John the Baptist
- 8:00 p.m. Conference
- 9:00 p.m. Get to know each other
- 11:00 p.m. Please keep to your room

### **Saturday – April 4, 2020**

- 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayers in the chapel and Memorial Service for retreatants fallen asleep in the Lord
- 9:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. Conference
- 12:00 noon Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Conference
- 2:00 pm Break. Enjoy the surroundings and relax
- 3:30 p.m. Conference
- 5:00 p.m. Supper
- 6:00 p.m. Vespers
- 7:00 p.m. Evening Session
- 7:45 p.m. Group Discussion
- 8:30 p.m. Get to know each other
- 11:00 p.m. Please keep to your room

### **Sunday – April 5, 2020**

- 8:00 a.m. No Breakfast – However if you require to eat due to medical reasons, food will be available
- 9:00 a.m. Hours
- 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
- 11:00 a.m. Lunch and departure

The fee for this year's retreat is \$275.00 to \$325.00 per individual depending on the room.

Further to the Retreat schedule, we would like to emphasize that there will be time for quiet meditation and prayer, and to take full advantage of the retreat venue, while taking in the serene surroundings. More information about the facility is available on their website [www.sanctumretreat.ca](http://www.sanctumretreat.ca).

The topic for this year's retreat reflects upon various dimensions and implications of the astounding fact that Christ shows us what it is to be God by the way he dies as a human being and, in so doing, simultaneously shows us what it is to be a human being. Connecting the end — "It is finished" — with the beginning — "Let us make a human being"

Fr John Behr will challenge us to think again about who we are, as male and female, what we are called to become, and the relation between life and death in this journey.

**About the Author:** The Very Reverend Father Dr John Behr the author of *The Way to Nicaea*, *The Nicene Faith*, *The Mystery of Christ: Life in Death*, *Asceticism and Anthropology in Irenaeus and Clement*, to name a few of his books. As well, is the former Dean of St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, Professor of Patristics and has excepted a teaching position in Aberdeen University. **Fr, John Behr** (born October 16, 1966) is a British [Eastern Orthodox priest](#) and [theologian](#). He is the former [Dean](#) of [St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary](#), where he is currently the Director of the Master of Theology Program and the Father Georges Florovsky Distinguished Professor of Patristics. He was ordained to the diaconate on September 8, 2001 and the priesthood on September 14, 2001. He is the editor of the Patristic Series released by St. Vladimir's Press. He was elected dean of the seminary on November 18, 2006, and served as dean from 2007 until 2017, when he was named Father Georges Florovsky Distinguished Professor of Patristics.

**Biography** - Behr completed his undergraduate studies at [Thames Polytechnic](#), London, in 1987. His [Bachelor of Arts](#) dissertation was entitled "Of God, Man, and Creation: A Comparative Study of the Anthropology of the Greek Fathers and [Emmanuel Levinas](#)". Having studied under [Bishop Kallistos \(Ware\)](#), Behr earned his [Master of Philosophy](#) in 1991 and [Doctor of Philosophy](#) degrees in theology from [Oxford University](#) in 1995. Remnants of his master's thesis, "Sexuality, Marriage, and Asceticism in Second-Century Christian Writings", can be found in his doctoral dissertation published in 2000 by Oxford University Press under the title *Asceticism and Anthropology in Irenaeus and Clement*. Behr completed a Master of Theology from St Vladimir's in 1997. His thesis, a complete [textual criticism](#) of *On the Apostolic Preaching* by [Irenaeus of Lyons](#), was subsequently published by St. Vladimir's Seminary Press.