

18th Annual Orthodox Men's Retreat of St. John the Baptist



Topic: Salvation is from the Jews

Facilitated by: Fr. Geoffrey Ready

May 5-7, 2023

Sanctum Retreat Centre - Caroline, Alberta

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Eighteenth Annual Orthodox Men's Retreat of St. John The Baptist

Friday – May 5, 2023

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

Saturday – May 6, 2023

- 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 – May 7, 2023

- 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 \$375.00 to \$450.00 per individual depending on the room.

Payment can either be by cheque or e-Transfer to mensretreat@stvlads.com.

Further to the Retreat schedule, we would like to emphasize that there will be time for quiet time 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.

The topic for this year's retreat: Salvation is from the Jews

The relationship between Christianity and Judaism is central to the identity of Christians and the church. Yet for much of the past two millennia, from the "parting of the ways" in the early centuries, the story of Christians and Jews has been difficult and troubled, culminating in the tragic events of the 20th century. In the aftermath of the Holocaust, there has been a renewed engagement between the two traditions, and with a proliferation of scholarship and deepening of knowledge of Second Temple Judaism over the last half century, a joint effort has been made by Christians and Jews to correct historical inaccuracies and prejudices and amend theological traditions that had separated Jesus and Paul from their Jewish contexts and driven a hard wedge between communities sharing faith in the one God of Israel. Exploring these insights will help us renew the basis of our Christian faith and practice.

1. Misunderstood Jews: the Messiah Jesus and Apostle Paul within Judaism
2. The religion of the apostles: narrative theology of second temple Judaism
3. The "parting of the ways" and difficult history of Jewish-Christian estrangement
4. Rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem: restoring Jewish-Christian relations and the Jewish heart of Christianity today

About the Facilitator:

Fr Geoffrey Ready was born in Canada and grew up in the greater Toronto area. After theological studies in Ottawa and at Holy Cross Orthodox School of Theology in Boston, he served overseas for 12 years, first in Northern Ireland and then in France.

Fr Geoffrey directs the Orthodox Christian Studies programme at Trinity College and teaches in Orthodox Liturgy, Scripture, and Pastoral courses. Fr Geoffrey received his doctorate in liturgical theology at the Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto. He also serves as priest-in-charge of Holy Myrrhbearers Orthodox Mission (www.myrrhbearers.ca), an English language mission. He produces a popular podcast on Orthodox liturgy and life, "Enacting the Kingdom," along with Fr Yuri Hladio, and represents the Archdiocese of Canada of the Orthodox Church in America on the Canadian Council of Churches' Commission for Faith and Witness.

Fr Geoffrey is married to Jolan and has three boys.