

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL
ORTHODOX MEN'S RETREAT
OF
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

**THEME: OUR PURPOSE AS ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS
GUEST SPEAKER: ARCHIMANDRITE PHILIP (SPERANZA)**

MARCH 31 TO APRIL 2, 2017

**SANCTUM RETREAT CENTRE
CAROLINE, ALBERTA**



**Organizing Parishes
Information**

Antiochian Orthodox
Church of the
Annunciation –
Fr. George Dahdouh
Contact:

St. Mary's Romanian
Orthodox Parish –
Fr. Michael Lupu;
Contacts: Dennis Lipon,
Daniel Cojocariu

St. Vladimir's Ukrainian
Orthodox Congregation –
Fr. Taras Krochak and
Fr. Timothy Charpko
Contacts: Glen Tacey, Ihor
Triska, Dan Zukiwsky

**Organizing Parishes
Information**

Serbian Orthodox
Church St. Simeon –
Fr. Obrad Filipovic

St. Demetrios Greek
Orthodox Church –
Fr. Peter Rougas

St. Peter the Aleut OCA
Church – Fr. Phillip
Eriksson
Contact: Allan Lyons

Sessions:

See Attached Schedule

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday – March 31, 2017

- 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

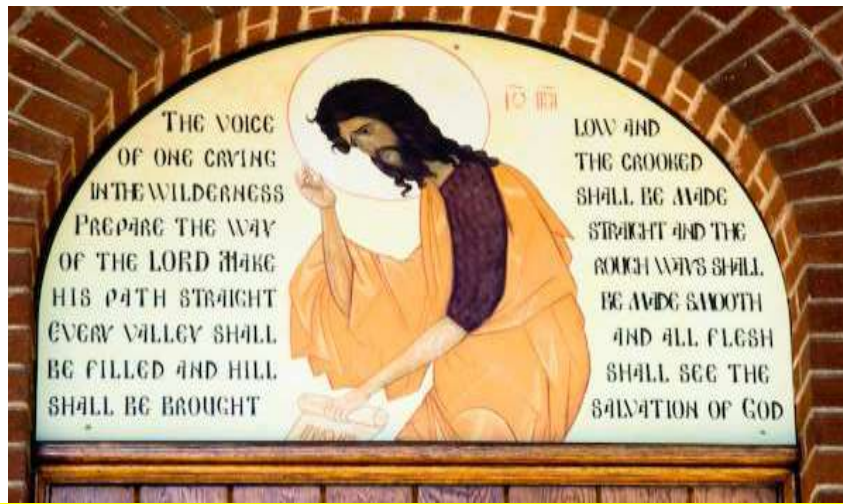
Saturday – April 1, 2017

- 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayers in the chapel and Memorial Service for retreatants fallen asleep in the Lord
- 8:30 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. Vesper Services
- 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 2, 2017

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

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The voice of one calling in the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord make His path straight. Every valley shall be filled and hill shall be brought low and the crooked shall be made straight and the rough ways shall be made smooth and all flesh shall see the salvation of the Lord.

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

With the Blessings and support of our Bishops, and the support of our parishes and parish clergy the Orthodox retreat committee invites you to the twelfth annual Orthodox Men's Retreat of St. John the Baptist – 2017.

We invite all men of good faith to the fourteenth annual **Orthodox Men's Retreat of St. John the Baptist** that will be held from March 31 to April 2, 2017 at the Sanctum Retreat Centre near Caroline, Alberta. The fee for this years retreat is again \$250.00 to \$325.00 per individual depending on the room (see form).

The guest speaker for this year's retreat will be Archimandrite Philip (Speranza).

Further to the Retreat schedule, we would like to emphasize that there will be ample 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.

With greetings in Christ, you're Retreat Team

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PRAYER of OUR PATRON SAINT, ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

“Pray unto God for us, O Holy Patron Saint, St. John the Baptist, well pleasing to God: For we turn unto thee, who is the speedy helper and intercessor of our Soul, in the Name of Our Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen.”

Archimandrite Philip (Speranza) Biography

Archimandrite Philip Speranza is the Rector of Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in Edmonton, Alberta in the Archdiocese of Canada in the Orthodox Church in America. A sermon by Fr. Philip can be found on YouTube <https://youtu.be/KfKMWmVVVbo>.