

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

**THEME**

**"Divine Liturgy, the principles of liturgical prayer  
and the evolution of the Liturgy".**

**GUEST SPEAKER: REVEREND FATHER LAWRENCE FARLEY**

**APRIL 20-22, 2012**

**SANCTUM RETREAT CENTRE  
CAROLINE, ALBERTA**



**Organizing Parishes  
Information**

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Antiochian Orthodox  
Church of the  
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St. Mary's Romanian  
Orthodox Parish – Very  
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St. Vladimir's Ukrainian  
Orthodox Congregation -  
Very Reverend Father  
Taras Krochak and  
Reverend Father Timothy  
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**Organizing Parishes  
Information**

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Serbian Orthodox  
Church St. Simeon –  
Reverend Father Obrad  
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St. Demetrios Greek  
Orthodox Church -  
Reverend Father  
Demetrios Rougas  
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St. Peter the Aleut OCA  
Church - Reverend  
Phillip Erikson  
Contact: Allen Lyons

Sessions:

**[See Attached Schedule](#)**

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### SCHEDULE

## "Divine Liturgy, the principles of liturgical prayer and the evolution of the Liturgy"

#### Friday – April 20, 2012

- 4:30 p.m. Registration begins  
7:00 p.m. Supper and Orientation  
7:45 p.m. Akathist to, Saint John the Baptist  
8:30 p.m. Conference  
9:30 p.m. Get to know each other  
11:00 p.m. Please keep to your room

#### Saturday – April 21, 2012

- 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  
11:30 p.m. Lunch - After lunch take time to 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. Conference  
7:45 p.m. Question & answers  
8:30 p.m. Get to know each other  
11:00 p.m. Please keep to your room

#### Sunday – April 22, 2012

- 7:30 a.m. No Breakfast – However if you require to eat due to medical reasons, food will be available (muffins and fruit)  
8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
11:00 p.m. Lunch and departure

**NOTE: Retreatants wishing to go to confession during the weekend please make your own arrangements with Father(s)**

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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.*



To: Parish Priests and Parish Council Presidents

**Glory to Jesus Christ!      Glory forever!**

With the Blessings and support of our Bishops, and the support of our parishes and parish clergy, Very Reverend Father Taras Krochak, and Reverend Father Timothy Charpko – St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Congregation, Reverend Father Ibrahim Chahoud - Antiochian Orthodox Church of the Annunciation, Reverend Father Obrad Filipovic – Serbian Orthodox Church of St. Simeon, Reverend Father Demetrios Rougas – St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Congregation, Reverend Father Phillip Erikson – St. Peter the Aleut OCA Congregation, and Very Reverend Father Michael Lupu - St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Congregation, the Orthodox retreat committee invite you to the ninth annual Orthodox Men's Retreat of St. John the Baptist – 2012.

Through you, Parish Priests and Parish Council Presidents, we invite all men of good faith to the fifth annual **Orthodox Men's Retreat of St. John the Baptist**, which will be held from April 20-22, 2012 at the Sanctum Retreat Centre, Caroline, Alberta. The fee for this years retreat is \$ 225.00 to \$ 325.00 per individual, depending on the room (see attached).

The theme of this years retreat will be "**Divine Liturgy, the Principles of Liturgical prayer and the Evolution of the Liturgy.**" The quest speaker for this years retreat will be Reverend Father Lawrence Farley.

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. There are hot tubs available, bring along your swimming trunks. Website <http://www.sanctumretreat.ca/home.htm>.

**With greetings in Christ, you're Retreat Team**

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You *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. (1 Peter 2:9)

Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of *our* lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you. (Hebrews 13:15-17)

May the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen. (Hebrews 13:18-19)

"Teach me, and I will be silent; make me understand how I have gone astray. (Job 6:24)

**The goal is not to abandon the world, but to keep oneself in Christ and salvage as much as possible from the evil world. Christians renounce the falleness of the world, not creation itself.**