

FINDING GOD FACE TO FACE *Beneath, Beyond, Within*



A LENTEN RETREAT WITH

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MARCH 8TH — 10TH, 2024

AS ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS, we profess God to be the lover of mankind. How does God draw us to a closer and deeper relationship with Him? Why do our hearts seem fragmented and disfigured in that relationship? Is God removed from us, watching from a distance, while we are here below living our lives in hopes of something more to come? Join us for a weekend Retreat exploring these questions and prepare our hearts and minds for the Lenten Journey towards the Lord's Resurrection.

RETREAT SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH

6:00 p.m. Welcome Reception and Heavy hors d'oeuvres - Banquet Hall

7:00 p.m. First Talk - *The God Who Hides*

Christ said: *Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened.* In all of these cases, however, something is hidden. There is a mystery at work in how God relates to us in the world. In short: God Hides. Why does He hide? What is the purpose? What does it mean for us as we seek His face?

SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH

8:30 - Orthros - Cathedral

9:30 - Divine Liturgy - Saturday of the Souls - Cathedral

10:45 a.m. - Light Brunch - Banquet Hall

11:15 - Second Talk: *The Hidden Place of the Heart*

God makes Himself known to us in the heart, according to the Fathers. However, the heart is often a place of distortion and darkness. *How do we get beyond the darkness to find the truth of God within?*

Third Talk: *Everywhere Present*

The modern world has famously been described as "disenchanted." People have a way of seeing the world as empty. The Church teaches that the whole world is a sacrament, that God is everywhere present and filling all things. How do we move from disenchantment to sacramental. Where is the face of God hidden all around us, and how do we learn to see Him?

4:00 - Vespers - Cathedral

SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH

8:15 - Orthros - Cathedral

9:30 a.m. - Divine Liturgy - Sunday of the Final Judgement - Fr. Stephen will offer the homily

11:15 a.m. Young Adult Brunch with Fr. Stephen - Atrium

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