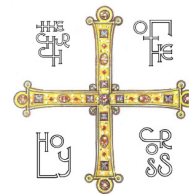




**Spiritual Odyssey 2011**

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**From Genesis to Christ: Creation and the New Creation**

lectures by Dr. George Parsenios

*To understand any story, we must know how and where that story begins, and this is nowhere more true than in the story of God's work in the world. The lectures in this retreat will explore in various ways the plight into which humanity fell when the first humans fell from paradise, and the solution to this plight that was effected in the saving work of Christ. We will explore this movement from plight to solution in various ways.*

**Program  
March 25-27**

Date Time	Event or Speaker and Topic
<b>Fri. 3-25:</b> 7:00 pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Salutations to the Theotokos Potluck Supper Fr. Peter Opening Remarks
<b>Sat. 3-26:</b> 9:00 am	Registration with light snack
10:00 am	Lecture 1
12:00 pm	Lenten Lunch
1:00 pm	Lectures 2 and 3
5:00 pm	Vespers
<b>Sun. 3-27:</b> 8:45 am	Orthros
10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
12:00 pm	Coffee Hour

**Lecture 1 From Genesis to Christ**

This first lecture will draw on diverse materials ranging from Handel's *Messiah* to Dante's *Inferno*, and from Rabbinic Jewish writings to early Christian interpretations of the of the Book of Genesis, in order to reflect on, first, the significance of the Fall from paradise and then, second, the manner in which God reverses that Fall, so that Jesus is a Second Adam who inaugurates a New Humanity.

**Lecture 2 "In the beginning ... was the Word."**

We will reflect further on this New Humanity through a more close reading of the Gospel of John, and specifically, Pilate's words "Behold the Man" (John 19:5). The Gospel of John opens by connecting the work of Christ to the creation of the world in the Book of Genesis, and allows us to reflect in a more focused way on the manner in which Jesus is the image of a new humanity into which we are called by new birth and a new life.

**Lecture 3 The First and Second Adams within US**

In Romans 7, St. Paul articulates the continuing plight of humanity when he announces, " For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do" (Rom 7:19). If Christ inaugurates a new way of life for his creation, we are still caught in our own lives between living like the New Adam and the Old. This final lecture will rely on sources in the Orthodox tradition to reflect on this human condition and the way of life to which we are called in light of it.

**Dr. George L. Parsenios** is Associate Professor of New Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary. He holds degrees in Classics from the University of Cincinnati and Duke University, a Master's of Divinity from the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, and a PhD from Yale University. His scholarly publications and teaching focus on the interaction between early Christianity and classical literature and culture. He has spoken in Greek Orthodox Churches throughout the country in sermons and public lectures, and lives in Princeton, New Jersey with his wife Maureen, and their children, Nicholas, Julia and Constantine.

For reservations for Dr. Parsenios talks and Lenten luncheon on Saturday March 26th call 650-591-4447, or send check payable to Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, 900 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont, CA 94002. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

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