

Please join us for the 18th annual

LENTEN RETREAT

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Growing in Faith Bible Study

The Triumph of the Early Church:

A Historical-Spiritual Approach

64 - 363 A.D.

with Retreat Master

Constantine Zalalas

with noted theologian, translator and publisher

Saturday, March 17, 2012

9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

\$30 per person

Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation

24 W. Preston St., Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Information: www.goannun.org • click on “2012 Retreat”

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Tentative Retreat Schedule

8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Registration

9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Continental breakfast

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Session I (in the Sanctuary)

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world (1John 5:4)

The major Roman persecutions

The conquering force of Christ

Power of Christian martyrdom

Major Martyrs and Confessors

Early Anchorites and Hermits

11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Session 2 (in the Sanctuary)

The faith once and for all entrusted to the saints (1Jude 1:3)

Internal enemies

Gnostics and Manicheans

Hellenism and false philosophy

Sifting through heresies

Truth defenders and apologists

The advent of monasticism

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Lenten luncheon (Fr. Monios Hall)

2:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Closing session (in the Sanctuary)

Constantine and the Synod of Nicea

The Holy Cross and St. Helen

The Cappadocian Fathers

Questions and answers

Notecards will be distributed at lunch and questions will be answered at the closing session

3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Small Compline

Lenten Retreat Registration
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24 W. Preston St. • Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone - daytime _____ evening _____

E-mail address _____

Your parish _____



Please complete and return by March 7

This will be the only mailing for the Retreat. Please respond on time since it is a catered luncheon.

Include your check for \$30 per person (all-inclusive), made payable to Annunciation Cathedral.

Mail registration to:

Jeanne Tsakalos, 12849 Stone Eagle Road, Phoenix, MD 21131

Registration deadline March 7 • After March 8 registration will be \$35

Questions - Chris at 410-242-5965 after 7 p.m. • chris_bouyoucas@yahoo.com

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Note to priests and their wives: Attendance is at no cost to you, but please complete and return the registration form by March 7.
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Plenty of Cathedral parking available with attendant.
Additional parking lot now open 1/2 block south on Maryland Ave.

Constantine Zalalas was born on the island of Kos in Greece and while in his early teens, emigrated to the United States with his family. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology at Millersville University of Pennsylvania, and recently completed a four-year Master's Program in Dogmatic Theology at the University of Thessalonica, graduating with honors.

In 1986 co-workers of a different faith challenged him to defend his own Orthodox Christian faith. This led him on an insatiable quest for both academic and spiritual knowledge of Orthodox Christianity. Shortly thereafter (1988) while on pilgrimage to the holy places of Greece, he met Archimandrite Athanasios Mitilinaios, a great teacher and interpreter of the Scriptures, a theologian with thousands of recorded homilies. Soon Mr. Zalalas asked for a special blessing to bring the much-needed pure spiritual nourishment of Elder Athanasios to the English-speaking world. The Elder's response to his request was: "I bless this with all my heart!" By God's grace and the prayers of Father Athanasios, over 200 one-hour-long teachings have been translated by Mr. Zalalas from Greek to English. They are available on several web sites, such as www.saintnicodemos.org and www.pantocrator.gr.

It was this desire to bring the Greek language gems of the Faith to the larger world that led Mr. Zalalas to found St. Nikodemos Publications. His aim has been to translate the writings and teachings of the [mainly] recent spiritual Fathers of the Church and distribute them to a broader segment of Orthodox believers. It is missionary work of a special sort.

Metropolitan Maximos of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese has blessed Mr. Zalalas to speak and preach publicly. He is an international speaker and retreat master for all Orthodox jurisdictions in the United States, and also abroad.

As a publisher, he has published a number of pamphlets and books. The most recent include *In Search of the Truth* (partnering with St. Anthony's Monastery in AZ); *Homilies on the Book of the Revelation* by Archimandrite Athanasios Mitilinaios; and *My Exodus from Roman Catholicism* by Bishop of Nanzianzus Paul De Ballester.

Mr. Zalalas is a member of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, where he has taught adult classes for over twenty years and serves as a chanter and youth advisor. He resides in Bethlehem with his family, and near his precious granddaughters, Marina and Kassiani.

Mr. Zalalas can be reached at: St. Nikodemos Publications, 1433 W. Union Blvd., Bethlehem, PA 18018

Past Retreat Speakers

1994 - Metropolitan Demetrios (now Archbishop Demetrios)

1995 - Rev. Anthony Coniaris

1996 - Rev. Angelo Artemis, Rev. Michael Nasser

1997 - Bishop Basil Essey

1998 - Constantine Zalalas

1999 - Dr. John Chirban

2000 - Rev. Dr. Brendan Pelmphey

2001 - Rev. Dr. Charles Joannides

2002 - Rev. Irinej Dobrijevic (now Bishop Irinej of New Zealand)

2003 - Rev. Mark Arey

2003 (Autumn) - Rev. Gabriel Rehatta

2004 - Rev. Ernest Arambiges, Rev. Gregory Mathewes-Green,

Rev. Michael Nasser, Rev. Demetrius Nicoloudakis

2005 - Bishop Kallistos (Timothy Ware)

2006 - His Eminence, Archbishop Demetrios, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

2007 - Prof. Terry Mattingly, Teo Nicolakis, Rev. Demetrius Nicoloudakis, Rev. Matthew Streett

2008 (Winter) - Metropolitan Kallistos (Timothy Ware)

2008 - Rev. Stanley S. Harakas, Dr. Gayle Woloschak

2009 - Rev. Luke A. Veronis, Mother Abbess Christofora

2010 - Rev. Theodore Dorrance

Eikona Orthodox chanting trio

2011 - Rev. Dr. Christopher Flesoras

and the Holy Relics of Saints Joachim and Anna

V. Rev. Father Athanasy Mastalki

and the Holy Myrrh-Streaming Icon of St. Anna with the Theotokos