

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

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FATHER, BROTHER, HUSBAND, FRIEND:  
THE VIRTUES OF CHRISTIAN MANHOOD IN THE IMAGE OF CHRIST  
GUEST SPEAKER: THE VERY REV. ARCHPRIEST BOHDAN HLADIO

APRIL 12-14, 2013

SANCTUM RETREAT CENTRE  
CAROLINE, ALBERTA



**Organizing Parishes Information**

Antiochian Orthodox Church of the Annunciation – Reverend Father Ibrahim Chahoud  
Contacts: Sam Salloum

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

St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Congregation - Very Reverend Father Taras Krochak and Reverend Father Timothy Charpko  
Contacts: Morris Pawlyshyn, Glen Tacey, Ihor Triska, Dan Zukiwsky

**Organizing Parishes Information**

Serbian Orthodox Church St. Simeon – Reverend Father Obrad Filipovic  
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St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church - Reverend Father Demetrios Rougas  
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St. Peter the Aleut OCA Church – Very Reverend Phillip Eriksson  
Contact: Allan Lyons, Father Deacon Andrew Applegate

Sessions:

[See Attached Schedule](#)

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# TENTH ANNUAL ORTHODOX MEN'S RETREAT

## OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

### SCHEDULE

#### **Friday – April 12, 2013**

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

#### **Saturday – April 13, 2013**

- 7:30 am Morning Prayers in the chapel and Memorial Service for retreatants fallen asleep in the Lord
- 8:30 am Breakfast
- 9:30 am Conference
- 12:00 noon Lunch - After lunch take time to enjoy the surroundings and relax
- 3:30 pm Conference
- 5:00 pm Supper
- 6:00 pm Vesper Services
- 7:00 pm Conference
- 7:45 pm Question & answers
- 8:30 pm Get to know each other
- 11:00 pm Please keep to your room

#### **Sunday – April 14, 2013**

- 7:30 am No Breakfast – However if you require to eat due to medical reasons, food will be available (muffins and fruit)
- 8:30 am Morning Prayers
- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
- 11:00 am Lunch and departure

**NOTE: Retreatants wishing to go to confession during the weekend please make your own arrangements with Father Bohdan Hladio**

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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, Very Reverend Father Phillip Eriksson – 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 – 2013.

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 12-14, 2013 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 **"FATHER, BROTHER, HUSBAND, FRIEND: THE VIRTUES OF CHRISTIAN MANHOOD IN THE IMAGE OF CHRIST."**

The guest speaker for this year's retreat will be Very Rev. Archpriest Bohdan HLADIO.

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)

Note that as in prior years there will be an assortment of Orthodox Literature and Icons for sale.

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

## 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.”



## **Very Rev. Archpriest Bohdan HLADIO**

Fr. Bohdan Hladio was born in Sewickley, Pennsylvania in 1957. He did his theological studies at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, where he was a member of the “Tamburitzans” performing ensemble. Following university he worked as a teacher and instructor of folk music and dance. He met his wife, Tania Pidlynsny, while working with a Ukrainian Dance group in Toronto. They were married in 1984, and have three children.

He was ordained deacon in 1986 and priest in 1988. Fr. Bohdan has served parishes in Toronto, Hamilton, and Oshawa. From 2005 till 2008 he served as chancellor of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He currently serves as pastor of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Oshawa, Ontario.

From 1998 until 2012 he wrote a monthly column for the “Herald”, the official organ of the UOCC, and was a member of the Community Editorial Board of the Hamilton Spectator from 2000 until 2002. Currently, he writes a monthly column entitled “Against the Current” for young adults which is found on the web-site of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, and is a contributor to the monthly “Urbanicity” in Hamilton, Ontario. “Northopraxis”, a collection of his articles, was published by Holy Dormition Press in 2009.

Fr. Bohdan is also a sought after speaker and retreat leader.