

**The Eagle River Institute of Orthodox Christian Studies** began in 1995. Sponsored by Saint John Orthodox Cathedral, it is held each summer August 1-5, and offers sixteen hours of college-level instruction in a variety of Orthodox topics, including Theology, History, Liturgy, Spirituality, and Scriptural Studies. While the primary aim of the Institute is to offer ongoing Christian instruction to Orthodox Christians in Alaska, it is also open to any who wish to attend, and each year the Institute has been enriched by those who have travelled from outside of the state to attend.

**Saint John Orthodox Cathedral** is part of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese in North America. The Cathedral and 55 acres of church land are situated at the base of the Chugach Mountains, 12 miles outside Anchorage, Alaska's largest city. The facilities of the Cathedral include Saint John Orthodox Christian School, the Saint James House, and Saint Sergius of Radonezh Chapel. The sessions of the Institute are structured so as to allow time during the day for those who wish to take advantage of local attractions such as hiking, fishing, or sightseeing.

**Lodging, meals, and transportation** are the responsibility of the participants. Anchorage International Airport is a 45-minute drive from Eagle River. In addition to the many hotels in Anchorage, Eagle River has a Microtel Inn (907.622.6000) and several fine restaurants in the downtown area. A limited amount of lodging is also available on the Church property. For more information, call 907.696.2002 or email [stjohنالaska@aol.com](mailto:stjohنالaska@aol.com). A simple meal will be provided between sessions for out-of-town guests. Childcare can also be arranged for a small fee.

## EAGLE RIVER INSTITUTE OF ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN STUDIES

### MISSION STATEMENT

**The Eagle River Institute** exists to educate Americans – Christian and non-Christian – about the faith and Tradition of the Orthodox Church and to build up the Orthodox Church in Alaska.



### COST

- \$50 per Track
- Free for Students
- Registration on August 1

**NEW!** Select lectures from previous Institutes are now available in the new podcast "Everyday Theology" featured on [ancientfaith.com](http://ancientfaith.com).

For more information and for a list of past speakers, visit [stjohنالaska.org/institute](http://stjohنالaska.org/institute).



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24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL

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*Holiness among  
the Ordinary*

**Fr. Philip LeMasters**

**Dr. Susan Ashbrook Harvey**

**August 1–5, 2018**

Sponsored by  
St. John Orthodox Cathedral  
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese

## HOLINESS AMONG THE ORDINARY

### Marriage as a Path to Theosis



Fr. Philip LeMasters

Father Philip LeMasters is Professor of Religion and Director of the Honors Program at McMurry University in Abilene, Texas, where he is also the pastor of St. Luke's Antiochian Orthodox Church. He is the author of several books in the area of moral theology, most recently *The Forgotten Faith: Ancient Insights for Contemporary Believers from Eastern Christianity*. He was an adjunct professor of Christian Ethics at St. Vladimir's Seminary in 2016-17 and has been a participant at recent, international Orthodox consultations. A graduate of Baylor University and Rice University, he holds a Ph.D. in Christian Theology and Ethics from Duke University and an M.A. in Applied Orthodox Theology from the University of Balamand.

#### SESSION TITLES

1. Water into Wine: Man-Woman Relationship as a Sign of the Kingdom
2. "One Flesh:" Eucharistic Vision of Marriage and Sex
3. Clues from the Orthodox Wedding Service
4. Asceticism, not Gnosticism: Healing of the Passions through Marriage and Family Life

### Lay People in the Ancient Church: Women and Men



Susan Ashbrook Harvey, PhD

Dr. Susan Ashbrook Harvey is Professor of Religious Studies at Brown University (USA). She specializes in Syriac and Byzantine Christianity. She is also a tonsured chanter at St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. Professor Harvey's scholarship ranges widely across issues of women and gender, embodiment, and lay piety - studied in contexts of asceticism, Bible, hagiography, liturgy, hymnography, domestic and civic religion. Most recently she is a co-author of the book *Jacob of Serug's Homilies on Women Who Met Jesus*. She is a graduate of Grinnell College, Iowa, and holds an M.Litt. and Ph.D. in Byzantine Studies from Birmingham University, England.

#### SESSION TITLES

1. Women and Men in the New Testament: Gospel Models, Liturgical Remembrance
2. Female Martyrs and Saints; Models of Faith
3. Voices of the Laity: Women and Men in the Liturgy
4. Early Syriac Christianity: Some Favorite Themes



## EAGLE RIVER INSTITUTE 2018 SCHEDULE

**Tuesday, July 31**

7p - Paraklesis

**Wednesday, August 1**

3:30 - 5:30p - Dr. Harvey - 1

Dinner following

7p - Daily Vespers

7:30 - 9:30p - Fr. Philip - 1

**Thursday, August 2**

3:30 - 5:30p - Fr. Philip - 2

Dinner following

7p - Daily Vespers

7:30 - 9:30p - Dr. Harvey - 2

**Friday, August 3**

3:30 - 5:30p - Dr. Harvey - 3

Dinner following

7p - Daily Vespers

7:30 - 9:30p - Fr. Philip - 3

**Saturday, August 4**

9:15a - 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour Prayers

9:30 - 11:30a - Fr. Philip - 4

Lunch following

1:30 - 3:30p - Dr. Harvey - 4

7p - Great Vespers

8-9p - Final Session, Q&A

**Sunday, August 5**

9a - Matins

10a - Divine Liturgy

6:15p - G. Vespers for Transfiguration

**Monday, August 6**

9:a - Matins of Transfiguration

6:15p - Liturgy for Transfiguration

Salmon Potluck following