

# CONFERENCE *on the ETHOS of the* ORTHODOX CHURCH

Antiochian Village Conference and Retreat Center

October 6-9, 2022

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## CONFERENCE DESCRIPTION

The FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF UNCUT MOUNTAIN PRESS will take place at the Antiochian Village from October 6-9 on the theme: *The Orthodox Ethos*. The gathering will bring together spiritual fathers, teachers and faithful desiring to go deeper into the Way of Being in Christ: how this is acquired, lived, imparted. At the heart of this conference will be an athonite-style vigil for the Feast of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian. A rare gathering and an exceptional opportunity you won't want to miss!

### HONORARY CHAIRMAN:

*His Grace Bishop LUKE of Syracuse*

### SPEAKERS:

*Archimandrite Demetrios Carellas, St. Paraskevi Orthodox Monastery, Washington, TX.*

*Hieromonk Felipe Balingit, Holy Trinity Monastery, Jordanville, NY*

*Archpriest Romanos Galben, St. Luke the Evangelist Chapel, Coconut Creek, FL*

*Archpriest Joseph Copeland, Holy Cross Orthodox Church, Yakima, WA*

*Archpriest Josiah Trenham, St. Andrew Orthodox Church, Riverside, CA*

*Archpriest Peter Heers, Lecturer in Ecclesiology, Holy Trinity Seminary*

*Fr. Zachariah Lynch, St. Michael Church, Pueblo, CO*

*Constantine Zalalas, Saint Nikodemos Publications*

*Robert Spencer, author of *The Church and the Pope*, Director of Jihad Watch*

*G. M. Davis Ph.D., author of *Antichrist: The Fulfillment of Globalization**

## REGISTRATION DETAILS

### FULL REGISTRATION

- 3 night stay in guest room with private bath at the Antiochian Village
- 8 chef-selection meals Thursday evening to Sunday morning
- All conference sessions offered

**\$ 528 per person**                      1 adult, 1 guest room, all meals and sessions

**\$ 419 per person**                      2 adults, 1 guest room, all meals and sessions

**\$ 330 per person**                      3 adults, 1 guest room, all meals and sessions

You PAY LESS when you add a conference attendee to your room such as a spouse, friend, or roommate. Purchase the total registration yourself, and divide payment with roommate(s) on your own. Unfortunately, we cannot place roommates for you. Guest rooms provide ample bed configurations to accommodate everyone. Full Registration applies to those 18 yrs and up.

For those attending with children: 17 yrs and under stay free in the room, however, you will need to add a Child Meal Plan (below) for each child. See the FAQs on how to register with a family.

### COMMUTER REGISTRATION

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| <b>\$ 272 per person</b> | Includes all sessions Thursday to Sunday<br>Includes 8 meals Thursday to Sunday<br>Lodging is <u>not</u> included                            |
| <b>\$ 136 per person</b> | Includes 1 day of sessions either Friday <u>or</u> Saturday<br>Includes 3 meals; breakfast, lunch & dinner<br>Lodging is <u>not</u> included |

### CHILD MEAL PLAN

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| <b>\$ 164 per person</b> | Children ages 13-17, all meals Thursday - Sunday                          |
| <b>\$ 86 per person</b>  | Children ages 5-12, all meals Thursday – Sunday<br>Ages 4 and under, Free |

\*All prices include taxes.

\*Deadline to Register is September 15, 2022

\*For questions, please email [UMPadmin@icloud.com](mailto:UMPadmin@icloud.com)

### CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

#### THURSDAY – OCTOBER 6

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| 3:00 pm | Registration Opens            |
| 5:00 pm | Vespers                       |
| 6:00 pm | Dinner and Informal Gathering |
| 9:00 pm | Compline                      |

#### FRIDAY – OCTOBER 7

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| 5:30 am | Orthros & Divine Liturgy             |
| 8:00 am | Registration & Continental Breakfast |
| 9:00 am | Welcome and Introductions            |
| 9:15 am | Special Guest Lecture TBA            |

- 9:45 am **Lecture #1:** *Fr. Demetri Carrellas:* THE ORTHODOX ETHOS AS EXEMPLIFIED IN ELDER EPHRAIM OF PHILOTHEOU AND ARIZONA
- 10:15 am **Lecture #2:** *Constantine Zalalas:* THE ORTHODOX ETHOS IN THE LIFE AND WRITINGS OF ELDER ATHANASIOS MITILINAIOS
- 10:45 am Short Break
- 11:00 am Panel Q & A and Discussion
- 11:50 am Lunch Break
- 1:00 pm **Lecture #3:** *Hieromonk Felipe Balingit:* ORTHODOX PIETY AND PIETISM
- 1:30 pm **Lecture #4:** *Archpriest Romanos Galben:* THE ORTHODOX LITURGICAL AND EUCHARISTIC ETHOS TODAY
- 2:00 pm Short Break
- 2:15 pm Panel Q & A and Discussion
- 3:00 pm **Book Presentation:** *G.M. Davis:* ANTICHRIST, THE FULFILLMENT OF GLOBALIZATION: THE ANCIENT CHURCH AND THE END OF HISTORY
- 4:00 pm Vespers
- 5:00 pm Dinner
- 7:30 pm Informal Gathering
- 9:00 pm Compline

#### SATURDAY – OCTOBER 8

- 5:30 am Orthros & Divine Liturgy
- 8:00 am Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 am Introduction & Greetings
- 9:30 am **Lecture #5:** *Fr. Josiah Trenham:* ORTHODOX CATECHISM AND THE ORTHODOX ETHOS
- 10:00 am **Lecture #6:** *Fr. Joseph Copeland:* REINFORCING THE ORTHODOX ETHOS IN THE PARISH: WITHOUT A VISION THE PEOPLE PERISH
- 10:30 am Short Break
- 10:45 am Panel Q & A and Discussion
- 11:50 am Lunch Break
- 1:00 pm **Lecture #7:** *Fr. Zachariah Lynch:* WALKING IN THE ORTHODOX WAY: SAFEGUARD AGAINST THE ZEITGEIST
- 1:30 pm **Lecture #8:** *Fr. Peter Heers:* “LEAD US IN THY WAY, THAT WE MAY WALK IN THY TRUTH”: THE INSEPARABLE UNITY OF DOGMA AND ETHOS
- 2:00 pm Short Break
- 2:15 pm Panel Q & A and Discussion
- 3:00 pm **Book Presentation:** *Robert Spencer:* THE CHURCH AND THE POPE
- 4:00 pm Dinner
- 5:00-8:00 pm Rest for Vigil
- 8:00 pm Vigil for the Feast of the Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian
- c.12:00 am Divine Liturgy
- 1:30 am Agape Meal

## SUNDAY – OCTOBER 9

9:00 am	Breakfast
10:00 am	Full Speaker Panel Q & A and Discussion
11:00 am	Farewell

## CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

### *Archimandrite Demetrios Carellas*

#### **The Orthodox Ethos as Exemplified in Elder Ephraim**

Archimandrite Demetrios is the Chaplain of the Monastery of Saint Paraskevi in Washington, Texas. He has been a priest since 1974 and a regular speaker across the United States and Canada on spiritual matters for the past 25 years. He served as chaplain of the Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery in Saxonburg, PA from 1994-2016. Before being tonsured a monk and elevated to Archimandrite in July 2010, Fr. Demetri was married with four children and now has 20 grandchildren. He has Bachelors and Masters degrees in civil engineering from George Tech. University and a Master of Divinity from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Theological School. He also served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force from 1967-71.

### *Hieromonk Felipe Balingit*

#### **Orthodox Piety and Pietism**

Hieromonk Philip is the Dean of ROCOR Missions in the Philippines and a recent graduate of the Master of Divinity Program at Holy Trinity Orthodox Seminary. Fr. Philip also has degrees in Philosophy, Psychology and Guidance and Counseling. Before receiving monastic tonsure, he taught at several universities in Manila, Philippines, as an associate professor of Psychology and Special Education. For over fifteen years Fr. Philip also maintained an extensive clinical practice with children with special needs and with couples having marital discord as a counseling psychologist and a Board Certified expert in traumatic stress.

### *Archpriest Romanos Galben*

#### **The Orthodox Liturgical and Eucharistic Ethos Today**

Fr. Romanos Galben was born in Odessa, Ukraine, where he completed the School of Architecture and the Theological Seminary of Chisinau and later the Theological Academy of Chisinau (2002). He also attended the Theological University of Constanta, Romania (2000-2004). From 2004-2009 Fr. Romanos studied in Thessaloniki, Greece, enrolled in the Postgraduate Program of the Department of Theology at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (2006-2009), with a specialization in Liturgical studies. Fr. Romanos was ordained to diaconate and priesthood in 1999 in the Cathedral of the Holy Archangels Hancesti by His Eminence Metropolitan Vladimir of Chisinau and Moldova. He has served parishes and monasteries in the Dioceses Xanthi (2004), Greece and Limassol, Cyprus (2005-2008), where he was appointed to head-up the catechetical program for foreign citizens. He also served in the Diocese of Mesogia and Lavreotikis, where he was the official interpreter of the Metropolis for English, Russia and Romanian languages. In September of 2011 after the invitation of His Eminence Alexios Metropolitan of Atlanta he was assigned to the parish Annunciation of the Theotokos in North Miami, Florida. In November of 2017 he was transferred to the parish of Saint Elizabeth in

Gainesville, Florida. Currently Fr. Romanos serves as the Chaplin at the Paideia Classical Academy. He is married to Matushka Olga Melnik and is blessed with four children.

### *Archpriest Joseph Copeland*

#### **Reinforcing the Orthodox Ethos in the Parish: Without a Vision the People Perish**

The V. Rev. Fr. Joseph Copeland is the Rector of Holy Cross Orthodox Church in Yakima, Washington. Fr. Joseph has been guiding and leading his flock in the Orthodox Way since coming to the One Church in 1987 with many other former Protestants as a part of the “Evangelical Orthodox Church.” Fr. Joseph and Khouria Sophia have four grown children: Makrina, Presvytera, physician, wife of Fr. Michael Shanbour and mother of 1; Thomas, Reader, optometrist, husband of Paraskevi and father of 10; Andrea, wife of Pantleimon and mother of 3; Pelagia, Presvytera, wife of Fr. Gregory Edwards and mother of 4; and several others who have become like their own and many beloved spiritual children. Fr. Joseph was raised in Maple Valley, Washington, a rural area outside of Seattle. He graduated from high school in 1966 and began his studies at the University of Washington. In 1968 he married his high school sweetheart, Denise (Sophia) and they both taught in the Seattle area after graduation from university. In 1974, after the birth of their first child they moved to buy and operate an apple orchard in the Yakima Valley of Eastern Washington along with the Fr. Mel Gimmaka family who would accompany them into Orthodoxy.

### *Archpriest Josiah Trenham*

#### **Orthodox Catechism and The Orthodox Ethos**

Archpriest Josiah Trenham was ordained to the Holy Priesthood in 1993, and was awarded the Ph.D. in Theology from the University of Durham, England, in 2004. He has served as pastor of St. Andrew Orthodox Church in Riverside, CA. since 1998. Father Josiah was married in 1988, and has ten children. Father is the founder and director of Patristic Nectar Publications, where his homilies and additional theological reflections are published weekly and listened to by thousands all over the globe on The Arena podcast. Father Josiah’s books and articles have been published by St. Herman Press, New Rome Press, Zoe Press, St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Journal, Logos: A Journal of Eastern Christian Studies, The Journal of the Institute on Religion and Democracy, CIVA: The Journal of Christians in the Visual Arts, Divine Ascent, The Word Magazine, OrthodoxyToday.org, American Orthodox Institute, Sourozh, Pemptousia.com (Vatopaidi Monastery), Eastern Churches Review, and more. Father Josiah has conducted numerous diocesan, parish, and clergy retreats and seminars for every Orthodox Christian jurisdiction in America and in Canada, and has spoken at international gatherings. He has also spoken at numerous colleges and universities.

### *Archpriest Peter Heers*

#### **“Lead Us in Thy Way, that We May Walk in Thy Truth”: The Inseparable Unity of Dogma and Ethos**

Fr. Peter Heers has undergraduate, master's and doctoral degrees in Dogmatic Theology from the Theological School of the University of Thessalonica, all completed under the tutelage of Professor Demetrios Tselingides. Fr. Peter was the instructor of Old and New Testament at Holy

Trinity Orthodox Seminary in Jordanville, New York (2017-2018) and continues now as a Lecturer of Ecclesiology in the Certificate of Theological Studies Program. Fr. Peter was also the Headmaster of Three Hierarchs Academy in Florence, Arizona (2018-2019). Fr. Peter is the founder and current head of Uncut Mountain Press (founded in 2000), the founder and head of The Orthodox Ethos, and the founder and first editor of "Divine Ascent, A Journal of Orthodox Faith" (begun in 1995). Fr. Peter was also the host of the podcast, Postcards from Greece. Fr. Peter is the author of The Missionary Origins of Modern Ecumenism: Milestones Leading up to 1920, as well as The Ecclesiological Renovation of the Second Vatican Council: An Orthodox Examination of Rome's Ecumenical Theology Regarding Baptism and the Church, which was released in November 2015 and is available here. It is also available in Greek. Fr. Peter is also the translator of several books, including The Life of Elder Paisios (co-translator) and the Epistles of Elder Paisios, The Truth of our Faith (vols. 1 & 2) by Elder Cleopa and Apostle to Zaire: The Life of Fr. Cosmas of Grigoriou, as well as the best-selling children's book From I-ville to You-ville. He is a regular speaker to parish groups in the United States and Canada. Fr. Peter Heers currently resides outside of Coolidge, AZ.

### *Fr. Zachariah Lynch*

#### **Walking in the Orthodox Way: Safeguard Against the Zeitgeist**

Fr. Zechariah currently is the rector at Archangel Michael Orthodox Church in Pueblo, Colorado. He is the proprietor and writer at the well-known "Inkless Pen Blog," at which, founded on the teachings of Orthodox Christianity, a wide variety of topics are addressed. Fr. Zechariah has translated from Russian into English some works by St. Dimitry of Rostov and New Hieromartyr Seraphim (Zvesdensky). (These translations are also available on his blog.) He is also the author and illustrator of *St. Patrick, Enlightener of the Irish Lands* (Conciliar Press, out of print) and illustrator of *The Life of St. Brigid* (authored by Jane G. Meyer). Fr. Zachariah has a Bachelors Degree from Kharkov State University (Ukraine), a certificate from Brownsville School of Ministry, and a Master of Divinity from St. Tikhon's Orthodox Seminary.

### *Constantine Zalalas*

#### **The Orthodox Ethos in the Life and Writings of Elder Athanasios Mitilinaios**

Mr. Zalalas is an international speaker and retreat master for all Orthodox jurisdictions in the United States and abroad. He holds a Masters (with honors) in Dogmatic Theology from the University of Thessalonica. He has published a number of pamphlets and books. His most recent publications include: *In Search of the Truth* (partnering with St. Anthony's Monastery in AZ), Volumes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, of *On the Book of the Revelation* by Archimandrite Athanasios Mitilinaios (Zoe Press), *My Exodus from Roman Catholicism* by Bishop of Nanzianzus Paul De Ballester and *Tears of Repentance* by Athanasios Katigkas. Mr. Constantine Zalalas was born on January 30, 1956, on the island of Kos in Greece and while in his early teens, immigrated to the United States with his family. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology at Millersville University of Pennsylvania in 1978. Mr. Zalalas is currently a member and a pastoral assistant of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, where he resides with his family. In 1988, while on pilgrimage to the holy places of Greece, he met Archimandrite Athanasios Mitilinaios, the great elder, teacher and interpreter of the Holy Scriptures. Soon, with the blessing of the Elder, by God's grace, Constantine began translating and presenting the homilies of the elder. Today, over 200 one hour long teachings have been translated and are

available on several web sites ([www.saintnicodemos.com](http://www.saintnicodemos.com), [www.pantocrator.gr](http://www.pantocrator.gr)) and on the YouTube channel “Nicodemos Hagiorite.”

### *Robert Spencer*

Author of *The Church and the Pope*, Director of Jihad Watch

#### **Book Presentation**

Robert Spencer is the director of Jihad Watch and a Shillman Fellow at the David Horowitz Freedom Center. He is the author of twenty-three books including two New York Times bestsellers. Spencer is a regular columnist for PJ Media and FrontPage Magazine and has written hundreds of articles about Islam and other issues. He is also a regular on major news media outlets and speaker at universities across America.

### *G. M. Davis Ph. D.*

Author of *Antichrist: The Fulfillment of Globalization*

#### **Book Presentation**

G. M. Davis received his BA in political science from the University of Rochester, NY, and his PhD from Stanford University for his dissertation, “Meaning and History: The Origins of Totalitarianism in the Decline of Mysticism and the Rise of Inner-Worldly Religion”. He was received into the Orthodox Church in 2003. He is married and resides in the United States.

## CONFERENCE VENUE and ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Antiochian Village Conference and Retreat Center  
140 Church Camp Trail  
Bolivar, PA 15923  
website: <https://www.antiochianvillage.org>

The Antiochian Village Conference and Retreat Center is located on 300 acres of beautiful rolling hills in southwestern Pennsylvania. October is one of the most spectacular times of the year to visit the area with abundant fall colors and good weather.

*Check-in time:* After 3:00 pm

*Check-out time:* No later than 11:00 am

*Guest Rooms:* The venue provides a variety of bed configurations that cannot be guaranteed at time of Registration, they include; 1 King bed/King +sleeper sofa/2 Double beds/2 Double +1 Twin. All guest rooms have a private en-suite bathroom. Regarding room choices, for example, if you register for 3 people you would receive a room with 2 Double beds +1 Twin bed. If you register for 2 people you would receive a room with 2 Double beds or greater. If you register for 1 person you would receive a room with a King bed or greater.

*Please note:* While the venue provides hotel style rooms, they do not provide daily housekeeping services. Likewise, guests should plan to bring hairdryers and toiletries as needed.

*Amenities:* Wi-fi, walking trails, Gift Shop, Heritage Museum & Library, click [here](#) for more.

*Meals:* Eight full chef-selection meals offering fasting and non-fasting options are provided Thursday-Sunday, with the exception of Friday meals offering fasting options only. One snack will be offered on Friday afternoon. Continuous coffee service is available to guests.

*Specific dietary requests:* For food allergies, diabetic, gluten free, vegetarian, lactose intolerance or low sodium - please complete this [Dietary Request](#) form no later than September 20, 2022.

*Driving/Parking:* There is plenty of on-site parking for guests.

*Airport:* The closest commercial airport to the Antiochian Village is Pittsburg International Airport which is roughly a 1 hr. 45 min drive. Please note that Lyft and Uber do not provide service to the area around the Antiochian village.

*Airport Shuttle:* We are not able to provide group service at this time, however, [Elite Coach Transportation](#) regularly provides shuttle service to the Antiochian Village from the Pittsburg airport, for information contact them at [reservations@elite-corporation.com](mailto:reservations@elite-corporation.com), ph: 724-325-2626

*Weather/attire:* October temperatures typically range from high of 70°F to lows of 44°F. You may want to bring a mix of casual, outdoor, and church attire for the conference. There may be times we are walking across campus to the chapel, or, just enjoying the extensive grounds and want an extra layer for warmth.

*Refunds:* Refunds available until September 2, 2022. Contact [team@uncutmountainpress.com](mailto:team@uncutmountainpress.com)

## FAQs

*Are the talks going to be recorded and offered at a later date?*

Some of the talks may be recorded and offered but that will ultimately be decided when the conference concludes. The overriding focus is to provide a deep and meaningful retreat for all who are gathered together in person and to participate in the Divine services.

*Can I come for just one of the three nights and some of the sessions?*

At this time, we cannot break-up the Full Registration lodging packages. If you would like to be added to a waiting list to determine if we can accommodate your schedule at a later date please email: [UMPadmin@icloud.com](mailto:UMPadmin@icloud.com)

*If I live nearby, can I attend without staying at the venue?*

Yes, you would choose a Commuter Registration which includes sessions and meals but does not include lodging.



*Can we bring our children to the conference?*

Yes, children are welcome. When you register please select a Child Meal Plan for each child and include all names and ages at check-out. Please keep in mind, this particular conference does not offer child care and youth activities are not planned. The Antiochian Village requires that youth under the age of 18 to be supervised by a parent or chaperone while on site.

*How would I register if my husband and I brought our two children ages 3 and 5?*

Register as "Full Registration (2 people) + 1 Child Meal Plan". Since two adults are in the room it is considered Double Occupancy and therefore would register for two people. You would also select 1 Child Meal Plan for the 5-yr. old. Under age 4 is free.

*How would I register if my wife and I brought our five children, 7 people total?*

There is a maximum of 5 people in a family to one room. So, your wife would register for a Full Registration 1-Person room add 3 Child Meal Plans and Check out. Then you would register for a Full Registration 1-Person room, and add 2 Child Meal Plans and Check-out. At the time of registration, you would also include name and ages of children.

*Can a group of 4 or more adults stay in one room?*

No, three adults are allowed in one room. Adults are counted as 18 yrs and up. Please feel free to email with any special inquiries or questions.

*Questions:* Please email [UMPadmin@icloud.com](mailto:UMPadmin@icloud.com) with any questions you may have.

We are looking forward to seeing you in October!