

Invitation to the

Annual Conference of the Orthodox Peace Fellowship

Antiochian Village

Conference Center

Bolivar, PA

October 23-25, 2009



2009 Theme:

"Salt of the Earth: An Orthodox Christian Approach to Peacemaking"

The Orthodox Peace Fellowship links Orthodox from different national traditions and jurisdictions. Recognized as an Endorsed Organization by the Standing Conference of Orthodox Bishops in America (SCOBA), OPF is not under the sponsorship of a particular jurisdiction. Membership is open to any Orthodox Christian (and non-Orthodox as associate members). Both members and non-members are welcomed to attend our annual conference.

Nothing is so characteristically
Christian as being a peacemaker...I

cannot persuade myself that without love to others, and without, as far as rests with me, peaceableness towards all, I can be called a worthy servant of Jesus Christ.

St Basil the Great

The conference program...

...will address all the pillars of Orthodoxy -- Holy Scripture, patristic tradition, prayer, scholarship, iconography, hymnology, good works and witness -- in relation to peacemaking.

Speakers will include:

Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Clapsis, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology; Very Rev. Fr. Paul Nadim Tarazi, editor-in-chief, Journal of the Orthodox Center for the Advancement of Biblical Studies (OCABS); Hunter Haynes, president, Orthodox Christian Advocacy Institute; and Jim Forest, international secretary, OPF.

Contact Alexander Patico (Secretary, North America) for registration information:

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OPF-NA 2009 - October 23-25

"Salt of the Earth: An Orthodox Christian Approach to Peacemaking"

Keynote Address

"Pillars of the Church, Pillars of Peacemaking (Faith, Prayer, Scripture, Saints, Icons, Hymns & Works)"
-- *speaker TBD*

Praise and Pleadings: Prayer

Eric Simpson, associate editor, *In Communion* -- "Poetry, Prayer and Peacemaking" - *invited*

Holy Tradition: Scholarship

Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Clapsis, professor of dogmatic theology, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology - "Violence and Christian Spirituality" - *confirmed*

The Word of God: Scripture

Very Rev. Fr. Paul Nadim Tarazi, editor-in-chief, Journal of the Orthodox Center for the Advancement of Biblical Studies (OCABS); professor of Old Testament studies, St. Vladimir's Seminary -- "The Meaning of Peace in the Old Testament" - *confirmed*

A Cloud of Witnesses: Fathers, Mothers and Saints

Sally Eckert, education committee, OPF -- "Peace Stories for All Ages: The OPF Elementary Education Initiative" - *confirmed*

Hunter Haynes, president, Orthodox Christian Advocacy Institute "Contemporary Martyrs: Persecution of Christians Today" - *confirmed*

Images of God: Iconography

Jim Forest, international secretary, OPF -- "Praying with Icons (based on the new edition of his book)" - *confirmed*

Echoes of the Angels: Hymnology

Sbdcn. Dr. Steve Butler, composer, professor of music, Westmont College -- "Prayer Set to Music: Orthodox Hymnology" -- *confirmed*

The Greatest of These is Charity: Reconciliation

Film showing: *Encounter Point* (documentary on Israel/Palestine conflict)
[Note: one of the filmmakers may join us for discussion of the documentary]

Speaker? (y/n): _____

Registration Form

OPF-North America 2009

Date: _____

Venue: Antiochian Village Conference Center, Bolivar, PA

[see: <http://www.antiochianvillage.org/center.html> for more information, including directions]

Conferee Name/s: 1) _____

2) (staying in same room) _____

Arrival Day/Time: _____ **Flight #** _____

Place (Airport or Center): _____

Home Address: _____

Home Tel: _____ **Cell:** _____

Emergency Contact: _____

_____ **Relationship:** _____

Special Needs (med./dietary/other): _____

Private Room (single/double) or Shared Room? _____

(Note: all rooms have in-room bath facilities)

Fees:

- \$ 240 per person (single-occupancy) covers conference registration, sleeping room for two nights, meals and breaks from lunch Friday to lunch Sunday and parking (if needed).
- All-inclusive fee for a couple: \$ 370 Single person, willing to room with others: \$ 180
- NOTE: Each OPF member receives a \$ 20 discount (New annual OPF membership, including subscription to quarterly journal, *In Communion* = \$35)

Amount enclosed with this form: \$ _____

Partial Attendance: If you cannot attend the entire conference, your room will be filled, if possible, for the other night, resulting in a rebate to you of \$100. **Commuters:** please contact us for rates.

Return Form by October 1 to: Alexander Patico, 5448 Hound Hill Court, Columbia, MD 21045

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