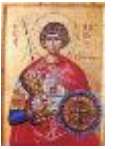


# ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH - YEAR 2017

## 16th Annual Lenten Lecture Series



### **WEDNESDAYS**

**THEME: *Modern Heresies***

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>SPEAKER: +Rev. Fr. Richard Demetrius Andrews</b>
March 1	Secularism- separation between faith & life; separation of church & state.	
March 8	Humanism- humans more important than God; role of evolutionary theory.	
March 15	Rationalism- primary source of knowledge is intellect; role of science.	
March 22	Pluralism- acceptance of all religious paths as equally valid.	
April 29	Phyletism- churches centered on ethnic, national or linguistic cultural expressions.	

### **FRIDAYS**

**THEME: *The Torah, aka the Pentateuch***

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>
March 3	Genesis	Michael Lotti
March 10	Lenten Retreat- Why Orthodoxy?	Fr. Barnabas Powell
March 17	Exodus	Fr. Thaddeus Wojcik
March 24	Leviticus & Numbers	Dr. Eugenia Gavriilyuk
March 31	Deuteronomy	Fr. Marc Boulos

### **SCHEDULE**

6:00PM Lenten Service; 7:30PM Lenten Community Meal;  
8:00PM Lecture; 8:30PM Q&A; 8:45PM Conclude.

### **Wednesday's Theme: *Modern Heresies***

Heresy means false belief or teaching and is a very important concern for Christians. The Church teaches that incorrect belief leads to inappropriate and sinful behavior. This is why many Church Fathers and Saints throughout history fought fiercely to maintain the true Faith in Christ. This Lent we will examine several modern heresies to understand what they are and how they influence us. Then we will discuss ways to overcome them so we may be guided on the right path towards salvation in Jesus Christ.

### **Friday's Theme: *The Torah; aka the Pentateuch***

The Torah is also known as "The Law" in the history of Judaism. It is the first five books of the Old Testament, also called "The Pentateuch." Do these books have any importance for us today? What is contained in the them, what role did they serve 3,000 years ago, and what role do they serve now? Join us on a five-part series as we delve into the mystery of these texts and try to master their meaning.

**Meal Hosting-** Any individual, family, ministry, committee, or group is encouraged to sponsor a Lenten Meal.

## "The Torah or Pentateuch" - Biographies of Speakers

**Michael Lotti** is a professional writer and educator living in the Twin Cities, where he and his family attend Holy Trinity Orthodox Church (OCA) in St. Paul. He earned a M.Phil. (1992) and Ph.D. (2000) in Philosophy from the University of Wales, Swansea, where he focused on the writings of Kierkegaard, Wittgenstein, and Plato. He runs his own writing business and teaches occasionally at the University of St. Thomas. His book *St. George and the Dragon*, a middle-grade novel, was published in 2014.



**Fr. Barnabas Powell, MDiv.** is the priest of Saints Raphael, Nicholas & Irene Greek Orthodox Church in Cummings, Georgia. He graduated from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology (Masters of Divinity) and was ordained to the priesthood by Metropolitan Alexios in 2010. Prior to his graduate work, he attended Toccoa Falls College in Georgia, was in law enforcement in Metro Atlanta from 1981 – 1992, and served the State of Georgia as a Probation officer. In the early '90's, Fr. Barnabas planted the Church of the First Born in Woodstock, GA and worked in radio and television with some of the largest Evangelical Protestant Media ministries in the country. Fr. Barnabas, along with 20 families of the church he pastored, converted to Orthodoxy in November 2001. Fr. Barnabas is the founder of Faith Encouraged Ministries, dedicated to using media to share the Orthodox Faith (faithencouraged.org). Fr. Barnabas is married to Connie (Demas), and they have two daughters,

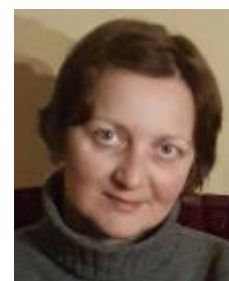
Alexandra and Katerina.

**Fr. Thaddeus Wojcik** is a retired priest attached to Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in Saint Paul. He is Dean Emeritus of the Minneapolis Deanery in the Midwest Diocese of the Orthodox Church of America. Currently, an Adjunct Professor of Theology at the University of St. Thomas, Saint Paul, MN (since 2005) where he teaches an introduction class on Christian Theology (The Christian Theological Tradition) and a class on the development of Christian liturgy beginning with the Old Testament. He is a graduate of University of Minnesota (BA, 1964) and St. Vladimir's Orthodox Seminary (M.Div. 1968).



**Fr. Marc Boulos** is pastor of St. Elizabeth Orthodox Mission, in Eagan, Minnesota. He and Dr. Richard Benton co-host The Bible as Literature podcast, a weekly discussion of the biblical narrative and its implications for everyday life (ephesusschool.org). Fr. Marc has presented numerous exegetical talks and retreats dealing with the letters of St. Paul. In his new book, *Torah to the Gentiles: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians*, he examines the interplay between Genesis and Galatians and its implications for our understanding of Paul's letter. Fr. Marc has already begun work on his second book, a commentary on 1 and 2 Corinthians. He holds a Master of Divinity from St. Vladimir's Theological Seminary in Crestwood, New York. In addition to his priestly ministry, Fr. Marc is employed in the private sector, where he has received professional recognition for his work as a Manager in Information Technology.

**Dr. Eugenia Gavrilyuk** was born in Moscow (Russia). She graduated from the Moscow Institute for Physics and Technology with Masters in Physics 1990 (Cum Laude). She did doctoral studies at Perkins School of Theology and at Southern Methodist University (Dallas, TX) and graduated Magna cum Laude. Since 2006, she has taught Theology ("The Christian Theological Traditions") and the Old Testament at the University of St. Thomas. She is a member of the Holy Trinity OCA, St. Paul, teaching the Bible at the Sunday school. Once a year she teaches the Introductory course in Christian Theology at UST designed for the students from countries not exposed to Christianity (like Saudi Arabia, for ex.). She is married to Deacon Paul Gavrilyuk, PhD, who also teaches at UST.



**Fr. Richard Andrews** is pastor/priest of St. George Greek Orthodox Christian Church in St. Paul, MN (since 1999), a volunteer chaplain with the St. Paul Police Department (since 2006), a critical incident chaplain with IOCC Frontline (since 2013), and the chaplain/supervisor for Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry of Minnesota. He is a graduate of University of Minnesota (Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration & Marketing 1988) Minneapolis, MN and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology (Masters of Divinity 1994) Boston, MA. He is Doctoral candidate (Marriage & Family Therapy) at Argosy University. Fr. Rick previously served Holy Apostles GOC in Chicago, IL (1995-97) and Dormition GOC in Racine, WI (1997-99).