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PRESENTATIONS

Grief and War

Deacon Nicholas Denysenko

- 1 Grief and Sudden Death
- 2 Liturgical Ministries for the Bereaved
- 3 Orthodoxy in Ukraine: Uncomfortable Issues
- 4 Understanding Ukraine: Nationalism and Metanarratives

What in the World are We Here For? Orthodox Mission Past and Present

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- 1 St Innocent of Alaska: Missionary Practice in Context
- 2 St Innocent of Alaska: Key themes of his missionary and catechetical writings
- 3 What in the world are we here for? Orthodox Theological Perspectives on Mission Today
- 4 The Church as an Evangelizing Community

Rev. Dr. Nicholas Denysenko is Emil and Elfriede Jochum Professor and Chair and Professor of Theology at Valparaiso University in Indiana. He is the author of several books on Byzantine liturgy and Orthodoxy in Ukraine. He is also an ordained deacon of the Orthodox Church in America.

Course description: Survivor. We use this term to describe our perseverance through the difficulties of ordinary everyday life. One can survive any number of challenges. Tough days at work, a meeting with an ornery personality, a hard exam at work, and an illness. Survival suggests that one resumes moving forward after a necessary pause to either deal with a situation or rest and recover. We use the word survivor to describe the family members who remain when a loved one dies. This reality of survival differs from our other examples because grieving and bereavement do not follow a schedule. The first two sessions will focus on the specific issue of grieving the death of a loved one, with special emphasis on the complications of sudden death.

The second set of sessions focuses on Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and are designed to address the toughest and most uncomfortable questions posed to Orthodox Christianity.

Dr. Alison Ruth Kolosova is British in origin and was received into the Orthodox Church at the Parish of St John of Kronstadt, Bath, UK. She studied theology at the St Sergius Orthodox Theological Institute in Paris, France then studied for a PhD at Durham University, UK. Her research was into the cultural impact of the Orthodox missions inspired by Nikolai Ilminskii in the Volga region of Russia. Since then she has been particularly interested in the theology, practice, history and cultural impact of Christian mission. She has spent many years as a church choir director and singer, and has been active in prison ministry and youth work in Chuvashia where she lives today. She is a co-chair of the IOTA Missiology Group, serves on the IOTA International Governance Board, and on the European Board of the International Association for Mission Studies. She is currently a Research Fellow in Church History at the University of Tartu, Estonia where she is co-editing the Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Conciliarity in Modern Orthodox Christianity.



EAGLE RIVER INSTITUTE 2023 SCHEDULE

Monday, July 31

7:15pm – Paraklesis

Tuesday, August 1

5:00 – 6:30pm – Dr. Alison Kolosova 1

Meal following

7:30 – 9:00pm – Dn. Nicholas Denysenko 1

Wednesday, August 2

5:00 – 6:30pm – Dr. Alison Kolosova 2

Meal following

7:30 – 9:00pm – Dn. Nicholas Denysenko 2

Thursday, August 3

5:00 – 6:30pm – Dr. Alison Kolosova 3

Meal following

7:30 – 9:00pm – Dn. Nicholas Denysenko 3

Friday, August 4

5:00 – 6:30pm – Dr. Alison Kolosova 4

Meal following

7:30 – 9:00pm – Dn. Nicholas Denysenko 4

Saturday, August 5

7:15pm – Vespers for the Transfiguration

Sunday, August 6

Feast of Transfiguration

9:00 am - Matins

10:00 am Divine Liturgy for the Feast

August 7-9

Annual Pilgrimage to Kodiak and Spruce Island

The Eagle River Institute began in 1995. Sponsored by Saint John Orthodox Cathedral, it is held each summer August 1-5, and offers twelve hours of instruction in a variety of Orthodox topics, including Theology, History, Liturgy, Spirituality, and Scriptural Studies. In 2020, it began a cooperative effort with the **International Orthodox Theological Association (IOTA)** to develop catechetical resources.

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, twelve 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 to allow time during the day to take advantage of local attractions such as hiking, sightseeing, maybe even fishing.

Lodging: A limited number of guest rooms are available on the Cathedral grounds. Some lodging may also be available in the homes of parishioners. For more information please inquire by email, stjohnalaska@aol.com, or by phone at 907-696-2002.

Meals: Saint John's parishioners will provide snacks during breaks and a hearty, fasting meal between sessions for all participants.

Childcare with planned activities will be provided during sessions for children ages one and older. A large lawn, playground, and woods all around provide older ones many places to play in the long daylight hours of the Alaska summer. Please pre-register by June 30 so we can know how many will want childcare.

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The Eagle River Institute is hosted annually by the members of Saint John Cathedral to provide a forum for Orthodox scholars to address lay people on topics relevant to everyday, Christian life. The Institute also contributes to the greater, educational needs of the Church by publishing its lectures as podcasts.

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