

2010
16th Annual

The Eagle River Institute of Orthodox Christian Studies, sponsored by Saint John Orthodox Cathedral, 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.

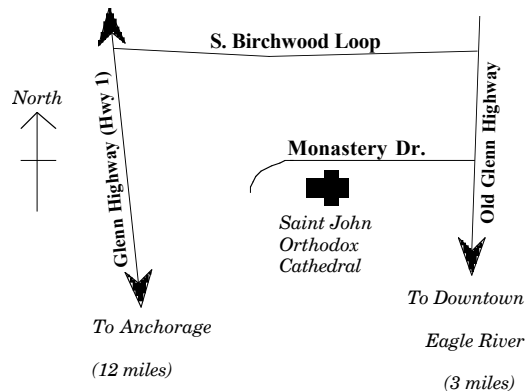
St. John Orthodox Cathedral is part of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese in North America, led by Metropolitan PHILIP. The Cathedral and 55 acres of church land are situated at the base of the Chugach Mountains, 12 miles outside Anchorage, Alaska's largest city. The facilities of the Cathedral include St. John's School, the St. James House, and St. 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. The Anchorage International Airport is a 40-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; please call (907) 696-2002 for more information. A simple meal will be provided between sessions for out of town guests. Childcare can also be arranged for a small fee.

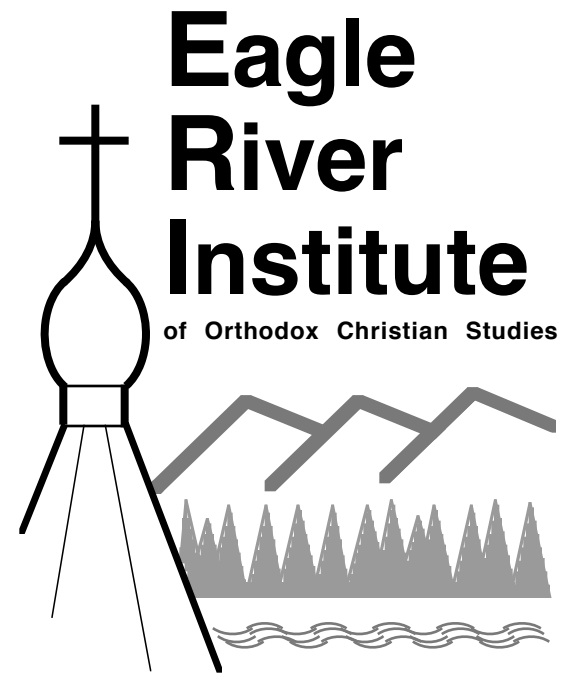
Most Americans are familiar with Catholicism and Protestantism, but few know much about **the Orthodox Church**. At the same time, many Orthodox Christians today are desiring to learn more about their Faith. The Eagle River Institute aims to contribute locally to addressing these needs and to the general building up of the Orthodox Church in Alaska and in North America.

Directions from Anchorage to St. John's

- Take the Glenn Highway (Hwy 1) North out of Anchorage.
- Go approximately 12 miles past Muldoon Road (last overpass on the way out of Anchorage).
- Exit onto South Birchwood Loop and turn right (toward mountains).
- Go to end and turn right onto Old Glenn Highway.
- Turn right onto Monastery Drive (first road to right).
- The Cathedral is one half-mile down Monastery Drive.



*A reason to visit Alaska
this summer...*



August 1-5, 2010

Bishop ILIA Katre

**on Marriage: An Orthodox
Perspective**

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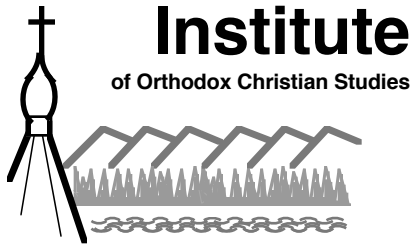
Dr. John Mark Reynolds

**on Obstacles to Sharing the
Gospel in the 21st Century**

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Eagle River Institute



August 1 - 5, 2010

Cost: \$50 per "Track"

(No Charge for High School and College Students)

Registration will take place on August 1.
For more information
or travel or lodging needs, write or call:

St. John Orthodox Cathedral
P.O. Box 1108 Eagle River, Alaska 99577
(907) 696-2002
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Audio recordings will be made available by
"Orthodox Christian Cassettes"
2919 N. 56th Street
Springdale, AR 72762
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Dr. John Mark Reynolds

"Track 1" - Obstacles to Sharing the Gospel in the 21st Century

Dr. John Mark Reynolds

John Mark Reynolds (Ph.D., University of Rochester) is founder and director of the Torrey Honors Institute, a great books program, and professor of philosophy at Biola University. Dr. Reynolds lectures frequently on ancient philosophy, philosophy of science, home schooling and cultural trends. He regularly appears on radio talk shows, such as the Hugh Hewitt Show, and actively blogs on cultural issues at ScriptorumDaily.com and the Washington Post's "On Faith" column. His books include "Three Views on Creation and Evolution" (Zondervan), "When Athens Met Jerusalem: An Introduction to Classical and Christian Thought" (IVP), and the forthcoming "What's Right and Wrong About the New Atheism" (with Phillip E. Johnson, IVP).

4 Sessions

- 1) Secularism and the New Atheism
- 2) The Cult of Youth
- 3) A Culture of Change and an Unchanging Church
- 4) Beauty as an Apologetic

"Track 2" - Marriage: An Orthodox Perspective

**His Grace, Bishop ILIA
of the Albanian Diocese of America**

Bishop Ilia was the son of Albanian immigrants who came to the United States in 1920. He graduated from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Theological School in Brookline, MA in 1961. With his beloved wife, Helen, he shared 39 years of married life and raised two children before her death in 2001. During this time he was Dean at Hellenic College and Holy Cross Seminary. He later served as a priest in Las Vegas, NV. He was consecrated as Bishop of the Albanian Orthodox Diocese of America in Constantinople (Istanbul) on May 12, 2002.

4 Sessions

- 1) A Liturgical Perspective
- 2) A Biblical Perspective
- 3) A Pastoral Perspective
- 4) A Theological Perspective

2010 INSTITUTE SCHEDULE

Sunday - August 1

(9:00am, Matins 10:00am, Divine Liturgy)
3:30pm - 5:30pm "Track 1" - Session 1
Dinner Following
7:30pm - 9:30pm "Track 2" - Session 1

Monday - August 2

3:30pm - 5:30pm "Track 1" - Session 2
Dinner Following
(7:00pm, Daily Vespers)
7:30pm - 9:30pm "Track 2" - Session 2

Tuesday - August 3

3:30pm - 5:30pm "Track 1" - Session 3
Dinner Following
(7:00pm, Daily Vespers)
7:30pm - 9:30pm "Track 2" - Session 3

Wednesday - August 4

3:30pm - 5:30pm "Track 1" - Session 4
Dinner Following
(7:00pm, Daily Vespers)
7:30pm - 9:30pm "Track 2" - Session 4

Thursday - August 5

(7:00pm, Great Vespers for the Feast)
8:00pm - 9:00pm Final Session

"Participation and Integration"

This informal session will be held on the last day of the Institute. It will provide participants the opportunity to discuss the material presented in both "tracks" and to discover ways to apply what they have learned to their own lives.

Friday, August 6 - Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

9:00am - Matins
6:15pm - Divine Liturgy
All-Church Picnic Potluck following Liturgy

OTHER EVENTS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday - Aug 7 - 9

Annual Pilgrimage to Kodiak and Spruce Island on the Anniversary of the Canonization of St. Herman of Alaska. Information can be obtained by visiting our website at: stjohnalaska.org/institute, or by writing to the ERI Pilgrimage Coordinator, John Morrison (e-mail: jpiper51@gmail.com).