

PRESENTERS:

Father Elias Rafaj

Father Elias Rafaj is a Byzantine Catholic priest and the pastor of St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church in Houston, Texas. He is an Iconographer, Assistant Director of Religious Education of the Byzantine Archeparchy of Pittsburgh and a member of ECED. He has a Licentiate degree in Eastern Christian Studies from The Pontifical Oriental Institute of The Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, Italy.

Father Robert Pipta

A priest of the Eparchy of Phoenix, Fr. Robert completed years of Theology and Pastoral Formation at SS Cyril & Methodius Seminary. His extensive work for ten years as vocation director for his Eparchy prepared him for his present position as Rector of the Seminary. Fr. Robert is also a member of the Intereparchial Music and Liturgical Commission for the Metropolia.

Father Valerian Michlik

Fr. Valerian is presently the pastor of St. Gregory Nazianzus Church in Upper St. Clair, PA. He holds advanced degrees from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome. Currently he teaches Church History and Liturgical Practicum at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Sts. Cyril and Methodius in Pittsburgh.

DIRECTIONS

DIRECTIONS TO ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHEDRAL

FROM THE WEST:

1. Proceed on **Route 376** (Direction of Monroeville) to the **Squirrel Hill/Homestead Exit** (immediately before Squirrel Hill Tunnels).
2. Follow signs in the direction of **Homestead**.... you will cross the Monongahela River....continue to the top of the hill (cemetery in front of you).
3. At the end of this road, turn **right** onto **West Run Rd**....proceed about 1 mile.
4. **St. John Cathedral** will be on the right.

FROM THE EAST:

Follow **Route 22** to **Route 376 West** (Direction of Pittsburgh)

Proceed through the Squirrel Hill Tunnels and immediately after the tunnels, take the **Squirrel Hill/Homestead Exit**

Follow directions from #2 above.....

FROM THE SOUTH:

Follow **Route 79 North** to Pittsburgh

Follow signs for **Route 376 East** (Direction of Monroeville)

Follow directions from #2 above

FROM THE NORTH:

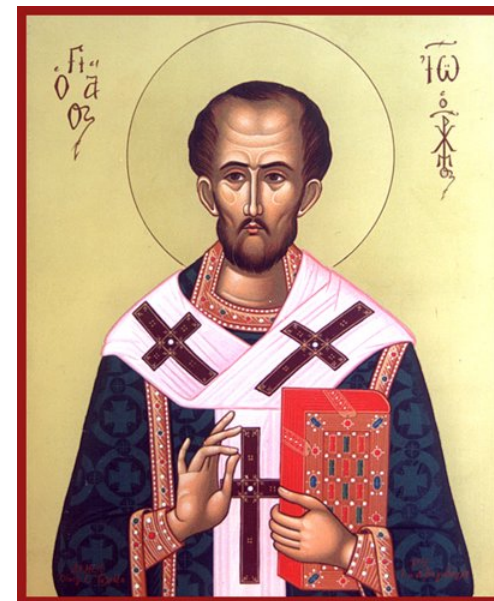
Follow **Rt 79 South** to **Rt 279 South**

Then follow **Route 376 East**

Follow directions from #2 above.....

Byzantine Spirituality Conference 2014

“St. John Chrysostom: Golden Mouthed”



Saturday, October 4, 2014

**St. John the Baptist Cathedral
Munhall, PA**

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REGISTRATION FORM

Byzantine Spirituality Conference

Saturday, October 4, 2014

St. John the Baptist Cathedral, Munhall, PA

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Parish _____

Pastor _____

Fee: \$35.00 per person (includes lunch)
Amount Enclosed: _____

NO REFUNDS

Parish Table of 5 or more:
\$25.00 per person, but all
registrations must be
submitted together.

Make check payable to: Office of Religious Education
Registration Deadline: Sept., 24, 2014

Please complete the form and mail to:
OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
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Golden Mouthed”*

SCHEDULE

- 8:30 AM Registration/Coffee
- 9:30 AM Opening Prayer / Welcome
- 10:00 AM *The Person: Bishop, Teacher, Ascetic*
–Fr. Elias Rafaj
- 10:50 AM Break
- 11:10 AM *The Man of Prayer*
–Fr. Robert Pipta
- 12:00 PM Lunch

Visit Vendors
- 1:00 PM *The Prolific Writer*
– Fr. Valerian Michlik
- 1:50 PM Participants Response
- 2:30 PM Great Vespers
(At the Cathedral Center)

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***The Person: Bishop,
Teacher, Ascetic***

Fr. Elias will explore the remarkable life of St. John Chrysostom which was marked by docile obedience to God’s will and a faithful following of the Gospel in the 4th Century.

The Man of Prayer

Prayer was central to the spirituality of St. John Chrysostom. Through his devout practice of prayer, he aimed at living in constant intimacy with Jesus. Father Robert will guide us in a reflection on one of the prayers written by St. John Chrysostom.

The Prolific Writer

Copious discourses, writings and activities were central to the life of St. John Chrysostom. He knew how to courageously recognize the signs of the times. Fr. Valerian will offer insights on contemporary issues looking through the lens of St. John Chrysostom.