

The St. Paisius Missionary School and The Apostle Andrew Serbian Orthodox Mission

With the Blessings of

H.E. Metropolitan Joseph, Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Diocese of the USA, Canada & Australia, and
H.G. Bishop Longin, Serbian Orthodox New Gracanica Metropolitanate Diocese of America and Canada

Present

The Twelfth Annual Midwest Christian Family Conference

Opening the Soul to God thru the Sacramental Life

Friday, August 17–Monday, August 20, 2007

Bethel Horizons Retreat Center

(45 minutes SW of Madison, WI near Gov. Dodge State Park)

“A small Orthodox Christian village will suddenly appear out of nowhere, and praise of the Holy Trinity will be heard amidst the quiet woods and fertile fields of central Wisconsin for a space of four days – a time of liturgical prayer, inspiring lectures and heartwarming Christian fellowship for people of all ages.”

The Youth Program will be divided into age appropriate groups and will run concurrently with the Adult lectures. There will be planned activities for the older youth (13 – 18 years) as well as the younger children (4 – 12 years) that exemplify our Life in Christ. These include music, arts and crafts, folk dance and wholesome games. *A parent from each family may be asked to help a leader on a rotating basis.*

Lectures:

<i>Fr. Milorad Loncar</i>	<i>Fr. Michael Oyer</i>	<i>Fr. Philip Tolbert</i>
<i>Serbian Orthodox Church</i>	<i>Bulgarian Orthodox Church</i>	<i>Bulgarian Orthodox Church</i>
<i>Grayslake, IL</i>	<i>Santa Rosa, CA</i>	<i>Santa Rosa, CA</i>

Afternoon free time: There are many hiking trails and swimming is available at two public beaches at Governor Dodge State Park (which borders the property) by paying a \$10.00 nonresident day pass or \$7.00 Wisconsin resident fee.

Activities will include folk dance, singing and instrumental music, slide shows of recent pilgrimages to Orthodox Holy Places and other family-oriented recreations.

Meals will be catered by the retreat center. **We will be observing the Dormition fast.** *(If you or your children have any special dietary needs, please let Popadija Ann know.)* Dining is in common, with inspiring spiritual readings. We have found that it works quite well for each family to sit together during meals, so that the parents can set the tone for the children. Therefore, please, **no children's tables.** Children who must leave the table should be accompanied by an adult, but it is preferred that everyone, including children, remain seated at table until the thanksgiving prayer is said at the meal's conclusion.

For Further Information or to Register, Please Contact:

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Directions to Bethel Horizons Retreat Center: (See the attached map) Take Hwy. 18/151 west from Madison. Get off at Dodgeville exit to Hwy. 23 going north towards Spring Green for 7 miles. Turn right on County ZZ. Go 1-3/10 miles and see a green sign saying Bethel Horizons, turn right into drive. **Please see Popadija Ann for room assignments and payment. After unloading, all vehicles must be parked in the lot at the top of the hill.**

Accommodations: Rooms are available in the Prairie Retreat Center and Barn Retreat Center. Single beds and bunk beds are grouped in several rooms to accommodate separate families. Heat, lights, hot and cold water, showers and bathrooms are available. **Bedding is not provided.**

Things to Bring: We suggest you bring a sleeping bag or bed roll, pillow, towel, washcloth, hand soap, and personal items. A spiritual journal is an asset and a notebook for lectures. Please bring any acoustic musical instruments and music to share. **A rain jacket and umbrella is advisable!**

Safety: Parents are responsible for their children’s safety, well-being & behavior at all times.

Prayer times: *Children should not be allowed to run and play during prayer times, but are expected to attend the services along with their parents. A CHAPEL will be setup for Orthodox worship, and Fr. Gregory Schultz will be coordinating the clergy, including readers, who wish to serve. Our practice of preparation for Divine Liturgy is to attend at least Vespers the night before and give confession before receiving Holy Communion.* Please feel free to speak with **Fr. Gregory Schultz, Fr. Michael Oyer or Fr. Philip Tolbert** if you have any questions about confession, services or receiving Holy Communion.

Dress Code: Clergy, including readers, should wear clerical garb for the conference. **Modesty** in clothing is the guide for everyone at all times, children included. In the chapel both men and boys should wear long pants and shirts with sleeves; women and girls should wear head coverings, dresses or skirts hemmed below the knees and tops with sleeves. No bare feet in the chapel.

Registration form and Children’s waiver of liability: Enclosed you will find your registration form and waiver. We accommodate registrants on a first come, first served basis. Early registration will help us plan our activities for the camp according to ages. **A deposit is required to hold your reservation (unless other arrangements have been made due to financial hardship – scholarships available).** **Our deadline is July 15.**

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**St. Paisius Missionary School Family Conference
Hosted by Apostle Andrew Serbian Orthodox Mission
Waiver of Liability**

The following children _____

(first names of the children)

from the _____

(heads of household)

family, will participate in the youth program of the St. Paisius Missionary School Family Conference, hosted by Apostle Andrew Serbian Orthodox Mission on the weekend of August 17, 18, 19 & 20, 2007.

I hereby waive any and all cause of action which I or my child(ren) might have against St. Paisius Missionary School Family Conference or Apostle Andrew Serbian Orthodox Mission or their representatives as a result of any injuries or damages while attending this sponsored event. I acknowledge that I assume entire responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury that I or my child(ren) sustains while participating in any event sponsored by St. Paisius Missionary School or Apostle Andrew Serbian Orthodox Mission.

Signature _____ Date _____

Opening the Soul to God thru the Sacramental Life

Family Conference Program

August 17, 18, 19 & 20, 2007

Friday Night 8/17/07

Registration – Payment of balance – Sign child waivers. Get room assignment from Popadija Ann Schultz.

Arrival time: When you get your room, this is a good time to set up your beds before little ones get tired. Remember to bring twin-size sheets, pillows, sleeping bags, towels, flashlight and a hammer if participating in teen project.

6:00 p.m. *Dinner* – Family Style with spiritual readings & Introduction to Conference Theme

7:00 p.m. *Opening Lecture:* Fr. Michael Oyer

9:00 p.m. *Supplicatory Canon to the Mother of God* - Outdoor Chapel

After Prayers: *The Three Kings Astronomy Club* – Stargazing and Stories with Fr. Philip Tolbert

Saturday 8/18/07

6:00 a.m. *Prayers:* Matins, Gospel and Epistle Readings

8:00 a.m. *Breakfast:* - Family Style with spiritual readings (dining room).

9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. *Adult lectures and Youth programs run concurrently* –

Children Ages 4-7 -- Story followed by craft project, games, nature walk and snack

Children Ages 8-12 – Activity based on life of a Saint, craft project, games and snack

Youth Ages 13-18 – Craft project, informal discussions and snack

- **9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** – Lecture by Fr. Milorad Loncar
- **10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.** – Coffee Break
- **10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.** – Lecture by Fr. Philip Tolbert

12:30 p.m. *Lunch* with spiritual readings

1:00 p.m. – 4:30 pm *Organized Outings:*

Governor Dodge State Park bordering Bethel Horizon Retreat Center - \$10.00/day nonresident fee per car, \$5.00/one hour or \$7.00/day resident. There is swimming at two beaches and *Boat rental and fishing is also available: Boats, Canoes and Kayaks may be rented at Cox Hollow Beach Concession Stand – 1 hr. \$12.00, 2 hr. \$14.00, 3 hrs. 16.00. Paddleboats may also be rented – 1 hr. \$16, 2 hrs. \$18, 3 hrs. \$20. They also sell bait: leaf worms - \$2.90, night crawlers - \$2.37.* A Wisconsin fishing license may be obtained at a general store on Hwy. 23 heading towards Dodgeville from the retreat center.

Hike to Stephen's Fall is accessible to small children and is a short hike in Governor Dodge Park.

Hike to Cave at Governor Dodge – interested parties contact Fr. Gregory Schultz.

FREE TIME ACTIVITIES: Also include indoor activities if weather requires: shape-note singing, music, folk dance and practice for talent night. ***NATURE CENTER IS AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES WITH SUPERVISING ADULT.***

5:00 p.m. *Dinner* with spiritual readings

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 pm *Vigil* for the Feast of the Transfiguration

After prayers: *Root Beer & Tofutti Floats* in the Dining Room

9:00 p.m. *Three Kings Astronomy Club* with Fr. Philip Tolbert

Sunday 8/19/07

8:00 a.m. *Proskimedia*

9:00 a.m. *Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Transfiguration*

11:30 a.m. *Brunch* with spiritual readings

12:30 - 4:30 p.m. *Free time and Organized Outings:* See Saturday, 1:00 – 4:30 pm.

3:00 p.m. *Folk Dancing* (dancing in the Barn or on the lawn outside)
Snacks available at the Barn

5:00 p.m. *Vespers*

6:00 p.m. *Dinner* with spiritual readings

7:00 p.m. *Talent Night* at the Prairie Center Lecture room

9:00 p.m. *Supplicatory Canon to the Mother of God* – Outdoor Chapel

After Prayers: *Three Kings Astronomy Club* with Fr. Philip Tolbert

Monday 8/20/07

6:00 a.m. *Matins, Gospel and Epistle Readings*

8:00 a.m. *Breakfast*

9:00 a.m. *Pack up and clean rooms*

11:00 a.m. *Travel Blessing of the cars with Holy Water*

12:00 p.m. *Check out time.*

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(Friday evening to Monday morning)

Registration Form

Make checks out and send to:

Apostle Andrew Mission

c/o Popadija Ann Schultz
1828 S. Fish Hatchery Road
Oregon, WI 53575

608 835-2565 – (e-mail) mrs_ann_schultz@msn.com

A deposit is required to hold your reservation. **Deadline is July 15, 2007.**

(An exception can be made under financial difficulties).

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____ e-mail _____

Children's names: _____ Age _____

_____ Age _____

_____ Age _____

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Dietary Restrictions: _____

COST FOR FAMILY CONFERENCE:

Maximum cost per family (meals, lodging and conference).....\$275.00

Single Adult for all 3 days (meals, lodging and conference)..... 160.00

Married Couple for all 3 days (meals, lodging and conference)..... 185.00

Child for all 3 days (meals, lodging and conference)..... 100.00

Cost per day per person (meals, lodging & conference)..... 55.00

Friday eve _____ Saturday _____ Sunday _____ (check out after breakfast on Monday)

Cost per day per person (meals and conference)..... 45.00

Friday eve _____ Saturday _____ Sunday _____