

THE APC 2021 NATIONAL CLERGY RETREAT
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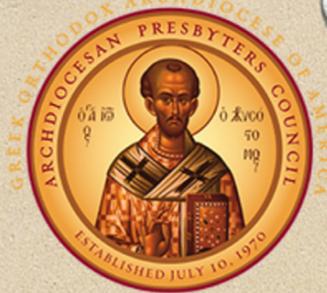
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**RE-VISITING & RE-ENVISIONING
 THE PRIESTHOOD**

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"THIS IS WORTH IT! The Clergy brother-
 hood needs time together in fellowship and
 prayer. The National Retreat was a highlight
 of my year - a time to reconnect with broth-
 ers from across the country."

- 2017 Participant



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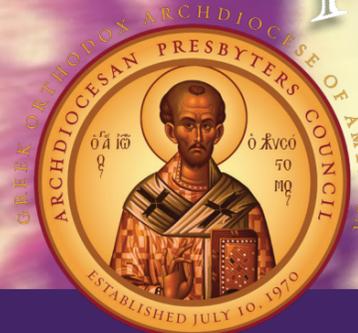
October 12-15, 2021 | Naples Grande Beach Resort, Naples, FL | presbyters.org

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Schedule

Tuesday, October 12

2:00 pm Check-in & Registration
6:00 pm Opening Vespers
6:30 pm Welcome Reception
With His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros
7:30 pm Opening Dinner
9:30 pm Hospitality Suite Open

Wednesday, October 13

7:30 am Divine Liturgy
9:00 am Brunch
10:00 am Encounter 1: "The Goal of the Prize" (Phil. 3.14): Reaching in to the Heart
With Fr. John Chryssavgis
12:30 pm Lunch/Fitness Sessions
2:00 pm Complete Wellness
4:00 pm Free Time
6:30 pm Dinner – Vista Ballroom
9:30 pm Hospitality Suite Open

Thursday, October 14

7:00 am Fitness Sessions
8:00 am Breakfast
9:00 am Off-Site Adventures
3:30 pm Encounter 2: "The Upward Call": Reaching out to the World
With Fr. John Chryssavgis
6:00 pm Paraklesis to the Theotokos
6:30 pm Beach Dinner
9:30 pm Hospitality Suite Open

Friday, October 15

7:00 am Fitness Sessions
8:00 am Breakfast & Group Wrap-Up
10:00 am Departure

Encounters & Engagements

Our 2021 "Encounter" speaker, Fr. John, will offer some fresh perspectives from the patristic and spiritual tradition of our church. He will challenge the brotherhood with questions about the personal response of the priest to his vocation, the fundamental role of the priest in the parish, and the responsibility of the priest in the broader society. Following each Encounter by Fr. John, our "Engagement" leaders will guide us through an in-depth discussion on the presentation. The goal is for you to have the opportunity and time to roll up your sleeves and engage.

Featured Speaker Fr. John Chryssavgis

Father John Chryssavgis, Archdeacon of the Ecumenical Throne, was born in Australia, completed theology in Athens, and pursued doctoral studies in Oxford. He co-founded St Andrew's Theological College in Sydney, where he also taught at the University of Sydney before being invited to Holy Cross School of Theology in Boston. He serves as advisor to the Ecumenical Patriarch on environmental issues and theologian to the Ecumenical Department of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese. The author of over forty books and numerous articles in several languages on the Church Fathers and Orthodox Spirituality, his publications include *In the Heart of the Desert* (World Wisdom, 2008), *Theology as Doxology and Dialogue* (Fortress, 2018), and *Creation as Sacrament* (Bloomsbury, 2019). Finally, he is the editor of three volumes containing the select writings of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew (Fordham University, 2010-2012) and author of his official biography (Harper Collins, 2016). He lives in Maine.



What Your Brothers Are Saying: "I encourage you to start tending to those things that are keeping you from attending . . . the APC Retreat is for your benefit." - 2013 Participant



The APC National Clergy Retreat: Consider Attending

Dear brothers in Christ,

2020 has been one of the most difficult years in recent history, and we all long for the dawn of a new day. In speaking to so many brothers, it seems we are all experiencing the same difficulties, struggles, spiritual and emotional fatigue.

Your APC Representatives have been working hard to prepare a retreat so

that you can re-charge and re-connect with your brothers. One of the most important ways your APC fulfills its vision, by refreshing, recharging and renewing the clergy of our Archdiocese.

The APC National Clergy Retreat offers dynamic and personal encounters, interactive engagement sessions with brother clergy, refreshing adventures, personal and corporate prayer time, allowing us to take a break from our hectic

schedules. It gives us an opportunity to come together with brothers from coast to coast to share in our unique and brotherly bond.

Please consider joining us, as we grow closer to our Lord and each other. On behalf of the APC representatives and all our fellow brothers throughout our Archdiocese, we remain,

Your Retreat Team

Adventures

SIGHTSEEING DOLPHIN TOUR Discover the sights and marine life of Naples on a sightseeing cruise. You have the opportunity to see birds, dolphins, and, season permitting, manatees. Relax and take unobstructed photographs of the city and its natural surroundings.



CHARTER FISHING Spend the half day fishing for grouper, snapper and king mackerel on a 40-foot charter Gulf fishing boat. Bait, tackle, ice, fishing license, rods and reels are all provided and they will even clean the fish you catch (which you can donate to a local food bank).

COASTAL HARLEY RIDE: Cruise along the beautiful West Coast of Florida for a few hours with your brother clergy bikers on a magnificent ride aboard your favorite Harley. Requires a motorcycle license and previous experience.

GOLFING AT TIBURON GOLF CLUB Tee off and take in the brilliant panoramic views of native Florida at the beautiful exclusive Tiburon Golf Club. (Additional fees)



PERSONAL REFLECTION & RELAXATION ON THE BEACH Spend the day at the Naples Grand Resort on the beach and at the hotel, taking advantage of the beautiful amenities. Enjoy the beach, pool, spa, walking and running trails on this magnificent beachfront property.

NAPLES BICYCLE TOURING Pedal your way through the scenic areas of Naples on either a guided bicycle tour with lunch or cruise out on your own for the morning. Choose your favorite kind of bike and enjoy the day.



What More of Your Brothers Are Saying: "Personal expertise and seminary training may help us prepare for parish life, but we also need the support and community of our brother priests." - 2017 Participant

Registration, Hotel & Pricing

REGISTRATION

All registration for the Retreat is taking place online. To access the registration and information site, visit: presbyters.org/retreat. There you will find all the information you need to know - travel recommendations, Adventure options, retreat theme details, background information on our speakers and more.

PRICING

Early bird Registration for the Retreat is only \$395 per person through September 10, 2021. Register by then and you will also be entered in the "You Pick the Prize" drawing to win one of three options: an Amazon Gift Card, a \$100 Gift Card to your favorite restaurant or a surprise prize! Starting September 11, the rate goes to \$450 per person, so why wait? See website for important drawing rules, retreat pricing and refund policies.

HOTEL & AIRPORT

NEWS FLASH: our Retreat Team has negotiated an amazing rate at the Naples Grande Beach Resort, located in Naples, Florida. Naples Grande Beach Resort is all about effortless enjoyment and immediate relaxation. You will never need more than a moment to get yourself oriented before easing into vacation mode and unwinding. Located directly on the powdery white beach, the Naples Grande is one of the most sought-after Naples Resort.

It is about 30 minutes from RSW Southwest Florida International Airport. Book by August 31 and guarantee a low rate of only

\$199*/night for single or double occupancy (*taxes additional). That is only about \$99*/night if you share a room with a friend! Complimentary amenities for the APC include daily resort charge (\$37 waived), daily bottled water, free Wi-Fi in public spaces and guest rooms, use of fitness facility, bicycle rentals, beach towels, and luxury chaise lounges, range balls and use of driving range at Naples Grande Golf Club, 24 hour access to the Fitness Club and free self-parking in the Villas parking lots.

Reservations can be made online by visiting presbyters.org/retreat or by calling the resort directly at (844) 489-9663 and using the Group Name "APC 2021 National Clergy Retreat." The discounted retreat rate is available for check-in as early as October 9 and check-out as late as October 18 (space available) for those who would like to enjoy additional time in Naples before or after the retreat.

IMPORTANT NOTES: The discounted hotel rate is available only to clergy who register and participate in the retreat events. Attendees who register but do not participate in the retreat will be charged full room rates. Also, this is a clergy-only event. Wives and families are welcome to be present for the three days before and/or the three days after, but are kindly asked to not be present on-site during the retreat itself to allow clergy to fully participate and focus on the retreat events and fellowship. *All clergy wives are also encouraged to attend the wives-only NSP Biennial Presbyteres Retreat, October 20-23, 2021. See NSPRetreat.org.*