Holy Trinity Cathedral & Pacific Central Deanery
Annual Advent Retreat
Saturday, December 2, 2023

Why Institutional Church, Anyway?

Insight from St. Theoleptos of Philadelphia, a teacher of St. Gregory Palamas

A day retreat led by
The Very Rev. Andrew Morbey
Dean, St. Mary's Cathedral, Minneapolis

It is common to hear others state — and maybe hear ourselves even wondering about being — "spiritual but not religious." Why should we be in the Church? And be *in* Church? This is not a new question! Fr. Andrew Morbey, the Dean of St. Mary's Cathedral in Minneapolis, Minnesota, will take us on a journey exploring the claims of charismatic elders that salvation is not to be found in the institutional church but in a "personal relationship" with an elder who somehow stands apart from it. What would a true mystic, a true elder say about that? Fr. Andrew will introduce us to St. Theoleptos, one of the leading teachers of hesychasm and a "trustworthy visionary of the truth of God's mysteries" according to St. Gregory Palamas. We look forward to learning, praying, and being with you soon!



SCHEDULE Saturday, December 2, 2023

10:00 am Doors open

10:30 am Introduction and first session

12:00 pm Sixth Hour Prayers (in Cathedral)

12:30 pm Lenten Lunch

1:45 pm Second session and questions/conversation

3:30 pm Closing prayer

4:00 pm Vigil (for those wishing to stay; all welcome)

Pre-register by November 24 at <u>holy-trinity.org/events</u> with a suggested donation of \$25. Please pre-register regardless of your ability to contribute. Registration will be accepted at the door if space permits with a suggested donation of \$30. Contact Fr. Kirill Sokolov at frkirill@holy-trinity.org or 415-673-8565 with questions or to register by mail.

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