



Life As Mystery... The Orthodox Christian Encounter With God

Friday, May 30–Saturday, May 31, 2008

SS. Constantine and Elena Orthodox Church presents a retreat
with Archimandrite Meletios Webber on themes from his new book,
Bread & Water, Wine & Oil, An Orthodox Christian Experience of God.

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Romans 12:2

The Greek word here translated as ‘mind’ is ‘*nous*’. As explained by the early Fathers, the *nous* is often at odds with what we usually term as ‘mind’. The distinction is generally unknown to our world view. To quote Fr. Meletios, “One might say that Western civilization is dominated by the human mind, and ‘knowing’ generally takes precedence over ‘being.’ In the East, by contrast, experience is valued over thought. Rather than the mind, it is the *nous* of man that is considered the most important element by which a person communicates with God.”

With the wisdom of two thousand years’ experience, Orthodoxy shows us how to “be transformed by the renewing of our mind” . . . a process that is aided by participation in the traditional ascetic practices and Mysteries of the Church.

Archimandrite Meletios Webber will elucidate the different functions of the mind and the heart and explore the role of deep mystery in the Christian experience, reflecting on the way to a richer, fuller life in Christ.

Schedule:

Friday Evening, May 30

6:30 Evening prayer

7:15 Session #1

Saturday, May 31

9:00 Continental breakfast

9:30 Session #2

10:15 Break

10:30 Session #3

11:15 Break

11:30 Session #4

12:30 Light luncheon

1:30 Session #5



Fr. Meletios received his Masters degree in Theology from Oxford University and his doctorate in psychological counseling from the University of Montana. An Orthodox priest, in 1978, he was tonsured a monk at the Community of St. John on the island of Patmos. He has served the Orthodox Church in Greece, Great Britain, Montana and California, and is currently living in the Netherlands.

Registration Form

First & Last Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

I would like to register _____ number of people
(Checks payable to SS. Constantine and Elena Orthodox Church)

Please detach and send completed form along with payment to:

SS. Constantine and Elena Orthodox Church
3237 West 16th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46222

A suggested donation of \$15.00 (\$20/family) includes meals and all sessions

Please call the church at 317-638-4162 for more information or to reserve a place by phone.

