



AN OVERVIEW OF OUR PROSOPON ICONOGRAPHY WORKSHOP: Aug. 3-8, 2020 **St. Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church, Stafford, VA**

Students: The workshop is designed for all skill levels, beginning/first-time students through advanced, and other coordinators and teachers. Artistic experience is not mandatory as patterns to trace and mixed pigments are provided.

The Image: Beginning and intermediate students will be doing the icon of the **Holy Theotokos, Vladimir**, and Intermediate/Advanced students who have completed the set of basic icons will do **St. George and the Dragon**. The pattern for the Hodegetria will be given in class and, once registered, the St. George students will receive their pattern, emailed in order to do the preparation and gilding ahead of time.

Prayerfulness: Our workshop, taught in the fellowship hall of our "little chapel in the woods" is not conducted as a noisy classroom, but, since this is a liturgical practice, in an atmosphere of quiet and prayerfulness. Our instructor, Fr. Igumen Mefodii, is a priest-monk and Igumen for the Skete of St. Maximos the Confessor, and Master Iconographer with the Prosopon School of Iconology. He will be giving lectures throughout the week, explaining the mystical symbolism of the icon, the process, and our development as icons of Christ. This is truly a Spirit-filled, educational retreat.

Schedule: Monday, the first day, come at 8:30 a.m. to finish registration and to set up. Tuesday-Saturday: We begin with the Iconographer's Prayer at 9 a.m. and break for lunch about an hour. Father leaves, usually around 4 p.m. but we may stay to work until 5 or 5:30. Our chapel will be open throughout the day.

Tuition: All materials are included, (egg tempera, pigments, brushes, palette, gold leaf, gessoed board with indentation/kovcheg, use of equipment, etc.) except that advanced students will need to purchase their own, slightly larger board. A non-refundable deposit will be required to hold your place, and it will be applied to the total.

Lunches: We “potluck” our lunches, which saves time and expense. There is always lots of food. Those from out of town could bring something easy, snacks, fruit,, etc.

Local Hotels: These three have been recommended, but there are others. If you let me know where you will be staying I can connect you with others for carpooling, or to even share a room. Hotels are about 10 min from St. Herman’s, near Exit 143A off of I-95 and are near shopping centers and many restaurants.

Hampton Inn, Stafford/Quantico, 540-657-0999; Has continental breakfast included, 2925 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Stafford, VA 22554

Best Western Aquia/Quantico Inn, 540-659-0022, Has a good breakfast included. 2868 Jefferson Davis Highway, Aquia Harbor, VA 22554.

Affordable Suites, Quantico, Virginia; a bit closer to church, off of Jefferson Davis Hwy, and as a result, less traffic. Has a kitchenette. 44 Woodstock Ln. Stafford, VA 22554; 540- 318-6145.

In Christ, Mat. Joanna Laymon, (Iconographer and coordinator for the annual Prosopon Workshop in Stafford, VA and for The Iconography Guild of St. Theodosia which meets monthly.)

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and for our workshop: <https://sthermanorthodox.org/iconographyworkshop>

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St. Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church, located at 60 Clifton Chapel Ln., Stafford, VA.