



**AN OVERVIEW OF OUR
ICONOGRAPHY WORKSHOP:
Aug. 2-7, 2021
St. Herman of Alaska
Orthodox Church,
60 Clifton Chapel Ln., 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 required as we have patterns to trace and pre-mixed pigments.

From Fr. Igumen Mefodii, our instructor: "In light of the tragedy of this world pandemic I think we should write the icon of St. Panteleimon the Great Martyr and Healer. We could use separate images of St. Panteleimon, one for the beginners and one for the more advanced. We would write this icon in both gratitude for our Lord's protection and also for thanksgiving for St. Panteleimon's intercession for us before the Throne of God."

The pattern for the beginning level will be given in class. Once registered, the intermediate/advanced students will receive their pattern earlier, emailed in order to do the 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 in quiet and prayerfulness since this is a liturgical practice. 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 symbolism of the icon, the process, and our personal development as Icons of Christ. This is truly a Spirit-filled, edifying retreat.

Schedule: Monday, the first day, arrive 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 for an hour. Father leaves, usually around 4 p.m. but we may stay to work until 5:00 or 5:30. Our chapel will be open throughout the day. On Wednesday and Saturday you may return for inspiring instructional classes with Met. Jonah and evening vespers.

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 board which can be larger. A non-refundable deposit is required, and it will be applied to the total. If Father must cancel the workshop your deposit will be refunded. We are only currently allowing up to 15 so

please reserve your space as soon as possible. See our registration form for costs of tuition and materials.

Lunches: We "potluck" our lunches and there is always lots of food to share. Those attending from out of town could bring something easy, snacks, fruit, and beverages.

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 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. The hotels may serve breakfast. Please call them in advance to make your reservations.

Hampton Inn, Stafford/Quantico, 540-657-0999, 2925 Jefferson Davis Hwy. Stafford, VA 22554.

Best Western Aquia/Quantico Inn, 540-659-0022, 2868; Jefferson Davis Highway, Aquia Harbor, VA 22554.

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

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(Iconographer and coordinator for the annual Prosoyon Workshop in Stafford, VA and the monthly Iconography Guild of St. Theodosia.)

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