



2012 Spring Icon Workshop

*Saturday, March 3 –
Sunday, March 4, 2012*

Times:

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Saint Basil the Great
Byzantine Catholic Church
1118 East Union Bower Rd.
Irving, TX 75061-5400
(972)438-5644

Cost: \$125 total for each participant
(painting supplies included in total cost)

Instructor: Father Elias Rafaj

Saint Basil the Great Byzantine Catholic Church is sponsoring an Icon-Writing (painting) Studio at any level of experience, for adults and accompanied children over 10, on Saturday, March 3, 2012 through Sunday, March 4, 2011. The workshop will be led by Very Rev. Father Elias Rafaj, pastor of St. John Chrysostom Church and noted iconographer. Fr. Elias has been writing icons for over 20 years and teaching the Theology of Icons all over North and South America.

This workshop theme will be “The Face of the Bridegroom.” Those attending the Workshop will write **one** icon on a 9x12 gessoed board. If desired, other boards are available for purchase. Using a pre-prepared prototype, participants will learn techniques for faces, garments, gilding and background. The theology of the icons will be woven into the class time.

The class will meet Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There is the opportunity to attend Vespers on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Divine Liturgy on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. The cost of \$125 (\$75 for **accompanied** children 10 - 18 – **the accompanying adult MUST attend the workshop**) will cover all supplies: *one* 9 x 12 gessoed board, paints, brushes, gold leaf and miscellaneous supplies. Refreshments and coffee/tea will be available.

Pre-registration is necessary.

Registration closes on February 29, 2102.

Space is limited.

A deposit of \$75 (\$50 for accompanied children) is required.

***Please contact Missy Norrell at: secretary@stbasilsinirving.org or 817-907-9937
if you have any questions.***

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION:

Participants do not need any previous art experience or experience in iconography. Participants will be taught the techniques used in the ancient art of icon painting/writing, from transferring the drawing onto the icon board (at the beginning of the process) to applying the gold leaf (at the end of the process). Acrylic paints will be used in this Workshop for the making of the icons. The symbolism, meaning, and religious uses of icons in church (public religious services) and in the home (private devotions) will be explained during the course of the Workshop. Fr. Elias will also explain the various techniques used by iconographers through past centuries. At the end of the entire Workshop, each participant will have completed *one* icon, which will be blessed in an icon-blessing rite.

IMPORTANT:

- (1) During the Workshop, your whole attention will need to be focused on the various stages of the production of your icon.
- (2) Workshop artists need to participate without having to stop to care for others.
Childcare is *not* provided by St. Basil's and other arrangements must be made ahead of time.

For more Workshop information: secretary@stbasilsinirving.org or 972-438-5644 or 817-907-9937.





2012 Spring Icon Workshop Registration Form

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Saint Basil the Great Byzantine
Catholic Church, Irving, Texas

1. Cost of participation in the entire 2-day Workshop for 1 (one) person is **\$125**.
 - a) A deposit of **\$75** per person is required to reserve a place in the Workshop. **Make your registration deposit of \$75 for each person.** **registering PAYABLE TO SAINT BASIL THE GREAT CHURCH.** Do **not** submit a deposit of more than \$75 for each person registering. (\$50 for accompanied children ages 10-18)
 - b) Please make your registration deposit with **a check** or **a money order**. (**Mailing cash is not advised.**) Registrations made with credit cards **cannot** be accepted.
 - c) Please bring the balance (\$50 per person. \$25 for accompanied children aged 10-18) with you the day the Workshop begins (Saturday, March 3, 2012).
2. Mail **(a)** this registration form (the whole sheet, please) and **(b)** your deposit to:
Missy Norrell (Workshop Coordinator)
c/o St. Basil the Great Church
1118 East Union Bower Road
Irving, Texas 75061
3. After receiving your registration form and your deposit, the Workshop coordinator will send you **(a)** a receipt for your deposit, **(b)** information about what to bring, how to dress, time to arrive, etc., and
(c) driving directions to St. Basil the Great Church in Irving, Texas.

Please PRINT:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (H) _____ (M) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____