

### **3rd Annual Five-Day Icon Workshop**

**Dates:** *Monday, July 20 – Friday, July 24, 2009*

**Clock-Times:** **9:30 AM – 5:30 PM** (daily)  
(8 hours daily with additional time if needed;  
***total of 40 hours plus of instruction in icon painting/writing***)

**Location:** Saint Basil the Great Byzantine Catholic Church  
1118 East Union Bower Road  
Irving, TX 75061-5400

**Cost:** \$300 total for each participant (*painting supplies included in total cost*)

**Instructor:** Father Elias Rafaj

Fr. Elias is a Byzantine (Eastern) Catholic priest and the pastor of St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church in Houston, Texas and parish administrator of St. Basil the Great Byzantine Catholic Church in Irving, Texas. He is Assistant Director of Religious Education of the Byzantine Archeparchy (Archdiocese) of Pittsburgh. He has the Licentiate degree in Eastern Christian Studies from The Pontifical Oriental Institute of The Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, Italy. He wrote (painted) his first icon at age 13. His icons are displayed in the U.S., Europe, and Turkey, in churches and private homes.

#### **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 Orthodox 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, therefore, need to participate *without having to stop to care for others, such as children or the elderly*, on the church grounds. Please make arrangements for the caring of others *at locations other than the church property*.

**Registration:**

To register for the Workshop, please (1) fill in the registration form (on the next page) and (2) write a check or money order for \$150 payable to *St. Basil the Great Church*. Mail both (1) the registration form and (2) the deposit of \$150 for each person registering to the Workshop coordinator: **George Trauth**

**1923 Ebbtide Lane  
Dallas, TX 75224-4115**

After receiving your registration form and your deposit, the coordinator will send you (1) a receipt for your deposit, (2) information about what to bring, how to dress, time to arrive, etc., and (3) driving directions to St. Basil the Great Church in Irving, Texas.

For more Workshop information: [dallasbenedictine@yahoo.com](mailto:dallasbenedictine@yahoo.com) or 214-339-8483

**REGISTRATION FORM**

3rd Annual Workshop in Iconography

Monday, July 20 – Friday, July 24, 2009

Saint Basil the Great Byzantine Catholic Church, Irving, Texas

**(1) Please PRINT all information in CAPITAL BLOCK LETTER**

*(2) Cursive handwriting and lower-case letters are often very difficult to read and can cause misunderstanding.*

Name printed → **ALL CAPITAL LETTERS** \_\_\_\_\_

Address printed → **ALL CAPITAL LETTERS** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please include all 9 digits of Zip Code )* \_\_\_\_\_

Area Code and Telephone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please indicate whether each number is **Home** (land line), **Work**, or **Mobile**.)

**E-mail:** (1) E-addresses are used only by the Coordinator or Assoc. Coordinator.  
(2) E-mail addresses, when used on the internet, are **not** case-sensitive and can be entered in either upper-case (capital) letters or lower-case letters.

**E-mail printed → ALL CAPITAL LETTERS** \_\_\_\_\_

## Workshop Fee:

1. Cost of participation in the entire 5-day Workshop for 1 (one) person is **\$300**.
2. (a) A deposit of **\$150** per person is required to reserve a place in the Workshop.  
(b) Please bring the balance (\$150 per person) with you the day the Workshop begins (Monday, July 20, 2009).
3. (a) Make your registration deposit of **\$150** for each person registering payable to **St. Basil the Great Church**.  
(b) Do **not** submit a deposit of more than \$150 for each person registering.
4. **IMPORTANT:** (a) Please do ***not mail the balance (\$150)***.  
(b) Your balance of \$150 will be due *on your arrival* at the Workshop on Monday, July 20, 2009.
5. Please make your registration deposit with **a check** or **a money order**. Registrations with credit cards or cash **cannot** be accepted.
6. Mail (a) your registration form and (b) your deposit to **George Trauth  
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Dallas, TX 75224- 4115**
7. (a) All payments must be made out to **St. Basil the Great Church** and **not** to the coordinator.  
(b) The coordinator will **not** deposit payments sent to him.  
All payments will be deposited by St. Basil the Great Church, Irving, Texas.
8. After receiving your registration form and your deposit, the Workshop co-ordinator will send you:  
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(b) information about what to bring, how to dress, time to arrive, etc., and  
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