Wednesday Evening Discussion

Orthodox “Spirituality”

Introduction to the Mystical Understanding of Liturgy, Prayer and the Scriptures for the Heart of Every Person.

Questions to discuss:

- How do we read Scriptures in a way which is relevant to our life and struggles?
- Why do we follow specific traditional practices, and what do they mean?
- How do we use prayer to shape our response to mental and spiritual stimuli?
- What is the connection between prayer alone and in public, at Church?
- What is the relation between, Liturgy, private prayer and Scriptures?
- How do prayer practices and Liturgy deepen self-understanding?
- How do we access the power of the presence of God w/o pride?

These discussions will involve short excerpts from important writers on prayer and the spiritual life, as well as introductions to certain significant practices within the Orthodox tradition.

Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30, Ida Noyes 034 (Spirit Life Office) JOIN ANY TIME!

Wednesday 1/11 Intro
   No meeting 1/18 (St. Makarios Parish Patronal Feast)
   1/26 Origen & Anthony the Great
   No Meeting 2/1 (Feast of the Presentation of Christ)
   2/8 St. Ephrem the Syrian & the Macarian Homilies
   2/15 Evagrius the Solitary & Maximus the Confessor
   2/22 Icons & Baptismal rites

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