

LENTEN RETREAT

Torah to the Gentiles: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians

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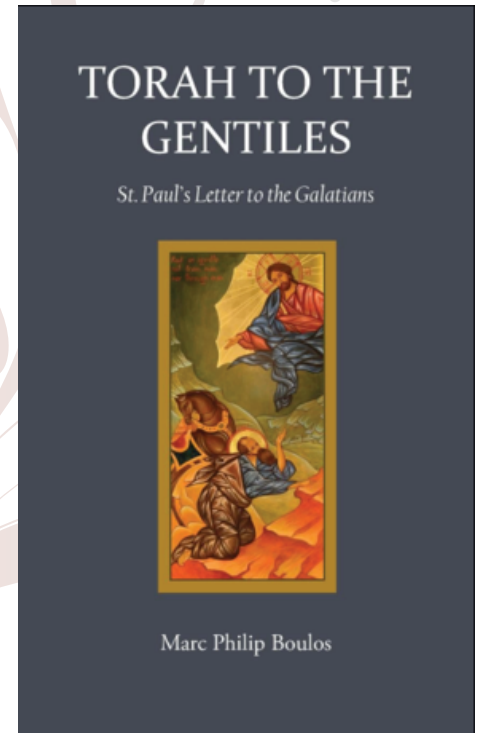
APRIL 5 and 6, 2019

at St. Mary Orthodox Christian Church

Topic

The letter to the Galatians offers a brief but demanding exposition of the teaching of the Old Testament for a Gentile audience. Highlighting the Bible's struggle against idolatry, power, and human identity, St. Paul's letter exposes Jerusalem's fatal misreading of biblical circumcision: a practice given to remove social barriers had been co-opted to build the same.

By imposing their religious identity and practices on the Gentiles, the Pillars of Jerusalem had betrayed the Torah, offering things that pass away as though they were eternal. Worse, they had done so at the expense of the weaker brother. Having been liberated by God from the worship of Caesar, why would the Galatians now turn to another human master?



Retreat Master: V. Rev. Fr. Marc Boulos

The V. Rev. Fr. Marc Boulos is pastor of St. Elizabeth Orthodox Church, in St. Paul, Minnesota. He and Dr. Richard Benton co-host The Bible as Literature podcast, a weekly discussion of the biblical narrative and its implications for everyday life. Fr. Boulos also serves on the Board of Directors for the Orthodox Center for the Advancement of Biblical Studies.

He has presented numerous exegetical talks and retreats dealing with the letters of St. Paul. In his book, *Torah to the Gentiles: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians*, he examines the interplay between Genesis and Galatians and its implications for our understanding of Paul's epistle.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

5:00 PM Akathist Hymn
5:45 PM Meal
6:30 PM Session 1: Galatians 1-3

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
10:00 AM Breakfast
10:30 AM Session 2: Galatians 4-6

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