

Dear Fathers & Brothers,

We at Three Hierarchs Mission invite you and your people to a retreat with Fr. Gregory Horton on **Saturday, October 6** on the topic: **Acts 2:42** -- "And they remained steadfast in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread and the prayers."

The retreat will take place on the morning of Oct. 6 beginning at 9:00am and be limited to two substantial talks with Q&A. We are also asking Fr. Gregory to speak with our young people (pre-teen to early teen) on the Friday evening before. If some of your folks wish to stay over on Friday night we will try to accommodate.

Would you please pass on this information to your flock and publish it in your church bulletin?

**Please RSVP** to Fr. Michael at michaelmak@aol.com, 509-263-6441 so we know how many to accommodate. (We will likely not be providing lunch, but will go out to eat as a group).

Although he needs no introduction, there is a picture and short biographical summary below.

Your prayers,

Fr. Michael

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The Very Reverend Father Gregory Horton is currently the pastor of Holy Myrrhbearing Women Antiochian Orthodox Church in Bonners Ferry, Idaho. He has served as pastor there since the founding of the parish in 2006. Prior to helping establish this church, he helped establish St. John the Baptist Antiochian Orthodox Church in Post Falls, Idaho in late 1995 (started with about 20 souls) and served as pastor there until the summer of 2007. During this time, (2003-2004) he also helped form Christ the Savior Antiochian Orthodox Church in Spokane Valley, Washington, serving Liturgy there every Saturday for a year. Prior to serving at St. John's, Fr. Gregory was the pastor of Holy Trinity Orthodox Church (Orthodox Church in America) in Catasauqua, Pennsylvania for seven years. He began his clerical life as a deacon at Christ the Saviour Orthodox Cathedral (Orthodox Church in America) in Miami, Florida, where he served for more than one year.

Fr. Gregory holds a Master of Divinity from St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary in South Canaan, Pennsylvania and a Master of Arts in Church Music from Marywood University in Scranton, PA. He also holds a Bachelor of Music in Education from St. Vincent College in Latrobe, PA. He was ordained to the Holy Diaconate in 1986 and to the Holy Priesthood in 1988 at St. Tikhon's Monastery Church in South Canaan, PA. His experience includes teaching, preaching, counseling, administration, guest appearances on local radio and television, speaking engagements, conducting retreats, serving in various Orthodox Clergy Brotherhoods, civic groups and local Ministerial Associations, piloting a humanitarian aid project with a sister parish in southern Russia, guiding pilgrimages to various holy sites (Russia, Israel, Mt. Sinai, Greece, Romania, Ireland, etc.), and leading teams for the Orthodox Christian Mission Center to various locations including Tanzania, East Africa and Guatemala City, Guatemala.

Fr. Gregory has been married to Khouria Cynthia for 35 years and has seven children...four biological: Tatiana, Maximos, Sebastian, and Benjamin; as well as three adopted daughters: Quira, Karla and Natalia (age 17). The girls were adopted in June of 2007 from the Hogar Rafael Ayau Orthodox Orphanage in Guatemala. They also have seven grandchildren. Father and Khouria converted to the Holy Orthodox Church together from Roman Catholicism in 1984.