

The Book of Psalms

Proclamation of the Heavenly King

The psalms' importance to Christians cannot be overstated, since more of the church's services as well as private prayers are drawn from them than from any other part of Scripture; yet as Fr. Paul Tarazi argues in his Old Testament Introduction trilogy, it is impossible to understand them merely by reading English translations. In this five part lecture series, Fr. Tarazi will provide essential background in the language, history, and culture of those who first wrote, used and edited these psalms, leading to some surpris-



ing new understandings of common terms such as "king," "God," "Lord," and "righteousness." Along the way, he will explain how and why these psalms were used in prayer, and what we can learn about prayer itself.

"...[Fr. Tarazi] combines a knowledge of the Western historical-critical method with the Eastern emphasis on the collective reading of Scripture that recognizes the continuity of the Church's understanding and interpretation of its Sacred Book."

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a lecture series by the

Very Rev. Dr. Paul Nadim Tarazi

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The Origins of Kingship

Friday, November 9, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

God's Kingly Attributes

Saturday, November 10, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

The King's Prayers

Saturday, November 10, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Exilic and Post Exilic Psalmody

Saturday, November 10, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

The Psalter

Saturday, November 10, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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About the Speaker



The Very Rev. Dr. Paul Nadim Tarazi, Th.D., is Professor of Old Testament at St. Vladimir's Theological Seminary in Crestwood, NY, where he teaches Old and New Testament, Biblical Hebrew, and Homiletics. He has been Adjunct Professor of Old Testament at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, Massachusetts (1994-2004). Previously, he taught at St. John of Damascus Institute of Theology in Balamand, Lebanon, where he was Lecturer in Biblical Studies (1970-1976) and Adjunct Professor (1980-1996). In addition to this series, Fr. Tarazi's publications include biblical commentaries on 1 Thessalonians and Galatians, a three-volume introduction to the Old Testament, the first three volumes of a projected four-volume introduction to the New Testament, and numerous scholarly articles.

Directions to St. Herman Church

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From the north and west:

35W to 62 Crosstown. East on 62 to 34th Ave exit. North to 54th St. East on 54th St to 38th Ave South.

From the southeast:

westward over Mendota bridge onto 62 Crosstown going west, to 34th Ave exit. North to 54th St. East on 54th St to 38th Ave South.

From the northeast:

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