

The Western Rite Vicariate

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ANNOUNCING THE 2022 WESTERN RITE VICARIATE CONFERENCE

The biennial conference of the Western Rite Vicariate will be held Tuesday, August 16 through Friday, August 19 at [St Michael Orthodox Christian Church](#) in Whittier, California.

The theme for this year's conference is "The Spirituality of the Transfiguration" based on these words from the Gospel according to St Matthew: "And [He] was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light." (Mt 17.2)

Bishop JOHN (Abdalah), Bishop for the Western Rite Vicariate, will preside at all liturgical services, and will address the clergy and laity on various Vicariate matters. Other presenters will include

- V. Rev. Edward Hughes, Vicar General of the Western Rite Vicariate
- V. Rev. Dr. Chad Hatfield, President of St Vladimir's Seminary
- Rt. Rev. John Mangels, Pastor of St George Orthodox Church, West St. Paul MN
- V. Rev. Patrick O'Grady, Pastor of St Peter Orthodox Church, Pomona CA
- Dr. Tammy Bachrach, Associate Professor, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa CA

Metropolitan JOSEPH, Archbishop of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, has also indicated that he plans to attend.

Mass will be celebrated daily, together with Vespers and Lauds (or Morning Prayer).

The conference begins with Vespers at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, August 16, followed by a formal welcome by His Grace, Bishop JOHN.

Presentations will be given on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday morning. The Conference concludes at noon on Friday, August 19.

The fee for the conference is \$250 and includes all meals on site and must be submitted by July 31. An Early Bird registration for \$200 (non-refundable) is available to those who register by May 15. Late Registration is \$300 for those who register after July 31.

For those unable to attend in person, the conference will be Livestreamed and also available for later viewing for \$50.

Clergy and laity from Orthodox parishes, and those interested in the Western Rite, are cordially invited. [Registration online \(https://www.orthodoxwest.com/conference\)](https://www.orthodoxwest.com/conference) is encouraged. Registration by US mail is also accepted.

Should further information be desired, please contact:

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