

Prosopon School of Iconography and Iconology

Iconology – the Teaching about the Inner Man



Online Lectures with Vladislav Andrejev



The Prosopon School is pleased to offer a series of lectures by founder and master iconographer Vladislav Andrejev. The series will explore the foundations of iconology and can be viewed as an iconological catechesis. In the narrowest sense of the word, iconology is the study and interpretation of visual imagery and symbolism. According to Andrejev, it is possible to see the incarnation of the Logos, in man's inner being and in human culture, as an icon. Iconology holds the

key to the discernment of the various degrees of this presence of the Logos — and to clarifying the hierarchy of stages which bring man closer to Him.

While iconology is of special interest to students of iconography, it also offers a fresh perspective to those who have never held a paint brush but who have eyes to see. The specific approach of Andrejev's teaching is to reveal the intrinsic connections between actual everyday life and our most deeply held Christian beliefs. The lectures are appropriate for all students of the Prosopon School, as well as anyone interested in the intersection of art and faith.

Description of the course

The course contains two blocks of four lectures. Each lecture will last approximately two hours and will focus on one of the themes listed below. At the end of the lectures there will be 30 min of Q&A. The lectures are scheduled on the following Mondays, 12.00 - 2.30 pm:

First Block

1. May 10.
Christian dogmas and theologoumena (informed theological opinion) as applied to art, faith and iconography.
Man according to the image and likeness of God
2. May 17
Creativity in life and faith
The progression: craft, art, iconography and iconology
3. May 24
The Cross: the symbol of life and death
The meanings of the cross in the context of iconology
4. May 31
The ladder of self-awareness and obtaining the knowledge of the "I"
From "I am flesh" to "I am logos"

Second Block

1. June 7
A mystical trichotomy: Two images of the soul (*somatic and noetic*) and the spirit-Logos
Three versions of the origin of the somatic and the noetic soul
 2. June 14
Light and darkness in iconology and in life
The physical, noetic and mystical dimensions
 3. June 21
The angelic hierarchy of minds
An introduction to the nine ranks of angelic hierarchy, their relationship and participation in the human mind and reason
 4. June 28
The mystery of the Eighth Day.
The knowledge and the vision of God. The potential of theosis (divinization of creation)
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How to register

To register please contact Dmitri Andreyev prosoponweb@gmail.com. Include your preferred email address. It will be used to send you the invitation to the Zoom meeting. Please save the invitation; the original invitation will give access to each of the four lectures in the block. Each block will have its own separate invitation. Your registration will be confirmed when the payment is received. Please mail the check with the registration fee to Vladislav Andrejev (see address below). Indicate "Iconology course" on the memo line. Or contact Dmitri Andreyev for an alternative payment method.

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Registration for either block of the course is \$80
Registration fee for all eight lectures is \$160