



Journey to Light:
A Festival of Icons
and Chant
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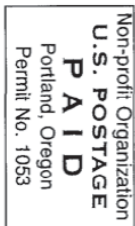
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Welcome! Come join me on a *Journey to Light*.

Journey to Light is an introduction to icons and chant designed to be interesting and meaningful to both the general public and the more serious academic, religious, artist, musician or student.

On the *Journey*, you will:

- Learn from knowledgeable and engaging speakers casting light on the world of icons and chant
- Listen to performances of Russian, Byzantine, and Latin polyphonic chant
- View two unique exhibits: one of icons from the Pacific Northwest, the other about all things Byzantine
- Tour the icons in local churches, with iconographers as your guide

Enjoy, ponder, and discover much, much, more...

Perhaps most importantly, *Journey to Light* brings icons and chant *together*. By themselves, icons and chant are wonderful. But they were meant to go together and enhance one another as paths to the Divine.

I have always been attracted to icons and chant. Something about their stillness and intimacy drew me to them. And the more I learn, the more fascinated I become.

Whether this is your first or your five thousandth encounter with icons and chant, I know that *Journey to Light: A Festival of Icons and Chant* will illuminate your life and make your spirit sing!

Katherine Brafford
 Festival Organizer

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Friday Night, November 18th
@ St. Nicholas Orthodox Church
2210 SW Dolph Court
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- 6:30 p.m. **Registration**
7:00 p.m. **Introduction**
7:15 p.m. **Radiant Sound**

Enjoy selections of traditional chant carefully chosen to illuminate the theme of Light, with insights offered by **Tracey Edson, M.A.**, Director of Liturgical Music, St. Nicholas Orthodox Church and Adjunct Instructor, University of Portland.

**8:00 p.m. Theology in Color and Sound:
Proclaiming Our Faith in Words and Images**

Learn from the Mothers and Fathers of the church, both ancient and contemporary, about hymns and icons and the meaning behind them. **The Very Rev. George Gray, M.A.**, Rector of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church and Adjunct Professor in the Theology Department, University of Portland, will help you ponder icons, chant, spirituality, and light.

8:30 p.m. Short Prayer

Experience icons and chant in their native setting in an abbreviated prayer service.

8:45 p.m. Reception

Journey to Light is presented in cooperation with Cantores in Ecclesia, Cappella Romana, Iconographic Arts Institute, and Trinity Iconography Institute at Trinity Cathedral.

Icon on cover:
Archangel Gabriel, 13th c, Byzantine Icon,
St. Catherine's Monastery, Sinai
Brochure design by K. Sievers and G. Smith

Saturday, November 19th
@ St. Clare Parish
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- 8:30 a.m. **Registration**
9:00 a.m. **Introduction**
9:15 a.m. **Whirlwind History of Icons**

Explore the story of icons from their beginning to today. Journey through time, countries, emperors, and wars guided by expert **Vincent Comerchero, Ph.D.**, Chair, History Department, St. Mary's School, Medford, OR.

- 10:15 a.m. **Break**
10:30 a.m. **How to Look at Icons**

Why do icons have long noses? Why are their eyes so big? What does that color mean? How do you write an icon (What? *Write* an icon)? Iconographer **Kathy Sievers** will unravel the mysterious language of icons.

- 11:30 a.m. **Lunch**
1:00 p.m. **The Face of Christ**

Who is Christ? What does he look like? His face is in many, many icons. Learn how his face has changed (and remained unchanged) through centuries and dynasties from **A. Dean McKenzie, Ph.D.**, Professor Emeritus of Medieval Art History, University of Oregon.

- 2:00 p.m. **Break**
2:15 p.m. **How to Pray with Icons**

Discover the ancient spiritual practice of using icons as an aid in prayer and worship. Explore with iconographer **Heather MacKean** how icons are a tool for focus and contemplation by increasing the awareness of the Divine in our midst.

Additional Weekend Events
on the Journey to Light

Journey to Light Icon Exhibit (free)
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. to 5 p.m.,
Saturday; 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday
@ St. Clare Parish, Fireside Room
View a collection of icons from the Pacific Northwest, with meditations and explanatory notes.

Tour of St. Nicholas Icons (free)
3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday (ongoing)
@ St. Nicholas
The St. Nicholas icons are among the finest in Portland. Iconographer Heather MacKean, who created many, will guide you.

**Cappella Romana Performs
Mt. Sinai: Frontier of Byzantium**
www.cappellaromana.org
7:00 p.m. Saturday Pre-Concert lecture
8:00 p.m. Saturday Concert
@ St. Mary's Cathedral
1716 NW Davis Street, Portland, OR
The world's leading performers of Byzantine chant will sing two rare and exquisite musical treasures. See registration form for 20% discount offer!

Cantores in Ecclesia (free)
www.cantoresinecclesia.org
7:30 p.m. Saturday @ St. Stephen's Church
1112 SE 41st Ave, Portland, OR
Immerse yourself in the splendid brilliance of Gregorian chant and sacred polyphony in a Solemn Latin Mass.

The Year in Byzantium Exhibit (free)
www.hellenicamericancc.org
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Sunday
@ Hellenic-American Cultural Center
2nd floor of the Fr. Elias Stephanopoulos Center
3131 NE Glisan Street, Portland, OR

Tour of Trinity Cathedral Icons (free)
www.trinityiconographers.org
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Sunday (ongoing)
@ Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
147 NW 19th Avenue, Portland, OR

Registration Form

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Suggested Donation \$50

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(Your support helps make it possible for everyone, no matter their financial circumstances, to attend. Any amount helps. Your donation will be used solely to pay event expenses. Any excess proceeds will be donated to the Oregon Food Bank)

Cash and checks only, please. Checks should be made out to St. Clare Parish, with "Journey to Light Fund" on the memo line.

Cappella Romana Discount: Journey to Light participants can receive a 20% discount on Platinum- or Gold-level tickets at this performance only.

Send me more information about the Cappella Romana discount.

For more information, registration forms or to ask questions, please go to

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