

Calgary ORTHODOX WOMEN'S RETREAT, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP: SERVING GOD AND OTHERS

Objectives

AM session: Introduce retreat participants to the fundamentals of Orthodox Christian servant leadership through examples from the Prophets, the teachings and life of Jesus Christ, and the saints of the Church. Explore the role of lay and clergy leadership in the Church. Discuss -- following the examples of the saints -- how we can be better Christian servant leaders in Christian outreach to one another and our communities.

PM session: Discuss the fundamental principle of personal Christian leadership -- to do the Will of God. Explore a six-step personal Christian leadership model: foundation in Christ, values, love, humility, service, steadfastness. Describe the way Jesus grew his disciples. Discuss how the Prophet Nehemiah showed himself as a servant when he rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem. Discuss what Jesus meant when he said "greater things than these will you do."

The pandemic is hopefully almost over; parishioners are coming back to Church. But will it be "business as usual" for your parish? Or will you use this "coming back" as a springboard to new and wonderful things for your community? Will you lead as servants of Christ in bringing about a new spirit of church unity and mutual love for one another?



Protodeacon Peter Danilchick, a frequently invited speaker on Christian Leadershipⁱ, will lead our Annual Women's Retreat on Saturday, October 1, 2022 beginning at 10:30am MDT.

Protodeacon Peter will lead us through **the basics of Christian servant leadership**, utilizing guidance from Scripture and the lives of the saints. Further, he will explore **ways for us to pursue our own personal roles as Christian leaders**, discovering and doing the will of God. He will offer a six-step Christian leadership model, to help us reflect upon our responsibility as Christians.

Protodeacon Peter's desire is to encourage us, in our families, workplaces and parish communities, to discover our servant ministry, paving the way for fulfillment of Christ's command that we may love one another.

ⁱ Protodeacon Peter Danilchick is a deacon of 47 years of diaconal service to the Orthodox Church worldwide: The Orthodox Church in America, the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Antiochian Archdiocese, and the Japanese Orthodox Church. He is presently assigned to St Mary Orthodox Church in Falls Church, Virginia (OCA Romanian Episcopate). Protodeacon Peter is a Trustee Emeritus of St Vladimir's Seminary, a former board member of FOCUS North America and the Orthodox Christian Leadership Initiative, and a member of the Secretariat of the Assembly of Bishops. He is also a retired 30+ years international corporate executive. He holds a Doctorate of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, from St Vladimir's and is the author of [*Thy Will Be Done: Strategic Leadership, Planning, and Management for Christians*](#).