

St. Andrew Pre-Advent Retreat

Saturday, November 12, 2022

Saint Ignatius of Antioch: His Life, Time, and Teachings

Presented by Brian Ephrem Fitzgerald, PhD

Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop of Antioch during the reign of Roman Emperor Trajan (r. 98-117), was martyred for His faith in Christ around AD 107. His seven letters to local churches in Anatolia, Rome, and to Bishop Polycarp of Smyrna (d. 155) leave us a vibrant impression of his person, life, and thought. What we know of Saint Ignatius, we know from these letters, as well from brief notices in Saint Polycarp's letter to the Philippians. These Ignatian letters also give us a telling glimpse into the life, settings, and struggles of the early second-century Church, especially in and around Antioch, but also western Asia Minor. This study will analyze his seven letters, which were written when he was en route to Rome to be martyred.



Retreat Schedule:

- 09:30 am: Coffee and welcome
- 10:00 am: Third Hour and First Presentation:
His Life, Time, and Settings
- 11:15 am: Break
- 11:30 am: Second Presentation:
His "Primitive" Theology
- 12:30 pm: Lunch
- 01:30 pm: Sixth Hour and Third Presentation:
His Theology of Salvation
- 02:30 pm: Break
- 02:45 pm: Fourth Presentation:
His Theology of the Church
followed by free discussion and Q&A
- 03:45 pm: Ninth Hour and Confessions

All are welcome to remain for coffee, fellowship, and Vespers at 6:00 pm.

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Lunch will be provided. (Free-will offerings will be accepted)

Please register so we may plan accordingly:

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