

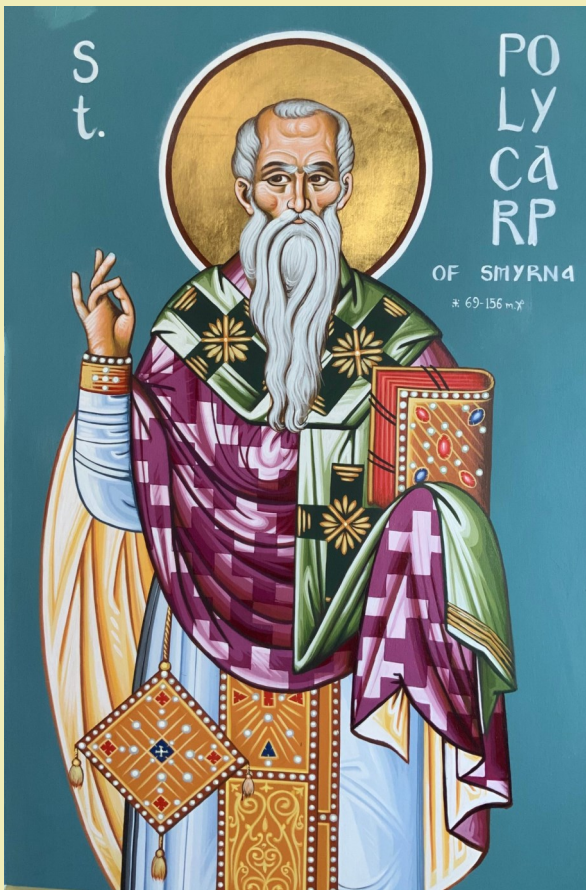
# St. Andrew Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 25, 2023

## Saint Polycarp: Bishop, Martyr, and Teacher of Apostolic Tradition

Presented by Brian Ephrem Fitzgerald, PhD

Saint Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna and Holy Martyr (c. 69 - c. 156) is one of the Apostolic Fathers of the Church, i.e., one of the early witnesses and teachers of the Apostolic traditions of the Christian Church. As a witness, he led a life of heartfelt purity and ended his earthly sojourn as a faithful martyr for his Lord. The narrative of his martyrdom is the first Christian narrative of a martyrdom outside of the New Testament. As a teacher, he was a diligent transmitter of the Apostolic traditions which he had received. Please join us in this harvest of true wealth!



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### Retreat Schedule:

- 09:30 am: Coffee and welcome
- 10:00 am: Third Hour and First Presentation: St. Polycarp of Smyrna: The Man and his Epistle
- 11:15 am: Break
- 11:30 am: Second Presentation: *The Epistle to the Philippians: Exhortations unto Righteousness*
- 12:45 pm: Lunch
- 02:00 pm: Sixth Hour and Third Presentation: *The Martyrdom of St. Polycarp: About the Text and its Theology*
- 03:15 pm: Break
- 03:30 pm: Fourth Presentation: *The Martyrdom of St. Polycarp as Hagiography*  
Free discussion and Q&A

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

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

**Please register** so we may plan accordingly:

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