

Genesis

Story of Origins

Conquered by the Babylonians and sent in to exile, the people of Israel had been separated from Jerusalem, the Temple, and from God himself. Refusing to heed the Prophets' warning—that this exile was the result of their sins—Israel chose instead to follow the gods of Babylon, forsaking God's teaching for the enjoyment of material happiness.

Responding to this crisis, the authors of Genesis set out to remind Israel, once again, of the Lord's judgment. By presenting a new "story of origins," these priestly



writers hoped to uproot Israel's human identity, replanting it—neither in Jerusalem nor in Babylon—but, once and for all, in the Torah itself.

Why did God create light before the sun and the moon? What is the significance of the flood? How do the stories of Abraham, his sons, and the sojourn in Egypt all reveal God's judgment against an exiled people?

Five compelling lectures by Fr. Paul Nadim Tarazi will address these questions and more.

a lecture series by the

Very Rev. Dr. Paul Nadim Tarazi

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History Writing in Exile

Friday, October 20, 7:00 PM—9:00 PM

Creation, the Flood, and Babel

Saturday, October 21, 9:00 AM—11:00 AM

The Abrahamic Covenant

Saturday, October 21, 11:00 AM—12:00 PM

Abraham and His Sons

Saturday, October 21, 2:00 PM—3:30 PM

Joseph's Sojourn in Egypt

Saturday, October 21, 3:30 PM—5:00 PM

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About the Speaker



The Very Rev. Dr. Paul Nadim Tarazi, Th.D., is Professor of Old Testament at St. Vladimir's Theological Seminary in Crestwood, NY, where he teaches Old and New Testament, Biblical Hebrew, and Homiletics. He has been Adjunct Professor of Old Testament at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, Massachusetts (1994-2004). Previously, he taught at St. John of Damascus Institute of Theology in Balamand, Lebanon, where he was Lecturer in Biblical Studies (1970-1976) and Adjunct Professor (1980-1996). In addition to this series, Fr. Tarazi's publications include biblical commentaries on 1 Thessalonians and Galatians, a three-volume introduction to the Old Testament, the first three volumes of a projected four-volume introduction to the New Testament, and numerous scholarly articles.

Directions

From Interstate 94

From Interstate 94 take the Lexington Parkway exit and turn south. The church is 0.7 miles on your right. Turn right into the parking lot before you reach Summit Avenue.

From Interstate 35

If traveling Interstate 35 from the northern part of the state, take the 35E route in Forest Lake. Travel 35E till you reach Interstate 94, go west and refer to the "From Interstate 94" directions.

If traveling Interstate 35 from the south, take the 35E route in Burnsville. Go north on 35E till you reach Randolph Avenue (Exit 104a). Turn left on Randolph then, at the first set of lights, turn right (north) on Lexington. Go 1 mile north and turn left on Summit Avenue. Go past the church and turn right on Dunlap Street, then right into the alley which goes behind the church.