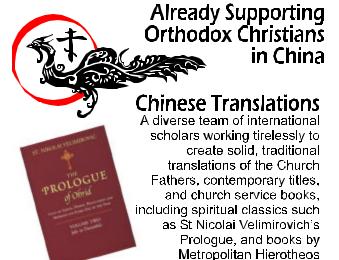
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Join us for a delicious Chinese banquet in support of the Chinese Orthodox Mission



With Featured Speaker

Fr John Whiteford

St Jonah of Manchuria Orthodox Church - Houston TX



Dinner followed by a talk on the topic:

Lessons from the Mission in China

St Jonah of Manchuria

Born in 1888, the boy Volodya Pokrovsky was only eight years old when he became an orphan. He attended seminary in his native Kaluga and then at the Kazan Theological Academy. In his third year he received the monastic tonsure with the name Jonah and became a member of the Optina brotherhood. He was later elected to teach New Testament at the

In 1918 the Revolution forced the young hieromonk to leave Kazan. He was arrested by the communists and suffered beatings and imprisonment. By God's providence Hieromonk Jonah was freed by the White Army, and served as priest of the southern volunteer troops. With the army, Fr. Jonah withdrew to the borders of Western China, After crossing the Gobi Desert, they finally reached Beijing, where Fr. Jonah was received into the Mission there and soon consecrated bishop for Hankou and Manzhuria

At the time of his arrival in the fall of 1922. the border town of Manzhuria (Manchuria) was bursting with Russian refugees with enormous need. The transformation - both spiritual and physical - which Bishop Jonah effected in three short years with his flock, revealed his tremendous stature as a man of action, prayer, and love. In that short time he established an orphanage, a classical and vocational school, a mission to the hungry, a library, and a clinic.

Bishop Jonah is remembered for his broad interests, his intelligence, and his boundless love for people. His sermons were delivered with great power in his words. In Harbin he paid a visit to the railroad administration, and the director of the Chinese Railroad designated his work a monthly stipend of six hundred dollars. Often he held lectures at Harbin's Polytechnical Institute and in return received railroad car loads of coal. The soviet consul in Harbin said of him, 'If among us we had only five people like him, we could turn the whole world around."

He himself contracted chronic tonsillitis just days before the scheduled fall collection for the orphanage. Due to complications, Bishop Jonah developed blood poisoning, Bishop Jonah understood that his hours were numbered.

Manzhuria's entire populace - Orthodox and non-Orthodox alike - mourned the Bishop's death. Many clergy and 8,000 prayerful people (out of a population of 10,000) attended his



Akathist Service - 4:30pm

All Saints of North America Orthodox Church 117 Queenston Road, Hamilton

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Our Speaker: Fr John Whiteford

Rector, Saint Jonah of Manchuria Orthodox Church, Houston, Texas

Father John Whiteford was born in Riverside, California in 1966, and lived in Grand Terrace, California. His family moved to Murray, Kentucky in 1976, and then to Houston, Texas in 1978.

Father John was raised in the Church of the Nazarene, but began studying Orthodoxy while working on his B.A. in Theology at Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Oklahoma. decided to convert not long after graduating from there in 1990. He was baptized at St. Benedict Orthodox Church in Oklahoma City in 1990. Father John is the author of Sola Scriptura: In the Vanity of Their Minds, which laid out many of the theological reasons for his conversion. This article was originally published in the Christian Activist in 1995, and has been translated into numerous languages. Father John married Wendy Woo in

1988, who was baptized in 1991 and took the name "Patricia"; the couple has two daughters. Father John was ordained a priest in 2001, and was a representative of the ROCOR Diocese of Chicago and Mid-America at the signing of the Act of Canonical Communion between the Moscow Patriarchate and the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, in Moscow, on May 17, 2007.

