



The Orthodox Fellowship of the Transfiguration

Wilderness Prayer

A Pilgrimage into the Holy Experiences of Wilderness

And Jesus withdrew himself into the wilderness and prayed. - Luke 5:16

The desert fathers and mothers went to wild places to flee the corruption of cities, to wage war with their passions, but especially to encounter the holy. - St. Jerome



June 9 - 16, 2013

THE DESERT FATHERS WENT TO THE WILDERNESS, not to get away from people, but to find a more transforming experience of Jesus Christ. Following this motive, the Orthodox Fellowship of the Transfiguration will host a pilgrimage into the sacramental and revelational dimensions of wilderness. We will assemble at a campground just outside of Redwood National Park to focus upon insights from the fathers and saints on transforming spiritual practice in nature. Our goal is the development of sound spiritual practice and an understanding of how *theosis* leads to ecological practice as the manifestation of a right relationship to Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

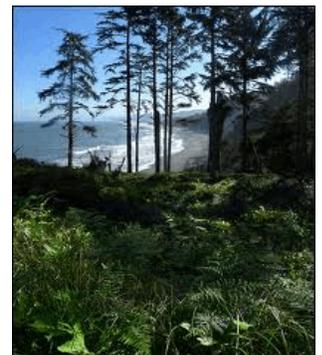
You are invited to participate in this unique event. Our program runs for seven days from June 9th through June 16th in Patrick's Point State Park. After an orientation to the areas's sights and scenes, we'll explore the methods of the fathers in learning spiritual lessons from wild places.



Each day we'll examine a special theme and visit different locations so that participants are exposed to the best of Redwood National Park's inspiring beauty as we tackle the challenge of spiritual growth. Day hikes into spectacular areas will augment times for prayer, reflection, quiet and disciplined discussion. Our program concludes at noon on June 16th.

The orientation involves hiking and discussions from our base camp at Patrick's Point State Park just south of Redwood NP. Day hikes venture into different locations each day and introduce participants to wilderness as well as spiritual practice. Hikes are leisurely and cover two to at the most four miles. For those who are uncertain about the concept of holy spiritual experiences in wilderness, it is helpful to recall that Saint John Chrysostom tells us that "*Nature is our best teacher.*"

The registration fee is divided into two parts: the logistics cost and the program cost. Pay according to your ability. Because of the highly participatory nature of this program, no more than twenty individuals may participate. This will keep discussion lively and personal, and allow each person an opportunity to share his or her experiences and insights.



REGISTRATION FORM

YES!

Please sign me up for the eight-day Orthodox "Wilderness Prayer" program to be held in and near Redwood National Park from Monday, June 9th through Sunday, June 16th, 2013. A non-refundable deposit of \$100 reserves your place in this program.

The Food and Logistics fee

This covers all program costs, including all meals, campground fees, preparation materials, a special Journal Handbook with daily exercises and historical writings from the fathers, plus several staff.

\$ 275

The Registration fee

The registration fee is a sliding scale fee of between \$125 and \$925. Pay according to your ability. This registration fee is tax deductible and helps the OFT to maintain its programs.

+ \$ _____

Optional scholarship assistance donation for those who need help:

+ \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

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Please return your deposit (or registration fee) in the enclosed envelope. A \$100 non-refundable deposit holds you place on this program. Preparatory materials will be sent after you register. Some car pooling may be coordinated from the San Francisco Bay Area.



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