

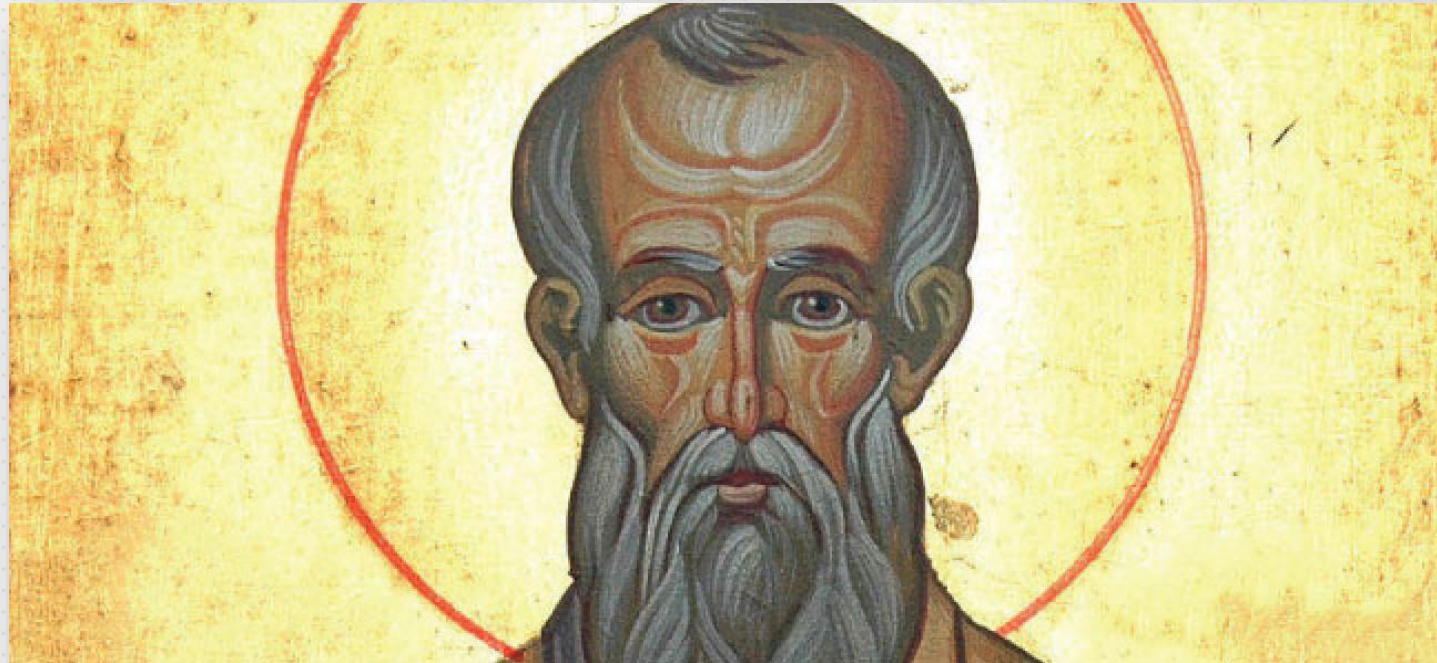
## About Fr John

The Very Rev. Dr. John Behr is Professor of Patristics at St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary in Yonkers, NY. He studied under Metropolitan Kallistos Ware at Oxford University and has taught seminars similar to ours around the world. A leading scholar of early Christian theology, Fr. John has written many books, including *The Way to Nicaea*, *The Nicene Faith*, *The Mystery of Christ*, *Becoming Human*, and most recently, a new translation of Origen's *On First Principles*. He is also the general editor of St Vladimir Seminary Press's *Popular Patristics* translation series. Fr. John is married and has three children.



# St. Athanasius Seminar

May 14-18, 2018  
Calgary, Alberta



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*Shaping the Faith:  
The Theology of Ignatius,  
Irenaeus, Origen, and Athanasius*

## Shaping the Faith

This course will look at the development of Christian theology in the period leading up to the Council of Nicaea. It will focus on the most important figures while treating various themes: Christology, triadology, and anthropology; sin, passion, and death; and Scripture and its exegesis. Fundamental questions will include: what did each figure see as the nature and method of theology itself — what is theology and how does it work? — and what is the canon or criterion, if any, that regulates it (raising questions of uniformity and diversity)? What texts are to count as sacred scripture and how are they to be interpreted? What are the central teachings of Christianity regarding 1) the person of Christ and his relation to God and the Spirit, and 2) what is sometimes called “salvation history” (creation—fall—redemption) and 3) how do the Fathers understand and articulate such teachings? The course will also examine the question of how a Christian should follow Christ by looking closely at the witness of the martyrs.

### Texts to be studied:

Melito of Sardis, *On Pascha*  
St. Ignatius of Antioch, *Letters*  
St. Irenaeus, *Against Heresies*  
Origen, *Commentary on John; First Principles*  
St. Athanasius, *On the Incarnation*

## Schedule

The St. Athanasius Seminar will be held at Ambrose University in Calgary, 150 Ambrose Circle SW.

### Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

8:30 a.m. First & Third Hour Prayers  
9:00-12:00 Morning session & coffee break  
12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch (provided)  
1:00-4:00 Afternoon session

### Thursday

9:30 a.m. Ascension Liturgy (at St Peter 's)  
12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch (provided)  
1:00-4:00 Afternoon session & coffee  
4:00-6:00 Supper break  
6:00-9:00 Evening session

Evenings, including supper arrangements, are left open for registrants. Ambrose University is conveniently located near a wide range of restaurants and shops.

## Registration

### Option 1: Seminar

Includes daily lunch and coffee  
Before April 1: \$250  
After April 1: \$300

### Option 2: Seminar and Accommodation

Includes daily lunch and residence-style accommodation on the Ambrose campus from Sunday through Friday  
Before April 1:  
Single: \$500  
Double: \$425 / person  
Triple: \$370 / person  
After April 1: add \$50

### Books:

Registrants will be provided a list of readings to complete before the seminar.

### To register, email

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St. Athanasius at the Council of Nicaea