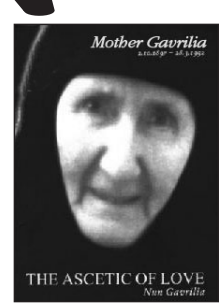
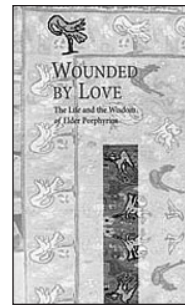
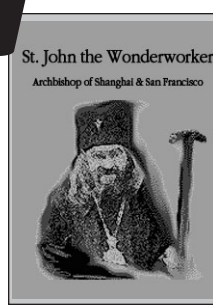
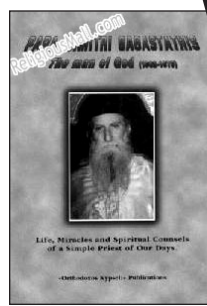
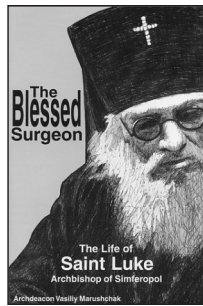
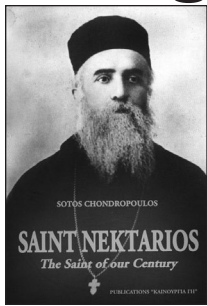


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A New Spiritual Discussion group brought to you by the NAC Fellowship of St. John the Divine

We have selected these enlightening books to provide contemporary examples of holy people and saints that you can relate to in many ways. And we have structured the club so that you can learn about all these saints without reading every book!

Here's how it works:

One person reads the book – as assigned by your pastor. Then, they share and discuss what they learned with the rest of the group.

Reading List:

Saint Nektarios: A Saint for our Century
The Blessed Surgeon: The Life of Saint Luke of Simferopol
Man of God: Papa Dimitri Gagastathis
St. John the Wonderworker: Archbishop of Shanghai and San Francisco
Wounded by Love: The Life and Wisdom of Elder Porphyrios
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1. Saint Nektarios: The Saint of our Century

The life of one of the most popular figures of modern times. Written wonderfully like a novel, we see a saintly Bishop persecuted by his own Church through envy. By bearing his cross patiently St. Nektarios becomes a vessel of God's grace and a wonderworker both before and after his repose (+1920). You will fall in love with him.

2. The Blessed Surgeon: The Life of Saint Luke of Simferopol

Living in the Ukraine during the oppressive period of communism, St. Luke stood out among his fellow physicians both as a surgeon and Christian. Even the communists coveted his talents for healing the body. Yet after his consecration as a Bishop he was arrested and tortured for his unwillingness to deny his faith in Christ. He wore his bishop's cassock in the operating room and refused to perform surgery without an icon. Through all of this St. Luke remained faithful to God to the end of his earthly life (+1961).

3. Papa Dimitri Gagastathis: The Man of God

The diary of a recent simple, saintly priest of Greece (+1975) whose faith in God overcame Nazis, Communists, and a nagging wife. Papa Dimitri was blessed with nine daughters, yet managed to devote his whole strength to the preservation of his spiritual flock. Great for both kids and adults, it reads like a Christian "Rambo" story full of adventure!

4. St. John the Wonderworker: Archbishop of Shanghai and San Francisco

Reposed in 1966, Saint John lived on our American soil. He was a father to orphans, an ascetic, a miracle-worker, a "fool for Christ," and more. Full of God's grace, you will be amazed at this man of many spiritual gifts.

5. Wounded by Love: The Life and Wisdom of Elder Porphyrios,

This account of the holy Porphyrios (+1991) is taken from recorded interviews with the elder himself, who reposed in the 1990's. A delightful grace-bearing man of God, full of love and amazing spiritual gifts, this book oozes with the joy that is the life of the true Christian. Through his gift of "clear sight" this Saint diagnosed the medical ailments of those on the other side of the world and locates underground water "mentally."

6. Mother Gavrilia: The Ascetic of Love,

Completely given over to God, first as a layperson and then as an Orthodox nun, this holy woman worked with lepers in India and "preached" the Gospel by her life on many other continents. She put Protestant missionaries to shame by her love and simplicity, and was miraculously cured of cancer before reposing in 1992.