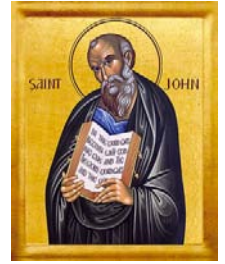


The Fellowship of St. John the Divine

2010 FSJD Fall Retreat

Friday-Sunday, October 8-10, 2010



For the 2nd Annual Fellowship Spiritual Retreat to the Antiochian Village, a luxury motor coach transported over forty of our Christian parishioners to Pennsylvania for a spiritual journey. We thank all the committee (Eddy Shaheen, Nicole Dahdal, Laura Mraibie, Abdo Imseeh). We thank Fr. Fouad Saba for his guidance and applaud Dn. Jim King for his invigorating sessions. We thank all of the volunteers, donors and registrants. Each aspect of the trip was well-organized and prepared much in advance. The committee set up a weekend full of worship services, sessions with Dn. Jim King of St. Mary's Livonia, MI, meals, team building exercises, fun, education and fellowship. Every person who came on the trip, whether a returnee from last year or a first time participant gave something dear to the overall wonder that this Retreat provided us.



We received, as one body in Christ, far greater than we gave individually. This Fellowship tradition has quickly become something truly unforgettable. A time to reawaken what may lie hidden underneath, to search for a more Christ-like mission in life, and a renewal of "every good and precious gift that comes from above." Our theme was "Fork in the Road: Choosing God's Way." After this trip, we are all on the same page as to what road we shall take, that of Christ Jesus.

The following are reflections from the registrants of the 2nd Annual Fellowship Fall Retreat to the Antiochian Village:

Elias Akkari: "This was the greatest weekend I have ever experienced. Perfect mixture of faith, fun, education and bonding. A trip that I will never miss."

Debby Allen: "It was an inspirational weekend that opened my heart to a better understanding on how to walk God's path."

George Barhoumeh: "I never felt more spiritual with all the spiritual sessions."

Maggie Barhoumeh: "It was great bonding and speaking with everyone, and being one big family."

Amanda Burgoyne: "It provided us with tools to be more deeply introspective and more deeply connected to our faith and to one another."

Nicole Dahdal: "Being able to experience Christ's love through our brothers and sisters is priceless. Dn. James was definitely a big influence and inspiration toward God's love."

Najeeb Eseed: "It was a great reunion with our faith."

Liana Fakhouri: "My experience was fulfilling for me and I feel different with myself and with God. I loved it!"

Woroud Ghawi: "It was overall a great experience and a lot of fun. I would definitely do it again."

Jennifer Haddadin: "As its being my first time joining a major Church event, I had a wonderful time and learned to always think out of the box."

Abe Harb: "Taking a trip down a beautiful fork in the road with the Fellowship, a wonderful group of spirited people."

Salem Husary: "Very refreshing and rewarding."

Mark Imreibe: "Wonderful experience that brought everyone together."

Victor Imreibe: "A second chance at experiencing last year's trip that I missed."

Abdo Imseeh: "Definitely as an organization, we, the Fellowship, are growing in Christ."

Sandra Imseeh: "This was my second time attending the spiritual retreat and each time was a fun time, learning about our faith, friends and most importantly ourselves and God."

Izabel Imseih: "It was very nice and organized. We all had a great time."

Mirna Imseih: "My experience at the Antiochian Village helped me recapture what is truly important in life."

Sami F. Imseih: "The message that I received from Dn. King is something that I will use everyday. It not only applies to my spiritual life but my entire everyday life."

Issa Iqal: "A great time filled with fun and laughs."

Laura Mraibie: "It was a great opportunity for old and new Fellowship members to grow spiritually, bond as a family and make wonderful memories."

Elian Mseeh: "I had such an amazing time laughing and singing with everyone. I felt that it helped us grow spiritually through Christ."

Fady Mseih: "The closest experience I can get to being a camper again."

Sami M. Mseih: "Very spiritual. Great!"

Amanda Nimry: "It was a wonderful experience where we were able to share memories with new and old friends, and learn so many new things about ourselves both socially and spiritually."

Mark Petrelli: "This was my first time there. It was a very peaceful and very beautiful environment. I enjoyed everything about my experience."

Mary Petrelli: "I've been here many times, but this time was quite special to me being with the Fellowship."

Khader Rantis: "Gained a lot of information which can help be closer to others."

Michael Rayan: "I loved it a lot."

Mona Rayan: "Meeting new members from FSJD, Dn. Jim and Livonia's Church, while spending quality time."

Rana Rayan: "Holy togetherness. United love. Blessed."

Nora Rihani: "This year's Retreat was the best one yet. It had a very powerful message that I think everyone could relate to very easily."

Michael Saba: "The most memorable thing I've ever done."

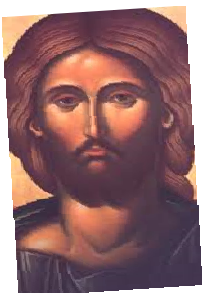
Danny Shaheen: "It was a great experience for everyone to learn more about each other and bond together under Christ."

Milad Sleiman: "Very knowledgeable and spiritual. I learned the true meaning of going to Church and staying out of the box."

Rammy Zanayed: "In a development that I never thought would happen, this year's Fellowship Retreat to the Antiochian Village far surpassed last year's installment."

Samer Zanayed: "Great experience! Everybody's participation and humor made this event an everlasting memory."

Fr. Saba: "The way which leads to God, leads to life. Let us not depart from this way, for departing from it, we depart from life! For the Holy Scriptures teach us, 'Narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.'" (Matthew 7:14)



"Fork in the Road" Choosing God's Way



