From Eden to Golgotha: Two Gardens, Two Trees
by Rev. Dr. Eugen J. Pentiuc

Fr. Pentiuc is a renowned Old-Testament and Hebrew scholar, and we are particularly honored to welcome him as the Editor-in-Chief of the new complete Orthodox Study Bible. His topics, EDEN and GOLGOTHA, elegantly bring together the Old and the New Testament and God's Plan and Agony of Love for us.

This year’s Spiritual Odyssey deals with the typological relationship between the garden of Eden (Gen 2:15-17) and the garden of Golgotha (John 19:41): two gardens, two trees, two choices, two ‘Adams’, two outcomes. “From Eden to Golgotha” is the human ‘odyssey’, the long adventurous journey of humanity from its first beginnings to the final words of the ‘last Adam’ (1 Cor 15:45) uttered on the life-giving Cross. Essential scriptural texts from the Old and New Testaments are discussed in minute detail within the wider context of the Eastern Orthodox tradition. The talk has two parts:

(1) EDEN: Man’s Creation, Life in Paradise, and Neglect of God’s First Words (Gen 1-3) -- Morning Session
(2) GOLGOTHA: The Last Seven Words of Christ on the Cross -- Afternoon Session

1. “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.” (Luke 23:34)
2. “Amen I say to you, this day you shall be with me in paradise.” (Luke 23:43)
3. “Woman, behold your son...Behold your mother.” (John 19:26-27)
4. “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Matt. 27:46)
5. “I am thirsty.” (John 19:28)
6. “It is finished.” (John 19:30)

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For reservations for Fr. Pentiuc’s talks and Lenten luncheon on Saturday, please make check payable to Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church and mail to Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, 900 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont, CA 94002. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

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