

OUT OF EGYPT

A Lenten Reflection on the Exodus and the Spiritual Life

General Information

Date and Time

Sessions will meet each Monday from February 15 through April 5, 2010. Sessions begin promptly at 7:30 pm and conclude at 9:00 pm. At least one 5 to 10 minute break will be provided mid-session.

Inclement Weather

In case of snow or ice, please first consult the news media to determine the school closing situation. If Philadelphia Archdiocesan schools are closed on a given Monday, the session will not be held that evening. If Philadelphia Archdiocesan schools are open but some hazardous weather conditions exist, a decision will be made by 3:00 pm.

Information will be posted on www.secularoratory.com to say whether or not the session will be held. Alternatively, you may call the Parish House *after 3:00 pm*, at (215) 765-4568.

If a session is cancelled due to inclement weather, the series will be extended an extra week, and all scheduled sessions will be moved back one week.

Preparation and Participation

All participants are strongly encouraged to read the Biblical account of the Exodus in preparation for each week's session. The sessions go more or less sequentially through the Biblical text, so that reading a chapter or two each day will keep participants up to speed. Particular attention should be paid to the narrative (story) portions of the Book of Exodus and the Book of Numbers.

Although the texts under consideration will be displayed on the PowerPoint screen during the talk, participants are also encouraged to bring their own Bible with them to each session.

In addition, the texts listed under the Bibliography section below, while not required reading, may provide helpful insights into the Biblical accounts.

Archives

Audio recordings (mp3 format), PowerPoint slides and outlines will be made available for each session, and will be posted on the Oratory website at www.secularoratory.com/exodus.htm. Please allow at least one week after each session for the files to be formatted and posted to the site. Participants who miss a session are encouraged, whenever possible, to listen to the missed talk online.

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