

St. Raphael Orthodox Church
Spring 2021 Fellowship & Bible Study
722 E. College St., Iowa City

Winter Book Group

Nun Katherine Weston <i>Race, Identity, and Reconciliation</i> (2017)
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* Meetings are Thursdays, 7:00-8:15pm, on Zoom at
<https://uiowa.zoom.us/j/4320014122>
or Meeting ID 432 001 4122.

- January 14 **Orthodoxy and African American Experience Today**
Elena Kravchenko, "Black Orthodox 'Visual Piety': People, Saints, and Icons in Pursuit of Reconciliation"
--From the *Journal of Africana Religions* (2020): copies available by email or at church (email Father or Lori if you need a copy)
- January 21 **Nun Katherine Weston, *Race, Identity, and Reconciliation* -**
"Foreword," "Preface," and First Essay: "On Racial Identities and Racism" and "Psychological Aspects of Racism"
- January 28 "Where Are We Today?" and "Healing"
- February 4 Second Essay: "On Group Identities and Dynamics," "Three Big Influencers," and "Group Dynamics on the Map"
- February 11 "Sea Change," "Spiritual Hope," and Appendix: "Assembly of Bishops in Response to Racist Violence"
- February 18 The Canon for Racial Reconciliation, available at
<http://mosetheblack.org/resources/canon/>

*Father will see if Mother Katherine might Zoom with us Feb. 11 or 18

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Lenten Book Group

Archimandrite Tikhon Shevkunov
Everyday Saints and Other Stories (2012)
Available on Kindle or from the church bookstore

Join the St. Raphael fellowship as we take this charming, heart-warming book and its real, contemporary Orthodox Christians as our companions on our journey from Lent to Pascha!

From the back cover -

Everyday Saints is the English translation of the work that has soared at the top of the bestseller lists in Russia since its publication in late 2011. Winner of several national awards including "Book of the Year" and most popular book in Russia for 2012, its readership spans philosophical boundaries, from the devoutly religious to the vehemently atheist.

Open this book and you will discover a wondrous, enigmatic, remarkably beautiful, yet absolutely real world. Peer into the mysterious Russian soul, where happiness reigns no matter what life may bring. Page upon page of thanks, praise, and testimonies to the life-changing effect of these bright, good-hearted, and poignant tales have flooded the Russian media. This book has been the cause of many sleepless but happy nights: "I couldn't put it down – was sorry when it ended" is the common reaction.

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Triodion begins February 21

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April 29	Holy Week – no meeting
May 6	pp. 449-490

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