



## *Spirituality Day*

*Benedictine Sisters of the Byzantine Church*

*Queen of Heaven Monastery*

*Warren, Ohio*

*Sunday, March 15, 2020*

### *Reverend Thom Dansak*

Father Thom Dansak is a priest ordained for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh. He holds a Master in Sacred Theology degree from St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, MD.

He served first as an assistant pastor in Springdale, PA before receiving a commission as a Chaplain in the United States Navy where he served for 30 years. He retired from the Navy in 2007 with the rank of Captain. His tours in the Navy included bases in the United States and in Japan, the Philippines, Guam, Puerto Rico, Okinawa and Italy. For 11 years, he was assigned to US Marine units. He also served on the battleship USS Missouri and the aircraft carrier USS Independence. After returning to Pittsburgh in 2007, he served as chaplain in the State Correctional Institution Pittsburgh, part-time parochial vicar at St. Raphael in Pittsburgh, and the sacramental minister at St. Bartholomew in Penn Hills, PA. Currently he primarily provides replacement support to parishes through his diocese.

Father Dansak is also a bi-ritual priest who can and does assist the Byzantine Catholic churches in the greater Pittsburgh area.

Father Thom is an excellent and knowledgeable speaker, well-versed on many topics. The title of his talk is: "*THE I AMs of JESUS.*"

He will explore a number of the statements from the Gospel of John that Jesus speaks to identify Himself to us and invites us to discover who He is for us: "I am the good shepherd...I am the resurrection...etc." The goal of the presentation is to enable us to grow in our love and friendship for Jesus who loves us eternally. In our journey through Lent/The Great Fast, Jesus is calling us to be transformed through fasting, prayer and works of charity. He who became one of us, calls us to become more like Him.

### *Schedule*

1:30 P.M.	Arrival
1:45 P.M.	First Presentation / Questions
2:30 P.M.	Break / Refreshments
3:00 P.M.	Second Presentation / Questions
3:45 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.	Reflection / Confession / Departure

### *Registration*

Please e-mail [qohm@byzben.org](mailto:qohm@byzben.org) or call 330-856-1813 by Monday, March 9, 2020.