



The groundwork for the work of **Anna Mycyk** in iconography was laid in her childhood in England. There, curiosity led to discoveries of clay in the local hillside that could be used for modelling. Basic tools of pencil for tracing and drawing formed lasting memories together with visits to museums. This interest in visual art continued in her move to Canada.

On completion of her studies at the Ontario College of Art, work in graphic design and art direction followed. Meanwhile she continued to develop her art through painting in watercolour, drawing in pen and ink, self directed study and travel.

Later, after a family move to Ottawa, Anna taught adult and children's art classes in varied subjects at the Ottawa School of Art. After establishing a family home in Saskatoon, Anna's focus in visual art became centered in Iconography. Historical Byzantine iconography studies have included workshops in the traditional egg tempera medium with iconographers Marianna Savaryn, Vera Senchuk, Dimitri Andreyev, Father Nazari Polataiko, and Tatyana Berestova. Travels to support and enrich these studies have taken her to monasteries, churches and museums in Turkey, Greece, Italy, Cyprus, Russia, USA and Ukraine.

As an iconographer based in Saskatoon, Anna continues to participate in iconography workshops and is an instructor at ongoing workshops and retreats in the city, where she collaborates with Gisele Bauche.

Her work in iconography has been commissioned both privately and for Saint George's Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Saskatoon.

After receiving her degrees in Theology and Education and studying art **Gisele Bauche** combined her interest in Theology and Art by giving expression to her spirituality through Religious Art. Gisele was drawn into the mystery of icons which offered her a sacred space for prayer, contemplation and spiritual growth. She studied under Marianna Savaryn, Vera Senchuk, Dimitri Andreyev and Father Nazari Paltaike. Gisele facilitates icon workshops and retreats in Saskatoon in collaboration with Anna Mycyk. Gisele offers art workshops in a variety of mediums and retreats in "Art and Healing" and "Art as Spiritual Expression". Her work hangs in institutions and churches across western Canada and in Saskatoon at Holy Family Cathedral and Trinity Manor. Her work is featured in Augsburg Fortress Publishing House and Novalis Publications. She is the author of the book, *"Giving Glory to God: Reflections of an Artist."*



Archangel Raphael, written by Gisele Bauche

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Iconography Retreat

FIVE DAYS OF CREATIVITY & PRAYER
Mon. May 28 - Fri. June 1
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



St. John the Baptist, written by Anna Mycyk

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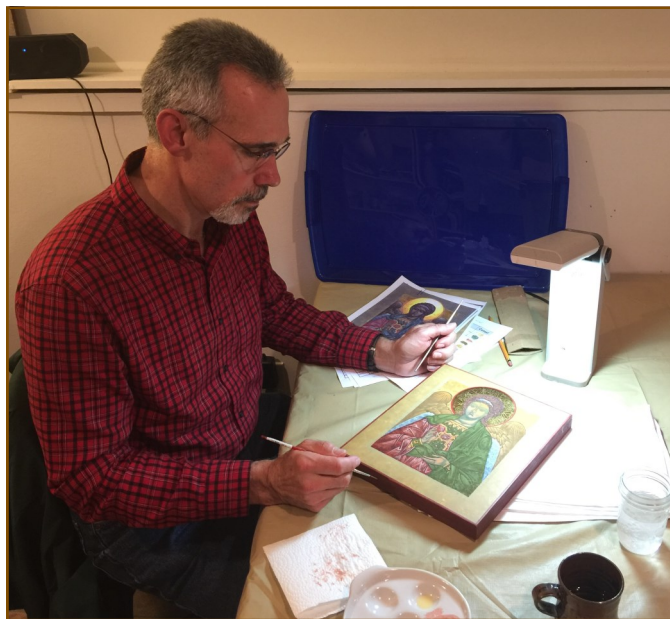
ICONOGRAPHY RETREAT

with Anna Mycyk
assisted by Gisele Bauche

An icon is like a window into eternity.

This retreat will introduce participants into the ancient Christian tradition of icon-writing. During this five day retreat, through prayer and contemplation, you will learn the technique of writing an icon. Using a gesso wood panel board, egg tempera, natural pigments and gilding with gold leaf, you will write your own icon. The Icon with Saint John the Baptist will be written at this retreat.

This retreat will include daily prayer, demonstrations, theological reflections and group sharing. Participants will also receive individual instruction with the retreat leaders. It is not necessary for participants to come with a background in art or theology - all are most welcome.



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Commute: \$525 (includes lunches)

Live-In: \$69/night – bed and breakfast

\$15/supper

Fee includes materials, pigments, 23kt gold leaf on bole. Participants are responsible for their own brushes, and the anticipated cost for the wood panel icon board would be \$110 - \$130. The boards can be purchased at cost through Queen's House.

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DRAWING US INTO THE MYSTERY OF GOD



St. Theodosia, written by
Anna Mycyk

Icons offer a spiritual nourishment, give us an opportunity to learn about ourselves and bring us closer to God.

The word "icon" comes from the Greek word "eikon" which means "image." Images are one of God's ways of revealing God's Self to us, and icons are manifestations of that divine revelation. Through icons we can access the mystery of the invisible. "Christ is the image of the invisible God, the first born of all creation, for in him all things on earth and heaven were created, things visible and invisible." (Col 1:15-20)

In icons the world is made new by the light of God's Presence with their glowing colours and graceful lines. In writing an icon one enters into "the inner room of prayer, bringing us closer to the heart of God."

Iconography is a practice of meditation and contemplation.

