

## Adult Confirmation at St. George

*“In the course of their Christian development, those baptized at an early age are expected, when they are ready and have been duly prepared, to make a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism and to receive the laying on of hands by the bishop.*

*Those baptized as adults, unless baptized with laying on of hands by a bishop, are also expected to make a public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism in the presence of a bishop and to receive the laying on of hands.”*

(From the Book of Common Prayer, Confirmation service, “Concerning the service,” pg. 412)

The Prayer Book commands all to reaffirm and recommit to their baptismal vows, to make a “mature public affirmation” of their Christian faith. And to make a commitment to the “responsibilities of their Baptism” in “the presence of a bishop and to receive the laying on of hands.”

Beginning in 2017 adults wishing to be Confirmed (or received or reaffirm their baptismal vows) will have the opportunity to prepare for this sacramental act of commitment in a new way. Spring 2017 Confirmation will be Sunday, May 21st at 10:45 am worship.

To be presented for Confirmation (or Reception or Reaffirmation) an adult will:

1. Participate in three of the four monthly workshops presented by Fr. Ram this Spring.
2. Participate in the Day-long Confirmation Retreat to be held on the grounds of St. George on Saturday, April 29th.
3. Will have made a commitment to support through Time, Talent and Treasure the ongoing life of St. George. (Through a Promise Plan).
4. Will commit to the basic duty of every Christian person: “The duty of all Christians is to follow Christ; to come together week by week for corporate worship; and to work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God.” (Book of Common Prayer, pg. 856)

The 2017 Workshop Schedule and important calendar dates to mark follow. For more information, please contact Fr. Ram via email ([rlopez@saintgeorgechurch.org](mailto:rlopez@saintgeorgechurch.org)).

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**Workshop and Retreat Descriptions:** All, not just those seeking confirmation, are invited to attend these workshops and retreat.

**Bible Basics:** This workshop will survey the Bible's origins, structure, themes, and authorship. We will discuss various translations of Bibles and study Bibles.

**One God, Many Voices:** This workshop will look at the various types of literature that make up the biblical canon. We will discuss context and interpretation to help us discover how to use the Scriptures in daily life.

**Praying the Scriptures:** This workshop will help participants understand how to use Scripture as a starting point to prayer and connection to God. We will look at "lectio divina" as an individual spiritual practice.

**Bible and Liturgy:** This workshop will be an overview of how the Scriptures are a part of our liturgical life. It will look at the vital connection of our liturgy to the Bible.

**Adult Confirmation Retreat:** During this retreat participants will participate in an Instructed Eucharist, learn about the history and current life of The Episcopal Church and have time to ask questions about life at St. George.

### **2017 Spring Workshop Schedule**

All workshops begin at 9:45 am and end at 10:35 am. Will be held in St John's Room in Leadership Center.

January 22: Bible Basics

February 26: One God, Many Voices

March 26: Praying with Scripture

May 6: Bible and Liturgy

Spring Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, April 29th

### **2017 Fall Workshops**

8/13: Bible Basics

9/10: One God, Many Voices

10/8: Praying with the Scriptures

11/12: Bible and Liturgy

Fall Confirmation Retreat

TBD