

SOPHIA FOUNDATION

Sophia Grail Circle

Social and Ecclesiastic Sacramentalism

JULY 2-5, 2020

The home of Karen Rivers
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CHAPEL HILL, NC, 27516

It is the mission of every single human being and of the whole of humanity to fill themselves with the Christ Spirit [and the Spirit of Sophia] and to recognize themselves as a center living in this Spirit, through which spiritual light, spiritual strength and spiritual warmth can flow into the Earth, thereby redeeming it and raising it aloft into spiritual realms. ~ RUDOLF STEINER

The higher goal of the Sophia Grail Circle is the union of divine and human existence, and the communion of human souls in Divine Love and Wisdom. The Sophia Grail Circle is a community centered in cultivating an ever-greater awareness of and relationship to the spiritual world in truth and moral integrity, and the striving to embody these qualities in daily life.

Inspired by the seeds of wisdom planted by the great teachers of humanity, the Sophia Grail Circle is working to form a spiritual community, united ever more deeply in Christ and Sophia, in preparation for the culture of the Aquarian Age, the Age of Sophia. This Age will bring the flowering of the Rose of the World if humanity has prepared the soil for its blossoming. Our endeavor is the cultivation of a spiritual schooling in the light of Sophia, through social and ecclesiastic sacramentalism, dedicated to preparing for Sophia's coming, and to establish centers for Sophia's activity



in the world. The Sophia Grail Circle initiative, which was inaugurated in 2006, offers individuals an opportunity to deepen their spiritual life in the light of Sophia in preparation to serve the social and spiritual needs of humanity.

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The sacred word and the holy prayer and the priestly sacrifice —Hold the earth in its course:

She who is the maintainer of all that was and that will be, She creates the wide space for our existence.

~ ATHARVA VEDA



LYUBA YATSKIV, HOLY WISDOM

Sophia is the mercy of God in us. She is the tenderness with which the infinitely mysterious power of pardon turns the darkness of our sins into the light of grace. She is the inexhaustible fountain of kindness, and would almost seem to be, in herself, all mercy. So she does in us a greater work than that of Creation: the work of new being in grace, the work of pardon, the work of transformation from brightness to brightness. She is in us the yielding and tender counterpart of the power, justice and creative dynamism of the Father.

— FROM HAGIA SOPHIA BY THOMAS MERTON.



Daily Schedule 2020

Thursday, July 2

6:00 — 7:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 — 7:30 pm	Introductions
7:30 — 9:00 pm	The Beatitudes

Friday, July 3

9:00 am—12:00	Sophia Grail Training
12:00 — 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 — 5:30 pm	Sophia Grail Training
6:00 — 7:00 pm	Dinner
7:30 — 9:00 pm	The Archangel Jesus and Alchemical Baptism

Saturday, July 4

9:00 am—12:00	Sophia Grail Training
12:00 — 1:30 pm	Lunch break
1:30 — 5:30 pm	Sophia Grail Training
6:00 — 7:00 pm	Dinner break - free evening

Sunday, July 5

9:00 am—12:00	Sophia Grail Training
12:00 — 1:30 pm	Lunch break
1:30 — 5:30 pm	Sophia Grail Training
6:00 — 7:00 pm	Dinner break
7:00 — 10:00 pm	Mass of the Lamb and his Bride

The Sophia Grail Circle gathering will be held at the home of Karen Rivers,
8407 Pickards Meadow Road,
Chapel Hill, NC 27516
beginning with dinner on Thursday, July 2 through Sunday evening, July 5.

Special dietary needs may be requested 10 days prior to arrival.

REGISTRATION

SOPHIA GRAIL CIRCLE TRAINING
JULY 2-5, 2020

The cost for the training if registered by June 10 is \$525;
the registration fee after June 10 is \$575.
Payment with credit cards will have a 3% additional fee.
There is some financial assistance available.

If you wish to enter the training, please send a letter that includes relevant aspects of your spiritual biography, and why you wish to join this program to Karen Rivers. To register please send the full fee marked "Sophia Grail Circle Training" to Sophia Foundation, 4500 19th Street, #369, Boulder, CO 80304.

Phone: (303) 242-5388 Email: sophia@sophiafoundation.org
Website: www.sophiafoundation.org

All registrations due by June 20, 2020.

Directions to St. Francis Springs Prayer Center:

<http://www.stfrancisprings.com/contact.php> or call 336-573-3751.

For further information contact Karen Rivers: 919-942-2465

or email: karen@karenrivers.info

THE SOPHIA GRAIL CIRCLE
SOCIAL AND ECCLESIASTIC SACRAMENTALISM

This year the three primary themes upon which we will be focusing are:

- a deepening exploration of the Mystery of Golgotha,
- the Sacrament of Communion in relation to social and ecclesiastic sacramentalism,
- and *Meditations on the Old Testament* by Valentin Tomberg, as the background leading to the Christ event on Golgotha.

Rudolf Steiner once declared that the greatest of “mysteries” in the story of humanity is “the appearance of God on Earth among humans, as Christ in Jesus, and what His crucifixion on Golgotha accomplished.”

"To devote ourselves to Christ in the right way, is to feel the appearance of Christ in Jesus and the Mystery of Golgotha as the highest content that can stir us powerfully into the newest feeling which humankind can experience upon the earth." Rudolf Steiner

All those attending the Grail Training are requested to read *Meditation on the Old Testament in Christ and Sophia*, by Valentin Tomberg (formerly published as *Old Testament Studies*) in preparation for our time together.

The gathering will begin with dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday evening, July 2, followed by the Beatitudes Grail Circle. The program will end on Monday morning, July 6, with breakfast, after the Mass of the Lamb and His Bride and the sacrament of Alchemical Baptism on Sunday evening. If you are interested in receiving the alchemical baptism which imprints the Tree of Life into one's etheric sheath, contact me for further information.

Here is a link to the St. Francis Springs Prayer Center website:
<http://www.stfrancissprings.com/video.php> Check out the video.

For those who will fly to North Carolina, the closest airport is the Greensboro airport.

I hope you will join us for this time of immersion in the Christ and Sophia Mysteries. If you plan to attend, please let Kim Marie, the administrator of the Sophia Foundation, know, so we will be able to coordinate in a timely fashion with the St. Francis Springs Prayer Center about the number of rooms needed. Early registration ends June 10. We hope to hear from you sooner to help us in our planning with the retreat center.

If you have any questions please contact Karen Rivers at 919-942-2465 or karen@karenrivers.info.

