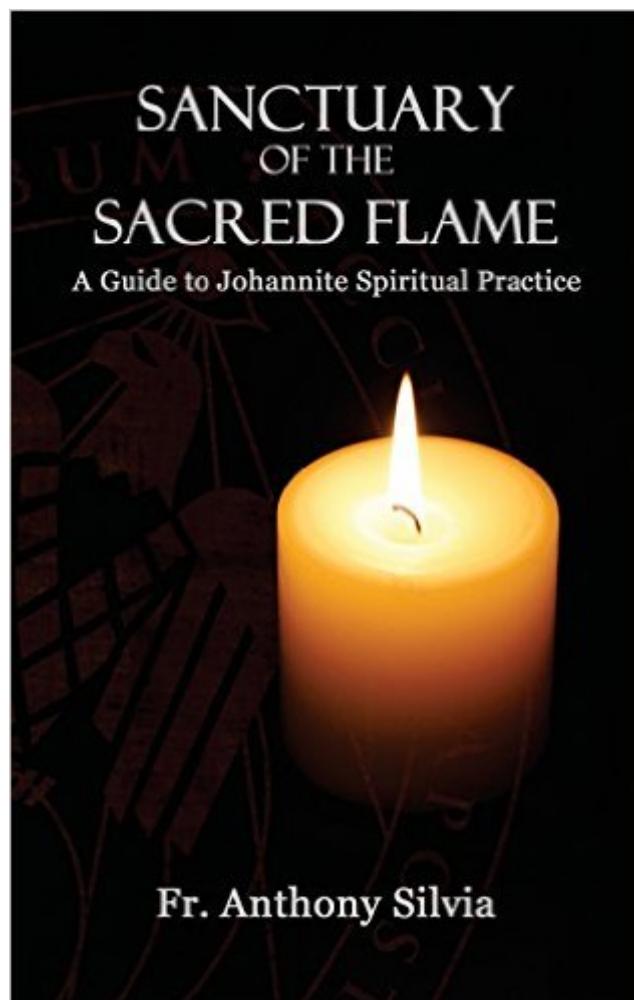


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Sanctuary Of The Sacred Flame: A Guide To Johannite Spiritual Practice



Synopsis

Spiritual practice is essential to the Johannite tradition, and this book will show you how to begin. Using the framework of the Logos Service, the quintessential Johannite practice, you will learn the basic techniques of many different types of prayer, meditation, contemplation, asceticism, and esoteric practice from a Johannite perspective. Whether you attend mass regularly at a Johannite parish, or if you live far from one, you will find a practice or two that will help guide you on the path to Gnosis.

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After two years of hard work, Father Anthony Silvia + brings to us an amazing primer in Johannite spirituality in his Sanctuary of the Sacred Flame bringing to light the foundational practices of the Apostolic Johannite Church for all to see including the Logos Liturgy and the ceremony of the Agape Feast. The Apostolic Johannite Church is a world-wide network of communities united by the pursuit of gnosis and the communal celebration of the Divine. In Sanctuary of the Sacred Flame, Father "Tony" explains the significance of the central spiritual practices of the AJC after many years of personal practice, explores traditional devotionals in an applicable and approachable way, all the while maintaining his own sincere sense of humility and humor. This text, following six years on the heels of Monsignor Jordan Stratford's+ Living Gnosticism and three years on the heels of Father Donald Donato's+ dutiful translation of The Levitikon: the Gospels According to the Primitive Church, is a foundational text for anyone looking to begin their own personal practice in the tradition of the disciples of the Divine Beloved and includes practices innovated by members of this

community in the modern age. Sanctuary of the Sacred Flame is sure to be a text I will myself refer to in the future as I undergo the seminary program toward priesthood in the AJC and am proud to suggest to anyone looking for a change of pace in their spiritual practices. My only complaint is that it is a little light on 'in depth' philosophy, but it makes up for it in the depth of experience of all the practitioners whose work contributed to the creation of such an amazing text.

After some consideration, and looking at how I would review this book for the general reader (not as one already familiar with the AJC, as seems to be the case with other reviewers here), I have to give it a three-star rating -- "It's okay," as the explanation says when you hover over the third star. Essentially, this is an expansion of the AJC's website with some -- but not a lot -- of gloss or commentary. In fact, it often just refers you to the website itself. So if a general reader came along and saw this book's title, wondered just what Johannite Spiritual Practice is and was not aware of the AJC, I don't think there'd be a whole lot gained from just this book itself. That being said, and being familiar for some time with the AJC and its slant on things, it's a good book. If one is curious toward the AJC, here you can find a bit of their practice in terms of more structured liturgy; a bit of their interior, meditative orientation in terms of practices like Lectio Divina and the Jesus Prayer -- for all of which, though, the upshot is "for more detail, check out..." If a reader were interested in Johannite spirituality versus particulars of this church, "Living Gnosticism: An Ancient Way of Knowing" by the AJC's Jordan Stratford seems a much better place to go. If interested more in a taste of ritual, a structured form of liturgy specific to the AJC, this gives a good introduction.

This is a fantastic book that outlines the modern Gnostic practice. In particular, it offers a good glance into the community of worship found within the Apostolic Gnostic Church. People interested in Gnosticism in general, or who are seeking Gnostic based exercises that can be utilized in daily practice and devotions, would be advised to pick up this important book!

I have been interested in the AJC and the Gnostic path for years. When I first looked at the AJC there were no groups or Parishes in my area so I figured I would look for other organizations to belong to and learn from. I decided to check out the AJC site again and found this book written by Fr Anthony Silvia. I became acquainted with Fr. Silvia through GnosticNYC, they put out great videos on Youtube and have a Gnostic show once a week. Great stuff. This book has helped me get back into a more spiritual life. Thanks Fr. Anthony for all you do with the AJC, and for writing such a great book. For those interested in learning more about the AJC's practices I highly recommend this

book, it is easy to read, and fun.

I bought this book to read as an introduction to Johannite, gnostic practice and I like it a lot. It is not the resource for esoteric stuff, but a book for more daily, individual practice. It gives background for the Apostolic Johannite Church and some philosophy and then moves right into practice.

A clear introduction for anyone interested in the Johannite Church and Johannite spirituality. The author presents the subject in an easy to read manner which flows nicely.

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