



# *Hospitality*

Recovering the Lost Christian Practice - Part 6

# *Where We've Been*

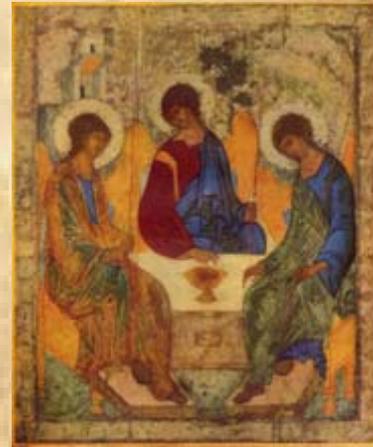
**Week 1: Intro / Why Study Hospitality**

**Week 2: Hospitality in the Scriptures**

**Week 3: Christ as the Stranger**

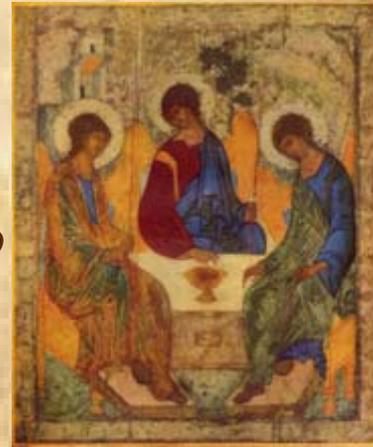
**Week 4: Easter / Communion  
Receiving Hospitality**

**Week 5/6: Practical Issues in Hospitality**



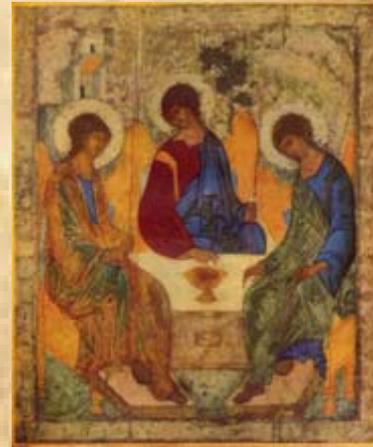
# *Practical Issues*

- ▶ *I do not have the “gift of hospitality.” Hospitality does not come naturally to me.*
- ▶ *I am frugal, and it is hard for me to be generous.*
- ▶ *I don’t feel that my hospitality is reciprocated. I genuinely worry that others are taking advantage of me.*
- ▶ *Why is there so much of an emphasis on food whenever we discuss hospitality?  
Can we be hospitable without offering food?*



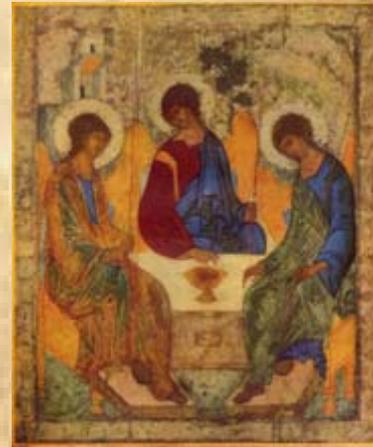
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- ▶ *I am introvert. Hospitality seems easy for people who are extroverts, but it is hard for me to invite people into my space.*
- ▶ *I don't understand the point of hospitality. How are we going to develop a deep, intimate relationship with a complete stranger simply by inviting them to stay with us or to share a meal?*
- ▶ *Where are the boundaries? Am I supposed to invite every single person who needs a meal or a place to stay?*



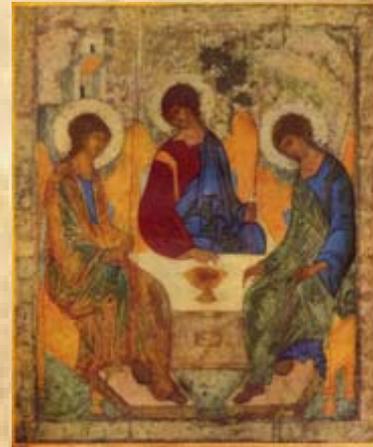
# *Practical Issues*

- ▶ *What if I am uncomfortable with a guest's behavior or habits, and they seriously pose a problem in my home?*
- ▶ *I don't have a home to invite anyone to. How can I practice hospitality?*
- ▶ *I am barely getting by. I don't have any resources with which to be hospitable.*
- ▶ *Isn't it a bit overwhelming for the stranger, the newcomer or the recent acquaintance to suddenly be invited into the midst of our life?*



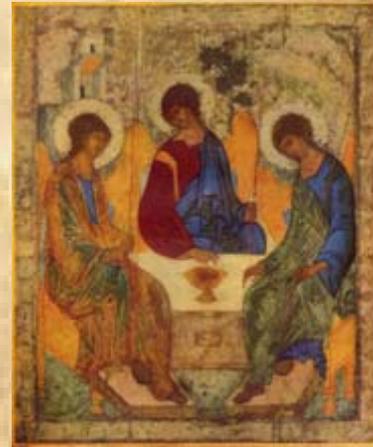
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- ▶ *What if someone that is invited into the home steals from me?*
- ▶ *I worry that inviting a stranger into my home is not safe. How can I show hospitality in a world where so many people are out to harm others?*
- ▶ *What happens if someone overstays their welcome, and doesn't take the hint that its time to move on? There are limits and I worry I won't be able to enforce them.*



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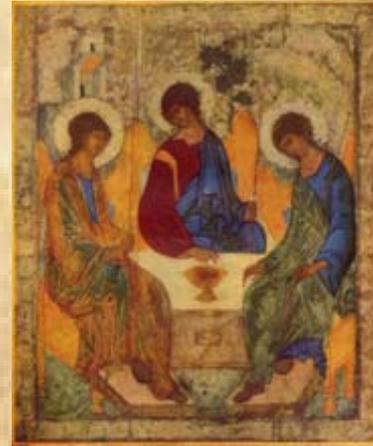
- ▶ *What if my hospitality is just going to enable someone and prevent them from working to provide for themselves?*



# *Practicing Hospitality*



*The Forty-Day Experiment*





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