

**Gods and Myths of the Viking World Monday, November 28 – in-person 7:00 pm
by American Scandinavian Association**

Refreshments/Socializing 7:30 pm:

Talk begins St. John's Episcopal Church Hall 6701 Wisconsin Ave, Chevy Chase, MD

Dr. Lilla Kopár, Associate Professor of Medieval English Literature and Director of the Center for Medieval and Byzantine Studies at Catholic University, will present on the gods and myths of the Viking world. The fascinating stories of the Norse gods have long captured the imagination of people from the medieval period to modern days. Odin, Thor, Loki, and their companions inspired the world of Tolkien, the operas of Wagner, movies of the Marvel universe, and more. But what do



we actually know about these deities, their cults, and the myths and

legends that brought them to life? This richly illustrated talk will provide an overview of Norse mythology and the religious practices of the Viking world, with the help of literary sources (eddic and skaldic poetry, sagas) and the material evidence of art and archeology. We will discuss the history of the world from its creation from the body of Ymir to the dramatic events of Ragnarök, meet the key deities of the Norse universe and their fierce adversaries, and explore aspects of lived religion through rituals and religious objects

