

"It's been a labor of love. There's no other museum like ours in the world."

Scott Peck, Museum of Biblical Art co-director and curator

A joyous resurrection



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Natural light floods a gallery at the Museum of Biblical Art, where co-director and curator Scott Peck is looking forward to a grand reopening five years after a fire gutted the building.

Museum of Biblical Art to reopen on Good Friday

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On Good Friday, the Museum of Biblical Art will be officially resurrected.

The museum, formerly known as The Biblical Arts Center and located just west of NorthPark Center, was gutted by a fire in 2005.

The blaze, caused by faulty wiring, damaged thousands of pieces of art and destroyed the museum's centerpiece, the 20-by-124-foot Miracle at Pentecost oil painting.

"You come to a smoky

building every day, and there's a lot of grieving," said Scott Peck, the museum's co-director and curator. "But then there's excitement. You start asking, 'How can we do it better?'"

They started with a sprinkler system. When the fire broke out almost five years ago, Peck tried to fight it by himself with a fire extinguisher until flames drove him from the building.

R.J. Mischak, the museum's other co-director, said the cost to install sprink-



Madonna of the Veil by Italian artist Carlo Dolci is one of the paintings on display at the Museum of Biblical Art. The new museum has 11 galleries; the old one had three.

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The Museum of Biblical Art, closed since 2005, officially re-opens at 11 a.m. Friday.

The museum is at 7500 Park Lane, across from NorthPark Center, in Dallas. Inside are 11 galleries of religious art, including a sculpture atrium and a working art restoration lab.

Regular hours will be 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays, and 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays (including Easter).

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