

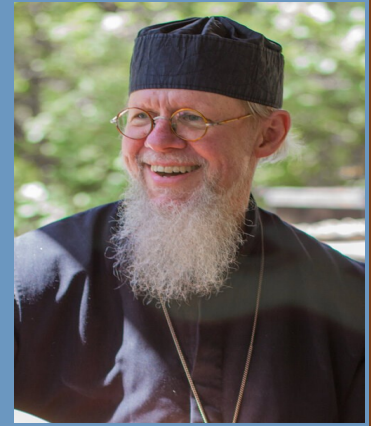
# St. Philip's Fall Retreat

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Saturday, October 12th, 2024

## “DEVELOPING THE PRAYER OF THE HEART”

Retreat Speaker  
**The Very Rev. Fr. John Bethancourt**  
Retired Founding Pastor  
Holy Trinity Orthodox Christian Church, Santa Fe, NM



Fr John is an amazing servant of God who has a contagious joyful faith. Fr. John says that being an Orthodox Christian is “an adventure into the doxified life, a life that is filled with the glory of God.” Fr. John will help lead us further on in this adventure!

Fr. John and his wife, Khouria Photina, led a small group of 25 souls into Orthodoxy at the end of 1995 and founded Holy Trinity.

Fr. John was first introduced to Orthodoxy in his early twenties, having met an Orthodox professor at Arizona State University. After teaching school for three years and then working for four years as a chaplain at ASU, he became an Episcopal priest, although during all that time his heart could never escape the transcendent beauty and cosmic theology of the Orthodox Church.

Eventually, he knew the only way to satisfy the unquenchable hunger he felt was to become Orthodox. Fr. John and Kh. Photina have been married for 47 years (since 1977) and have three grown children and two grandchildren. Their eldest son, Fr. Daniel, is also an archpriest in the Antiochian Archdiocese.

**THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS EVENT.**

To assist us in our planning of the event, you can call or email the office, or **you can use the QR code on flyer to RSVP for the event.**

~~ AN OFFERING BASKET WILL BE AVAILABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE COSTS OF THE EVENT ~~

### Retreat Schedule:

*Saturday, October 12:*

- 1:00 pm **Talk 1: The Sanctification of the Imagination**
- 2:30 pm Break & Refreshments
- 3:00 pm **Talk 2: Ever-moving Stillness: Developing Prayer of the Heart**
- 4:30 pm Catechumen's Class & Book Studies
- 6:00 pm Great Vespers
- 7:00 pm Confessions
- 7:30 pm Men's Bonfire

*Sunday, October 13:*

- 8:15 am Orthros
- 9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Fr. John will be preach a sermon called: **We Shall See Him as He is: The Fulfillment of the 7th Ecumenical Council.**

RSVP here!!



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