

SAT. DEC 9TH

ADVENT RETREAT

Preparing for the Greatest Gift: The Birth of Jesus Christ



Featured Speak Fr. Christopher Xanthos was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on November 1, 2014 at his home parish of the Cathedral of Saint Paul in Hempstead, New York. He then began serving at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Houston, Texas where he was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on March 25, 2015 by His Eminence, Metropolitan ISAIAH of Denver. Currently he serves as the Presiding Priest at Holy Apostles Orthodox Christian Church of Cheyenne.

Father Christopher grew up on Long Island, New York with his wonderful parents, four sisters, and a large extended family. His grandparents, immigrants from Constantinople and Mani, Greece, helped to instill in him a love of the Orthodox faith and Hellenic language and culture from a young age. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the State University of New York at Cortland. While pursuing his undergraduate studies, he served as a United States Marine, deploying on two tours to Kuwait and Iraq in 2003 and 2005. Upon his second return from Iraq, he enrolled at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, Massachusetts, earning his Master of Divinity in 2009. After graduating from the seminary, he worked for several years in youth ministry in both Denver, Colorado and Norfolk, Virginia. It was in Virginia where he met his wife, Presvytera Annabelle. The two were married in 2013. Father Christopher and Presvytera Annabelle reside in Cheyenne along with their son Petros.

Schedule

7:00 am Orthros
8:00 am Divine Liturgy
9:30 am Coffee & Refreshments
10:00 am Session 1
10:45 am Break
11:15 am Session 2
12:00 pm Lunch
1:00 pm Closing Prayer

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