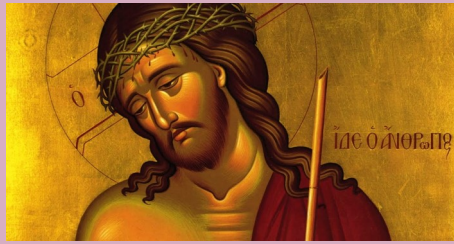


# Holy Week: Carrying the Cross with Christ



## A Lenten Retreat

April 12 - 13

Hosted by  
**Sts. Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church**  
5640 Jay Rd, Boulder, Colorado

**Speaker: Fr John Angelis**

Holy Week is the most important week for the Orthodox Christian. Our guest speaker, Father John Angelis, will offer reflections commemorating the last days of Jesus Christ leading up to His Crucifixion and Resurrection. The retreat is a wonderful opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the Passion of Christ. Father John, a well-respected and beloved clergyman, offers many years of pastoral experience.

### Schedule:

#### Friday, April 12

6 pm Welcome & light refreshments  
6:30 pm Spiritual Reflection: Father John Angelis  
7 pm Akathistos Service

#### Saturday, April 13

9 am Morning Prayers  
9:30 am Light refreshments  
10:15 am Spiritual Reflection: Father John Angelis  
11 am Brunch  
11:45 am Spiritual Reflection: Father John Angelis  
1 pm Closing Prayers  
5 pm Great Vespers

#### **Youth Night with Father John Angelis - Saturday, 6 pm**

All middle and high schoolers are invited to participate in a special evening with Father John. Dinner will be provided. There will be a Fireside Chat (Q & A) with Father John. The Youth night will take place at the home of Father Jordan and Presbytera Marika.

## About Fr. John Angelis



Father John's great love has always been school and learning. By 1945, the schools had begun to reopen, but the calm was shattered by the Greek Civil War. He continued his studies in Atalandi, Amfiklia, and eventually travelled to Athens. When his struggles began to affect his health, he arranged to move to the United States with an uncle.

When he arrived in the United States, he worked at various jobs while attending classes to learn English. In 1957 he enrolled in Holy Cross Seminary, from which he graduated with B.A. Degree in Theology, summa cum laude, in 1962. He then attended Harvard Divinity School and graduated in 1965.

He pursued studies at the Theological School of the University of Thessaloniki in Greece, focusing his studies on Saint Paul and the Holy Spirit. Father John married Ann Avramides in 1964. They had three children and five grandchildren.

In 1966, Father John was ordained a priest in the Church of St Sophia in Thessaloniki. In October 1966, he was assigned to St George Church in St Paul Minnesota. He also was the pastor of Annunciation Church in Sacramento, California, St George Church in Fresno, California, and St Katherine Church in Chandler, Arizona.

Father John was assigned in 1993 as Pastor of the St Demetrios Church in Seattle, Washington, where he served until 2004. Father John is now semi-retired, and continues to serve parishes without clergy. Father John was the chaplain for several years serving the Life Giving Greek Orthodox Women's Monastery in Dunlap, California.

Father John is greatly loved by his parishioners because of his warmth, graciousness, and humility. He has a special interest in Sunday School and youth programs, and since semi-retirement, he has devoted himself to writing, teaching and counseling, for which he is revered by all.