

With the Blessing of His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH

2021 Pre-Lenten Retreat

Being Balanced in an Imbalanced World

March 5-6, 2021

Friday, March 5, 2021

6:00 PM: Vespers followed by Dinner and Introductory Presentation

Saturday, March 6, 2021

8:00 AM: Divine Liturgy

9:00 AM: Breakfast

10:15 AM: **Session 1** followed by Questions, Answers & Discussion

11:15 AM: Break

11:45 AM: **Session 2** followed by Questions, Answers & Discussion

12:45 PM: Lunch

2:00 PM: **Session 3** followed by Questions, Answers & Discussion

3:00 PM: Concluding Remarks

SPEAKER



ordained to the diaconate and priesthood shortly

His Grace, Bishop JOHN, was born and raised in Boston, MA. His home parish was St. George Antiochian Church. From an early age, he had a desire to serve Christ through the holy priesthood and so, after college, he attended St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary. While in seminary, he became engaged to Joanne Josephs to whom he was married in August 1978. He was

afterwards. Together they raised their three children in Church, Gregory, Joseph and Maria.

Father John was initially assigned to St. George Church in Little Falls, NJ, where he served for one year. He was then transferred to New Kensington, Pennsylvania, where he served for sixteen years, and then to the St. George Cathedral in Pittsburgh, PA, where he served for another sixteen years. Following a long battle with cancer, Kh. Joanne fell asleep in the Lord on May 25, 2008.

At the 2011 Archdiocesan Convention Father John was nominated and elected as an auxiliary bishop for the Diocese of Worcester and New England. He was consecrated to the sacred episcopate at the Church of the Dormition of the Theotokos in the Patriarchal Monastery of Our Lady of Balamand, Northern Lebanon on December 11, 2011.

His Grace has served as the editor of The Word magazine for many years, has been the Spiritual Advisor for the North American Board of the Antiochian Women, and served as Dean of the Western Pennsylvania Deanery for many years. His Grace also served for nearly ten years as North American Council Spiritual Advisor for the Fellowship of St. John the Divine (Young Adult Ministry), and he teaches Priestly Formation for the Antiochian House of Studies, while mentoring the full-time seminarians in the Antiochian House of Studies programs, bringing with him the wisdom of long pastoral experience and practice.

His Grace holds a Doctor of Ministry degree in Pastoral Care from Pittsburgh Theological School, a Master of Divinity from St. Vladimir's Seminary, a Master's equivalency certificate in Pastoral Counseling from Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute, and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Suffolk University in Boston.

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