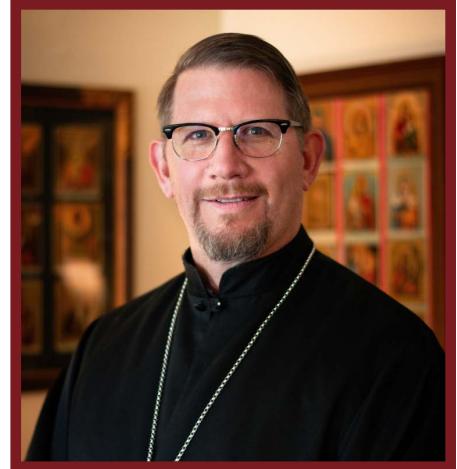


2026 Lenten Retreat

St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral

Archpriest John Parker, retreat leader



Join us for an enriching weekend reflecting on our lives as Orthodox Christians.

Friday, Mar. 13

6 p.m. 9th Hour and Presanctified Divine Liturgy
followed by lenten dinner in the parish center

Father John will speak about life at St. Tikhon's Seminary

Saturday, Mar. 14

1 - 4 p.m. "Salting the Oats:
Living the Faith with Humility in the face of Opposition"
5 p.m. Great Vespers

Sunday, Mar. 15

7:45 a.m. Matins with the presentation of the holy Cross
9 a.m. Divine Liturgy for the Sunday of the Cross
Father John will offer the homily for the
Third Sunday of Great Lent
10:45 a.m. Coffee Hour & Fellowship with an opportunity to meet
Father John

Archpriest John Parker is the seminary dean and chief operating officer at St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary in South Canaan, Pennsylvania.

Father John has been an Orthodox priest for nearly 23 years, previously serving as rector of Holy Ascension Orthodox Church in Mount Pleasant, SC.

As a priest, pastor, and teacher, Father John's ministry has been shaped by evangelism, catechesis, and parish renewal. He began serving the church in youth ministry and pastoral work in the Episcopal Faith before encountering the Orthodox faith with his family, they became Orthodox Christians in 2002.

Father John is passionate about cultivating a vibrant parish life marked by hospitality, liturgical beauty, and a sustained commitment to welcoming seekers and forming new Orthodox Christians.

