



# Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church

## Lenten Retreat March 14-16, 2025

### Thinking Orthodox

*Understanding and Acquiring the Orthodox Christian Mind*

Guest Speaker: **Dr. Jeanne Constantinou**

*Sponsored by the Saints Peter and Paul Creticos Memorial Lectures*

#### Friday, March 14

6:00pm Akathistos/Salutations Service | 7:30 PM Lenten Meal (RSVP by March 5)\*

#### 8:00pm **Apostolic Origins of Orthodox Mind**

What is the origin of the Orthodox Christian mind? What makes Orthodox Christianity unique and why do we think so differently than everyone else? What are the essential characteristics of Orthodoxy?

#### Saturday, March 15

10:00am Coffee and Fellowship

#### 10:30am **The Departure of the West**

Why was the ancient Christian mentality lost in Western Christianity? When, why and how did the Catholic Church develop so differently from Orthodoxy? What is the essence of Protestantism and Catholicism and what are the characteristics of the Catholic and Protestant minds?

12:00pm Lenten Luncheon (RSVP by March 7)

#### 1:00pm **Why Phronema Matters**

How does our Orthodox phronema impact our salvation? How does an Orthodox mind differ from the mind of "the world"? How does our phronema affect how Orthodoxy and Orthodox Christians respond to issues in our contemporary culture? How do we develop an Orthodox phronema? What should we do and what should we avoid?

3:00pm Great Vespers Service

#### Sunday, March 16

9:30am Divine Liturgy – Homilist Dr Jeanne Constantinou

**Presvytera Jeannie Constantiniou, Ph.D.** earned a B.A. in Religious Studies at the University of San Diego, a J.D. from Pepperdine University School of Law, a Master of Arts in Practical Theology from University of San Diego, Masters of Theology from Holy Cross Seminary and Harvard Divinity School, and a Ph.D. from Universite Laval, Quebec City, Canada. She taught biblical studies and early Christianity extensively at Orthodox and non-Orthodox universities and graduate schools of theology, including Hellenic College/Holy Cross. She is the host of *Search the Scriptures LIVE* on Ancient Faith Radio. Her most recent books are *The Crucifixion of the King of Glory* and *Thinking Orthodox*. She is married to Father Costas and they have one child, Christopher (33).

*Anastasia and Angelo Creticos were founding and longtime members of Saints Peter and Paul who established this fund so as to encourage all parishioners in the continuing study and growth in our faith, in part by bringing the best thoughtful and faithful educators to speak at Saints Peter and Paul.*



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# BIOGRAPHY - Dr. Jeanne Constantinou

## Education

Bachelor's Degree in Religious Studies, University of San Diego ('80)

Juris Doctorate. Pepperdine University School of Law ('85)

Master of Arts in Practical Theology, University of San Diego ('92)

Master of Theology, Holy Cross Seminary ('96)

Master of Theology, Harvard Divinity School ('98)

Ph.D. from Universite Laval, Quebec City, Canada ('08) Dissertation topic: The Apocalypse in the Ancient Church of the East.

## Background

Raised in Southern California in a Greek American household. Married for 43 years to Father Costas and has one son, Christopher (33).

Presvytera has taught at Hellenic College/Holy Cross Seminary, the Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute, and most recently, for five years at Ss Cyril and Athanasius Coptic School of Theology and nine years the Franciscan School of Theology. She retired from the University of San Diego after twenty years.

For 40 years, she has led Bible studies, taught, and lectured on the Bible, early Christianity and Orthodoxy at parishes, conferences, retreats and seminars.

## Some of Presvytera Jeannie's Topics & Presentations

Thinking Orthodox: Understanding and Acquiring the Orthodox Christian Mind.

The Crucifixion of the King of Glory: A Scriptural and Patristic Lenten Journey

The Theotokos and Orthodox Women: Separating Life from Legend and Theology from Piety

Beyond the Veil: The Apocalypse in the Orthodox Church

Golden Mouth, Golden Mind, Golden Heart: The Extraordinary Life of St. John Chrysostom

From Persecutor to Promoter and Attacker to Advocate: The Amazing Life, Literature and Contributions of St. Paul

CSI: Canon of Scripture Investigation. Uncovering the Bible's Past

The Christmas Gospels: Voice of Joseph, Voice of the Virgin Mary

Women Apostles: the Female Disciples of Christ

Cults and Heresies: Three American Religions

## Other notables about Pres. Jeannie:

Presvytera Jeannie began the first Orthodox internet Bible study podcast sixteen years ago, called [Search the Scriptures](#) on **Ancient Faith Radio** ([www.ancientfaith.com](http://www.ancientfaith.com)). It quickly gained an enthusiastic following worldwide. For the past four years she has hosted a live call-in program on Ancient Faith, *Search the Scriptures LIVE!* on Mondays at 8 pm Eastern/5 pm Pacific. Over 350 of her Bible study podcast lessons are available for free at [orthodoxbiblestudy.info](http://orthodoxbiblestudy.info). Her PhD research was on the Apocalypse in the Ancient Church of the East. She translated the oldest Greek patristic commentary on Revelation, written by Andrew of Caesarea, into a modern language. This translation was published by the Catholic University of America Press in 2012 as *The Fathers of the Church*, Volume 123. She also authored, *Guiding to a Blessed End: Andrew of Caesarea and his Apocalypse Commentary in the Ancient Church*, about the Apocalypse in the Eastern Church. Her two most recent books are *Thinking Orthodox: Understanding and Acquiring the Orthodox Christian Mind* and *The Crucifixion of the King of Glory: The Amazing History and Sublime Mystery of the Passion*.

Her website is [drjeannie.com](http://drjeannie.com)

For a full biography of Pres. Jeannie:

<http://www.orthodoxspeakers.com/speakers/presvytera-jeannie-constantinou-phd.html>