

# SPIRITUAL WARFARE RETREAT

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2019**

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH - POST FALLS, IDAHO**

***“Humanity’s primordial sin, therefore, and the sin of human beings to this very moment, is to listen to the serpent and not to God.... And the Lord sends the devil and his angels to test us as to our wishes and desires, for we cannot be sons of God if we fail to overcome the devil through our faith in God and by the strength of His grace.***

**V. Rev. Fr. Thomas Hopko,  
From Forward to Joy Corey’s book  
*The Tools of Spiritual Warfare***

## TENTATIVE RETREAT SCHEDULE:

<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Orthros</b>
<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>
<b>9:00am</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Session</b>
<b>10:30am</b>	<b>15 minute break</b>
<b>10:45am</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session</b>
<b>12:00p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch served</b>
<b>12:45pm</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Session</b>
<b>2:15pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>2:30pm</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> session</b>
<b>3:45pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Session</b>
<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Vespers</b>

## COME, READY TO LEARN HOW TO BATTLE OUR FLESH, THE WORLD & SATAN:

- **How Mary, the Theotokos or Mother of God handled spiritual warfare & is our perfect example!**
- **How Jesus Christ handled spiritual warfare & set the pattern for all victories!**
- **How Judas Iscariot handled spiritual warfare, giving us the pattern for all falls/failure.**

***“The reason the Son of God  
appeared was to destroy the  
works of the devil.”***

**1 John 3:8**

**In John 14:10-14, Jesus gives us His blessed  
assurance of victory in our spiritual battles:**

***“Truly, truly I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the  
works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I  
go to the Father...if you ask anything in my name, I will do it.”***

## **SPEAKER'S BIOGRAPHY — AUTHOR, JOY COREY:**

Joy Corey is a graduate of the St. Stephen's Course of Orthodox Theological Studies and is one of few women to have completed these Deaconate studies. She has been instrumental in founding two Orthodox Churches - one in Lancaster, California and the other in Post Falls, Idaho. For more than forty years she has taught Sunday School, served as Church School Superintendent, Youth Director, Bible Bowl Coach, Bible Study Teacher (for both adults and children ages 13 and up), served on the Parish Council of the four churches she has been a member of, and has sung in the church choir since she was 15 years of age.

Joy has conducted retreats on Spiritual Warfare at: The Dormition of the Theotokos Monastery in



Rives Junction, Michigan, a Pan-Orthodox Retreat in Calgary, Alberta, at St. Michael's in Whittier, California at a Benedictine Oblates retreat for clergy and laity, at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church in Cheyenne, Wy., St. George Greek Orthodox Church in W. St. Paul, Minnesota and is scheduled to be the speaker at St. Mary's, OCA parish in Minneapolis October 19 & 20<sup>th</sup> at their Metropolitan Leonty Seminar on Orthodox Spirituality. She has been invited as guest speaker at several Women's Teas in Orthodox Churches in California and around the Northwest, including St. Michael in Van Nuys, CA, St. Andrew's in Riverside, CA,

Christ the Savior in Spokane, WA. Additionally, Joy has spoken on behalf of OCPM in Seattle, WA, Post Falls, ID as well as Bonners Ferry, ID. She has been on the OCPM National Board for four years and serves as their Secretary.

Fifteen years ago, Joy founded the first Orthodox Prison Ministry in Northern Idaho. She teaches about the Orthodox Christian Faith and conducts Bible Studies weekly. Her book "The Tools of Spiritual Warfare" is very popular with the inmates at Kootenai County Jail. Joy has authored a second book entitled "Divine Eros: A Timeless Perspective on Homosexuality." The Word magazine is home to several of her articles.

For almost twenty years, Joy has also been leading a Spiritual Circle with the women of St. John's at her home. This group has studied books such as The Philokalia – Volumes 1 and 2, St. John of Kronstadt's Spiritual Counsels, St. Theophan the Recluse's books on Spirituality and The Path of Salvation, St. Silouan, St. John Climacus' The Ladder of Divine Ascent and many, many others of this caliber.

For the years 2004 and 2005, Joy served as Humanitarian Coordinator for The Antiochian Women of the Western Diocese and as Religious Coordinator (2007-2008). For many years, she also served as Western Region Stewardship Coordinator during which time she gave several Stewardship Workshops, some of which she wrote.

Joy has a son, a step-daughter, seven grandchildren of which the two eldest are married to Seminarians and has two great-granddaughters with another great-grandchild on the way. After the loss of her beloved son Douglas and the marriage of her youngest son Tony, she moved from Southern California to Northern Idaho where she has resided with her husband Ed for the last twenty-seven years.