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RETREATS!**



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We should be troubled about nothing except this all encompassing rule.
All that matters is that one be created anew.*
Galatians 6: 14-15

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TRIDUUM REFLECTION

Passion, Death and Resurrection in Christ!

*May I never boast except in the cross of our
Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has
been crucified to me, and I to the world.*

Galatians 6:14

Peace and Good in Christ!

Holy Week and Easter come late in 2025, so the beauty of spring is already “springing” at Little Portion Hermitage and Monastery. It seems a bit out of sync with what we are going through liturgically. But we have had a very tough winter, so it is a welcome relief as we move into this most holy week of our Christian liturgical year. It allows us to really focus on the meaning of this liturgical journey with Jesus.

Holy week began with Passion/Palm Sunday beginning with the triumph, full entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and concludes with the Passion, and crucifixion of Christ. It was a for taste of all that comes in the week ahead.

The Triduum is the holiest three days of Holy Week. It begins with the institution of the Lord’s Supper, the agony of Christ in the Garden of Gethsemani, and the betrayal of Jesus by Judas and the denial of Christ by all but one of the apostles on Maunday Thursday.

On Good Friday we continue the journey with the trial and crucifixion of Jesus. It is called “good” because He completes His mission then and bears the sins of all humanity on that cross to set us free from sin and death.

Holy Saturday is a profoundly silent day after Jesus is laid in the tomb. But He isn’t silent. He is preaching to the all souls who have died and calling the holy ones to Himself.

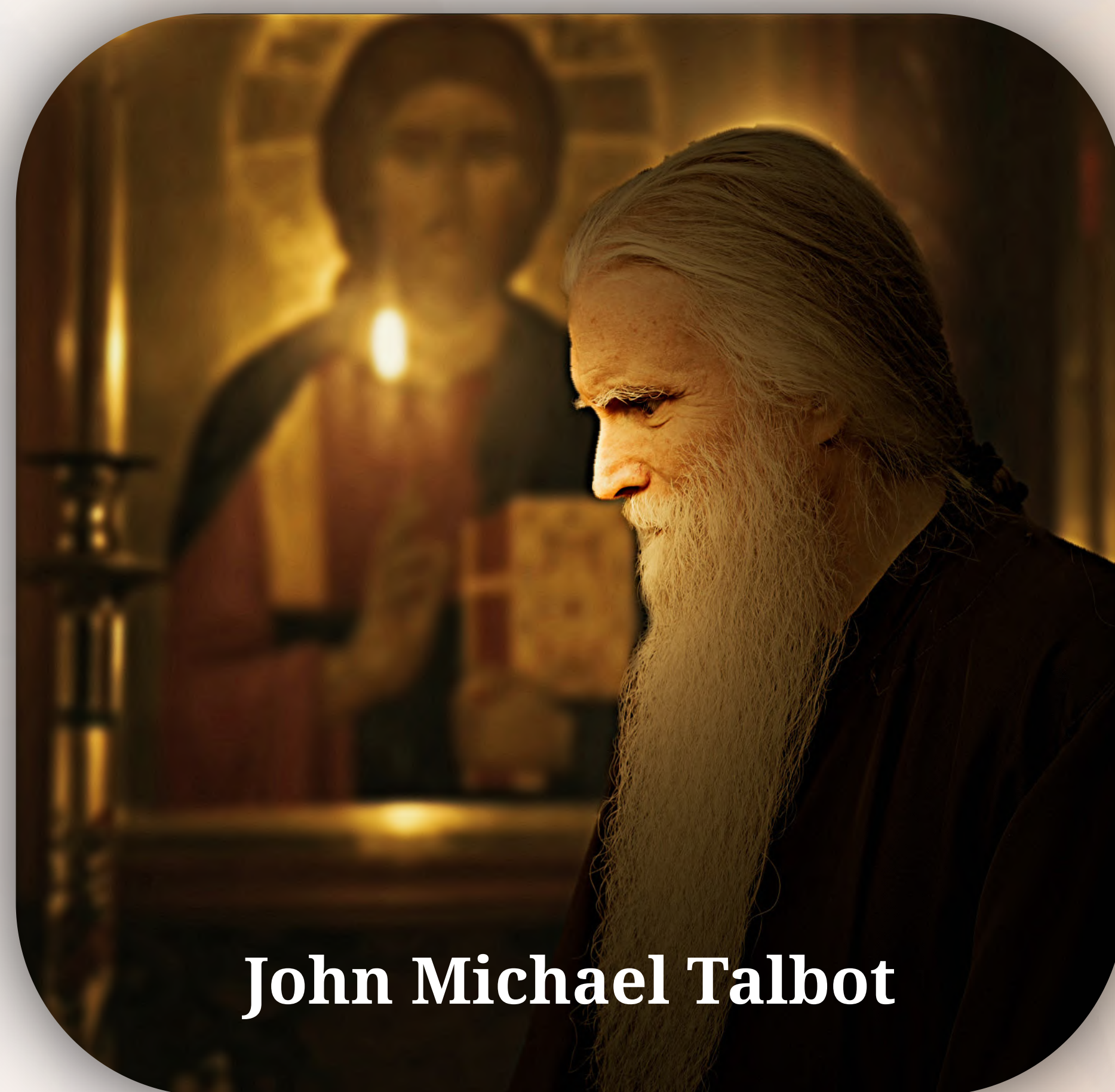
And after sundown as the third day begins in the ancient calendar Jesus rises from the dead and leaves the tomb empty, only to be discovered by the women come to anoint His body after the Sabbath. This becomes the holiest day for Christians forever, the Lord’s Day, the day of resurrection where all who believe in Him may rise from all sin, pain and sorrow and live forever in Christ.

This is what we celebrate every year to remind us of the essential core of our faith. We are all like the apostles who deny Him. But we can all be saved through His cross and resurrection if we simply turn to Him sincerely.

I pray we all have a good Holy Week this year.

John Michael Talbot

Founder and Spiritual Father
The Brothers and Sisters of Charity



ALLELUIA!
HE IS RISEN!

RETREATS AT LITTLE PORTION

Leave the desert of the world for the oasis of the Spirit with a retreat with John Michael Talbot on the anointed grounds of Little Portion Hermitage and Monastery.



SCHEDULED 2025 RETREATS

June 13-15: Late Have I Loved You

October 24-26: Hermitage of the Heart

Retreats include all meals, lodging, retreat sessions, coffee breaks, adoration, prayer, tour of the Little Portion, private time for reflection, Mass, Praise and Worship and much more!

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Is God Calling You to a Monastic Vocation?



Founders
John Michael and Viola Talbot

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WHO WE ARE

The Brothers and Sisters of Charity was founded by Abba John Michael Talbot and co-founded by Mother Viola Talbot as an integrated monastic expression of radically living the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our Little Portion Hermitage and Monastery is located in northwest Arkansas where our monastic members share common work and recreation areas while retaining appropriate separate cloistered areas.

*Our primary founder is
Jesus, our primary rule is
Scripture, and love is our
primary law, guided by
divine truth.*



WHAT DO YOU SEEK?

The first thing Jesus asked his first disciples (and that is asked in a reception ceremony of a monastic candidate) is "What do you seek?" It is basic to the monastic way of life, and all consecrated life in the Church. In Scripture they answer, "Where are you staying?" And He answers, "Come and see." (See John 1:38)

The beginning of a vocation to our community starts the same way.

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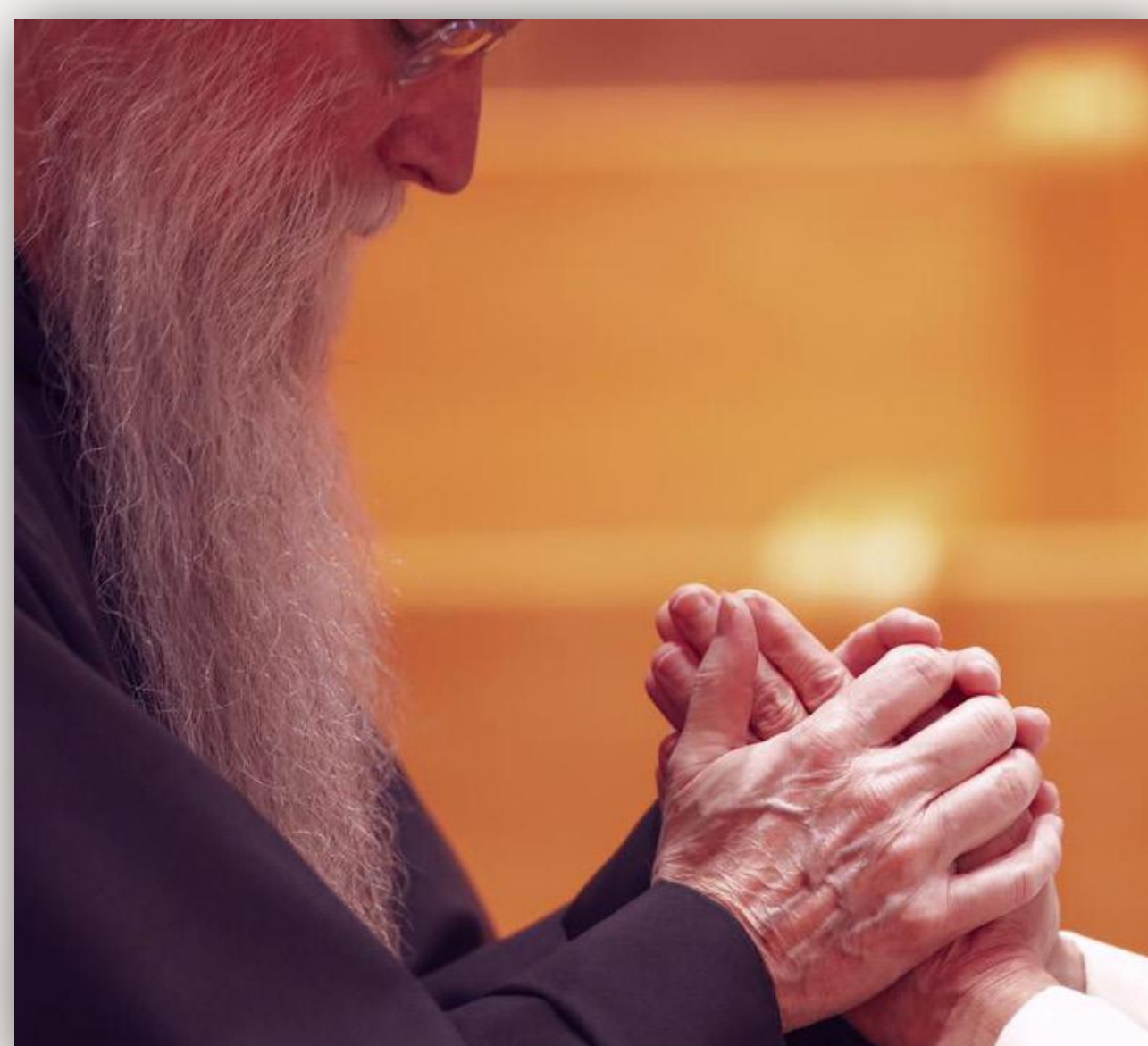
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VOCATION and DISCERNMENT

The word vocation comes from the Latin word, vocare, which means "to call." Jesus calls and we answer. That is the way it has usually been from the beginning. (See Romans 10:14-15) But we must respond with discernment. The word for discernment is diakria in Greek, and means to rightly divide good and evil, or truth from error. So we must discern our vocation, our call from Christ. And that takes prayer and loving help from others to be done well.



We are delighted to assist serious and mature men and women in discovering that state of life where God is calling them to become holy and build up the Kingdom of God.

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Our Way of Life

**Our life is one of prayer and service.
The following is a sample of our
Daily Schedule or "Horarium."**

5am Rise

5am - 7am Private Prayer

7am Morning Prayer

8am Breakfast in Silence

8:30am Chapter Meeting followed
by assigned work.

12pm Angelus followed by lunch.
Silence ends at the conclusion
of the table reading.

1pm Resume Work Projects

4pm Rest and Prayer

5:30pm Evening Prayer

6pm Informal Dinner

6:30pm - 10pm Private Time & Prayer

10p Private Compline & Grand Silence



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"We are currently witnessing monastic life struggling in the Roman Catholic Church in the West, especially in the United States. Because of this, I am on a campaign to see a true revival of the monastic contemplative beating heart of the Church in America. As we see the devotional life in the Roman Catholic Church here often become more modern and shallow, monastic life can revive deeper prayer and community life based on a more ancient and more radical apostolic gospel witness that goes back to the first centuries of the entire Catholic Church, both East and West. Monasticism is the crown jewel of the local church and of the Church universal. And we need it today more than ever before." *(John Michael Talbot - The Journey East, P. 23)*

**COME JOIN US AND HELP REVIVE
MONASTICISM IN AMERICA TODAY!**



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COME AND SEE

If you (or someone you know) feels God is calling you to our way of life, please visit our website and complete our Vocations Inquiry Form at LittlePortion.org or join us this July at our Vocations Retreat Weekend!

Mother Viola Talbot, BSC
Vocations Director

VOCATION DISCERNMENT WEEKEND

July 11 - 13, 2025

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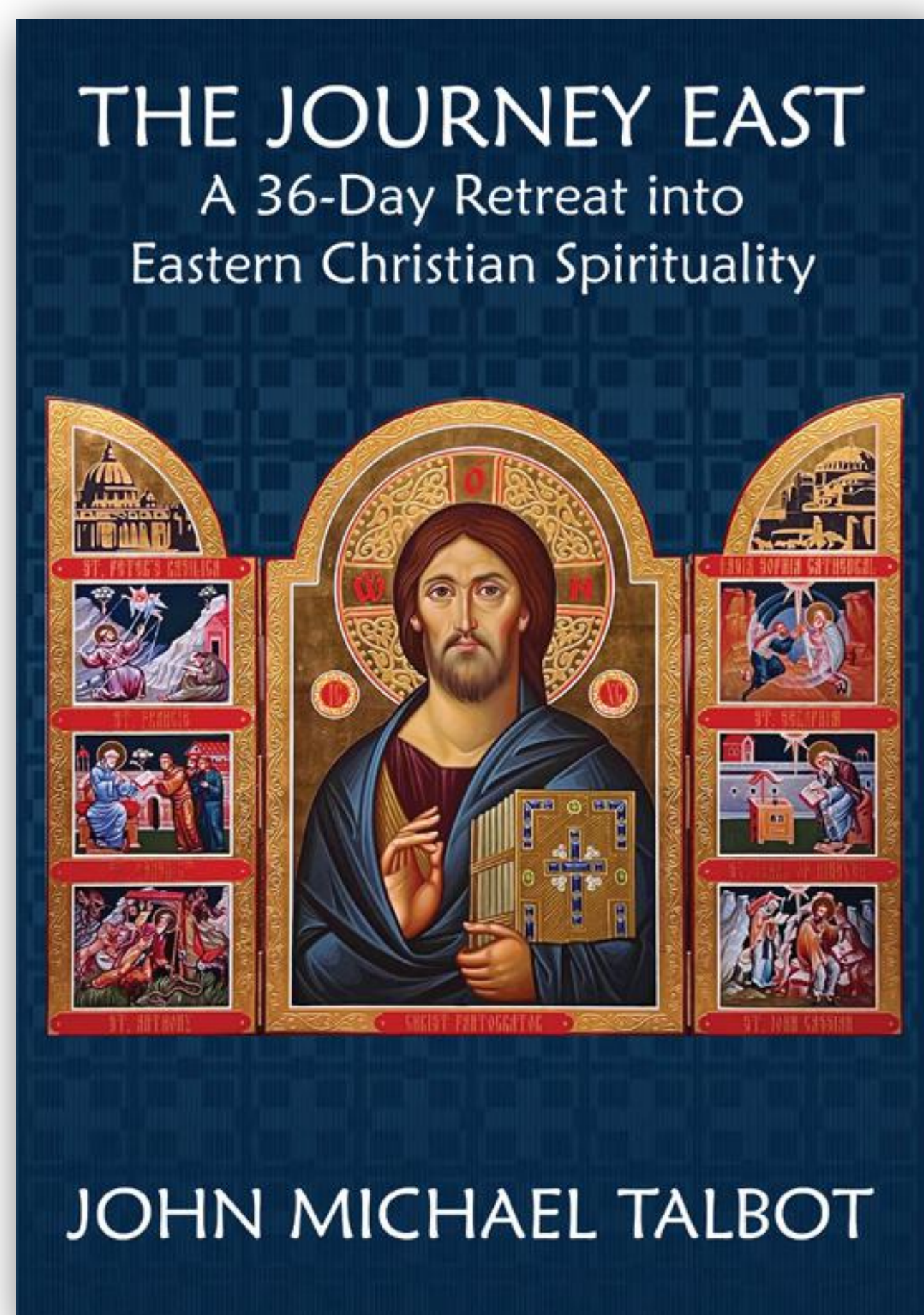
SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

Featured Books and Music!



THE JOURNEY EAST

A 36-Day Retreat into Easter Spirituality



Jesus Christ and Saint Paul both originated from the East. Our faith developed into its own expression in the West. The Church embodies both an eastern and a western lung, each contributing to the fullness of our spiritual experience.

To truly breathe in the Holy Spirit, it is essential for us to embrace and integrate the diverse traditions represented by both sides of the Church.

We invite you to delve into John Michael's enlightening new book, "The Journey East," which serves as a guide for cultivating a balanced and enriched spiritual journey.

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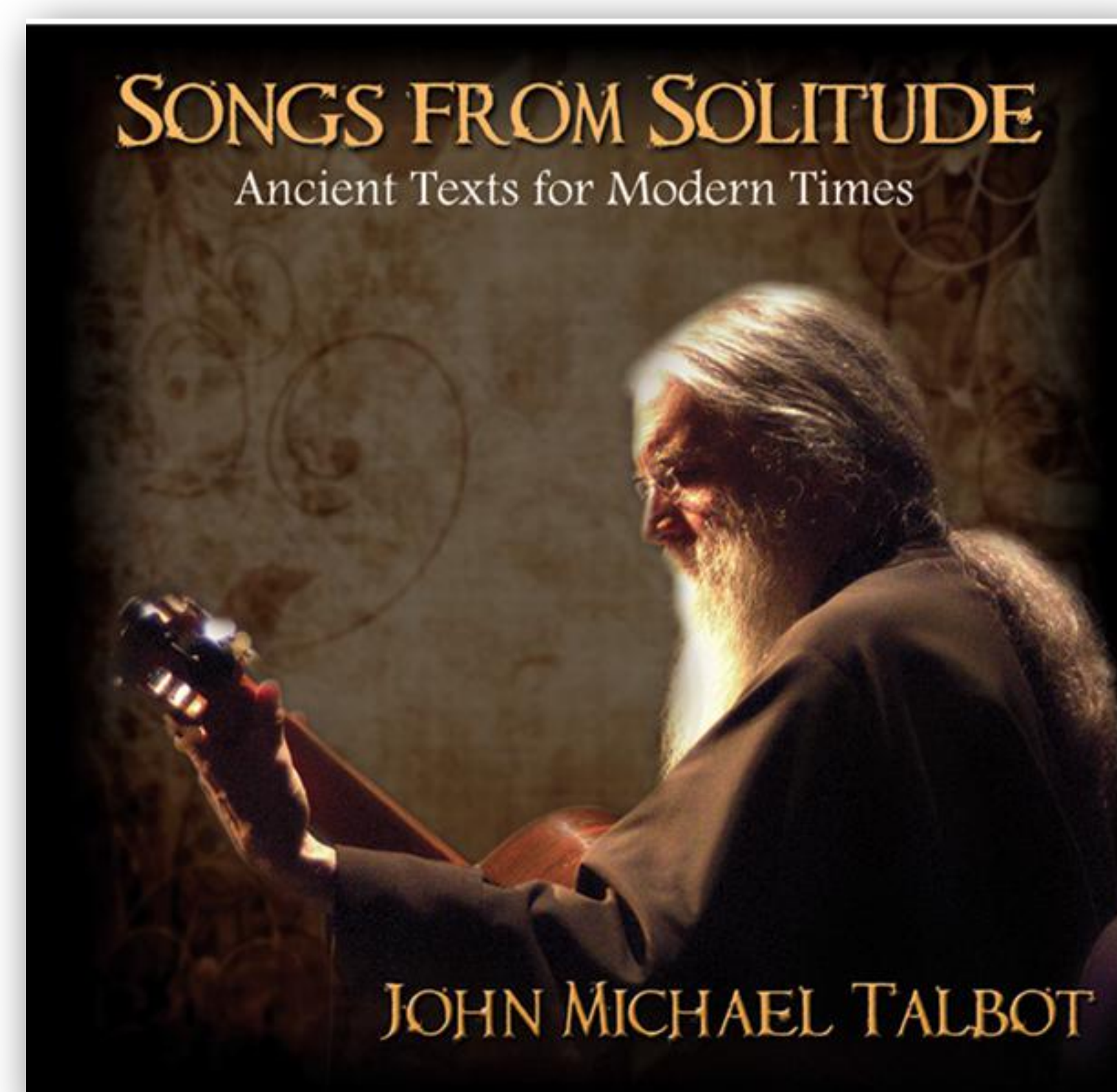
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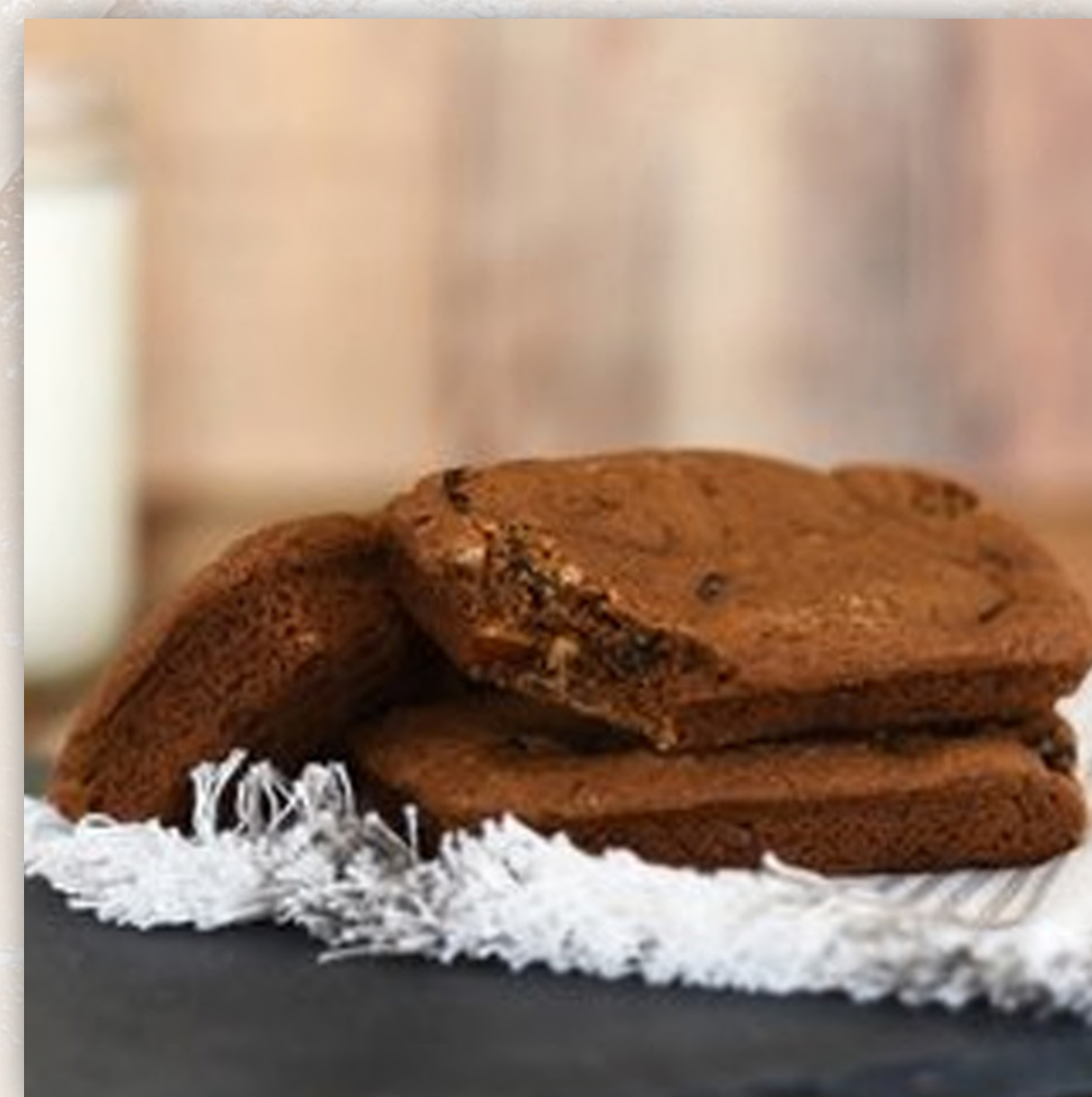
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