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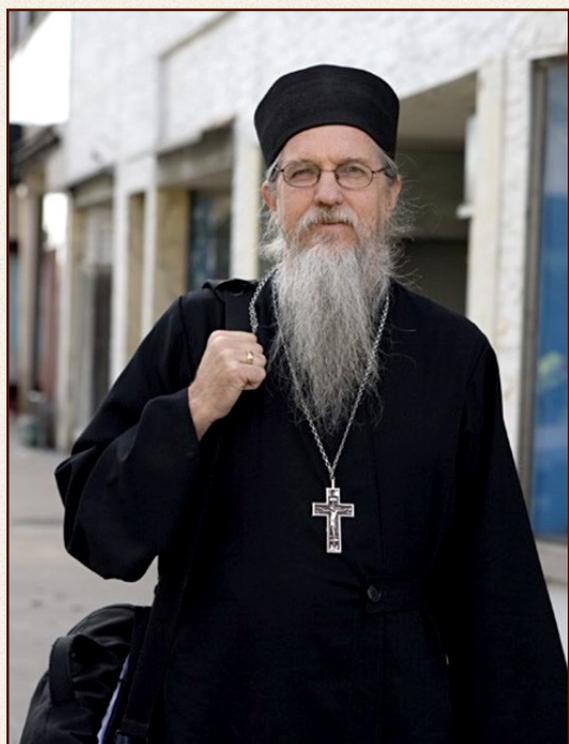
ANNOUNCES

3rd Annual Fall Retreat:

MONKS AMONGST US

The Monastic Life & Its Significance for Every Christian

Register online today at www.annunciationoca.org



with Hieromonk Alexii

Fr. Alexii Altschul is a priest monk in the Serbian Orthodox Church. Formerly known as Fr. Paisius, he and his late wife, Matushka Michaila, worked together reaching out to people in need, first as non-denominational Protestants, and then, after their conversion to Orthodoxy in 1993, through St. Mary of Egypt Orthodox Church on Troost Ave. in Kansas City.

After Matuska Michaila passed away in 2012, Fr. Alexii began pursuing a life of monasticism. He was tonsured a monk, and was sent by His Grace Bishop Longin to stay on Mt. Athos for nearly seven months. He has since returned to rural northwest Missouri where, with the blessing of Bishop Longin, they have started Holy Archangel Michael and All Angels Skete.

RETREAT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28th

5:30p: **Vespers** (*Evening Prayer Service*)
Followed by refreshments and a casual time to meet and talk with Fr. Alexii

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29th

- 9:00a: **Divine Liturgy**
(Communion Service for Orthodox Christians)
- 10:00a: **Breakfast** (*provided*)
- 10:30a: **An Introduction to Monasticism** *with Q&A*
- 12:00p: **Lunch** (*provided*)
- 1:30p: **“For the Life of the World & Its Salvation”**
with Q&A until 3:00
- 4:00p: **Great Vespers**

This retreat is offered at no cost by Annunciation Orthodox Church. We will be taking an offering for meals and an honorarium for Fr. Alexii and his travel costs.

LOCATION

Annunciation 14020 Private Drive 2083
Orthodox Church St. James, MO 65559



Online directions: <https://goo.gl/maps/MLzL2>