

LENTEN RETREAT:

SPIRITUAL EXERCISE

ST. GEORGE SERBIAN
ORTHODOX CHURCH

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

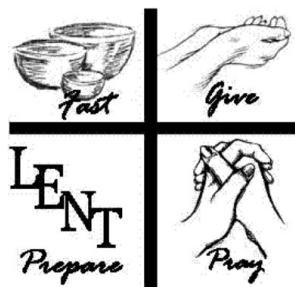
6 p.m. Lenten Vespers

7 p.m. Dinner in the social hall (free-will donation)

Presentation by **Heiromonk Alexii Altschul**



Hieromonk Alexii, Abbot of the Holy Archangel Michael Monastery Skete in Weatherby, Missouri, is a monk with the Serbian Orthodox Church. After 20 years of serving an inner-city parish in Kansas City, Missouri, he was tonsured in October 2013, following the death of his Matushka in March, 2012. Formerly known as Fr. Paisius, he and his 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. At that location, they saw, with the help of many dedicated servants of God, over 150 souls brought into the Orthodox Church, the founding of the Ancient Christianity and African American Conference, the founding of Reconciliation Services – FOCUS Kansas City, and the publication of two books, “An Unbroken Circle” and “Wade in the River.” In addition to seeking to unite people through Christ, serving those in need, and providing a sacramental environment for healing, Fr. Alexii had also been a trained clinical social worker.



After his tonsure, he was sent by His Grace Bishop Longin of the New Gracanica and Midwestern Diocese of the Serbian Orthodox Church in America to stay in Mt. Athos for nearly seven months. He has now returned to rural Northwest Missouri where he has been blessed by Bishop Longin to form Holy Archangel Michael and All Angels Skete.