

WHAT ON EARTH IS THE ORTHODOX CHURCH?

...and why would a Pentecostal Pastor become an Orthodox Priest?



FRIDAY, FEB 7

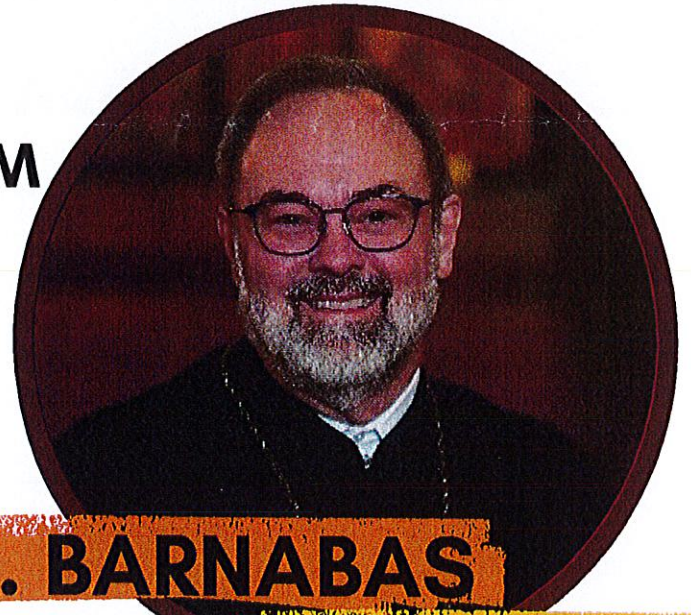
UOFM LEAGUE BALLROOM

911 N University Ave, Ann Arbor, MI 48109

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM

DINNER & DISCUSSION

BEGIN AT 7 PM



**FR. BARNABAS
POWELL**

Fr. Barnabas Powell is a nationally-recognized priest, podcaster, and author from Atlanta, GA. He is now the senior pastor at Sts. Raphael, Nicholas, and Irene Greek Orthodox Church in Cumming, GA. As a former Pentecostal Pastor, he spends his life teaching others about the Orthodox Faith from his unique perspective.

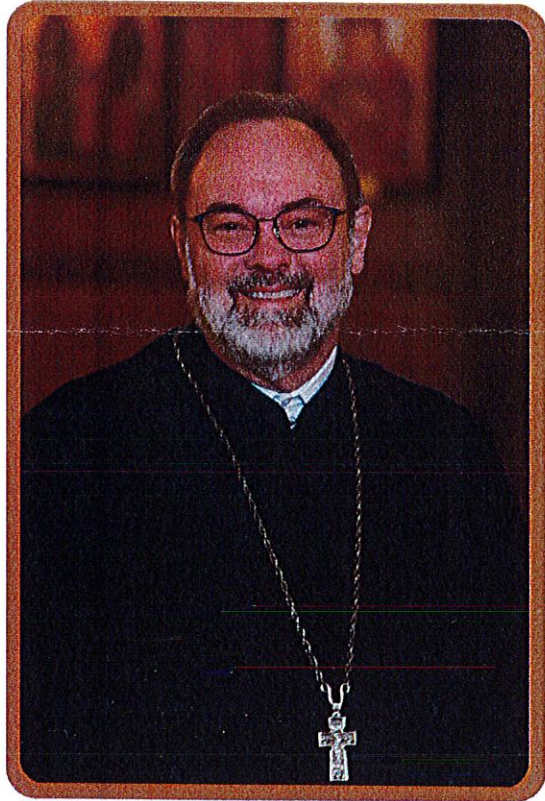
Join us for a **free** dinner and discussion led by Fr. Barnabas on **Friday, February 7th at 7pm.**



Register Here!



Orthodox on Purpose Retreat



Join us at
St. Nicholas Greek
Orthodox Church
3109 Scio Church Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
Saturday, February 8, 2025
9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
\$25 per person

Pre-registration is required.
The deadline is
January 22, 2025

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church of Ann Arbor invites adults and teenagers to spend a day with nationally-recognized priest, podcaster, and author Father Barnabas Powell learning what it means to be Orthodox on Purpose.

This retreat will focus on what it means to be an Orthodox Christian in America, why we cannot miss the opportunity to share our faith with as many people as possible, and how to meaningfully do so.



For more information about registration and payment go to <https://www.stnickaa.org> or scan the QR code.

Lunch will be Catered by Carlye Grill.

(734) 332-8200 📞

Fr. Barnabas (Charles) Powell is a native of Atlanta, Georgia. Having been raised in a small Pentecostal church as a boy, Barnabas grew to love the church, enjoy the music, and eventually came to be the youth pastor of his home church.

Barnabas attended Toccoa Falls College, an Evangelical Protestant school in Northeast Georgia, and received his theology degree there in 1988. He then went on to establish a new church in the Atlanta area. While pastoring, Barnabas also was heavily involved with Evangelical Christian media, radio, television, and print.

A reading program in Church History and Theology would eventually lead him to enter the Orthodox Church, along with several of the families that had been with him during his pastorate in November of 2001.

In 2007 Barnabas was given the blessing of Metropolitan ALEXIOS of Atlanta to enter Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, MA.

On November 8th 2009, Barnabas was ordained to the diaconate in his hometown of Atlanta, GA at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral by His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios and on Sunday March 8, 2010 he received ordination to the holy priesthood at the same cathedral. He is now the proistamenos (senior pastor) of Sts. Raphael, Nicholas, and Irene Greek Orthodox Church in Cumming, GA.

Fr. Barnabas founded Faith Encouraged Ministries in 2014 and was the host of Faith Encouraged LIVE talk show on Ancient Faith Radio until January of 2019. Faith Encouraged Ministries continues to produce the Monday thru Friday Devotional called Faith Encouraged Daily. Fr. Barnabas published his first book "A Faith Encouraged" through Ancient Faith Publishing and also produced the 16 part video series called "A Journey to Fullness" to help parishes introduce the Faith to the average person. To date, over 200 parishes across the United States and Canada use the video series to serve their communities.

Fr. Barnabas travels extensively across the country speaking at spiritual retreats, and sharing special presentations like "Becoming Orthodox on Purpose: Practicing the Faith Every Day" and "Taming the Passions: The Orthodox Wisdom to a Truly Free Life." His current project is a video series explaining the Divine Liturgy step by step to people who were not raised in liturgical traditions. He was recently one of the invited speakers at the 2nd International Conference on Digital Media and Orthodox Pastoral Care sponsored by the Orthodox Academy of Crete and the Holy Monastery of Vatopedi.

Fr. Barnabas is particularly motivated by the beauty and timelessness of our Orthodox Christian faith and strives to see this timeless faith put down deep roots here in America. The Orthodox Christian faith is uniquely suited to quench the spiritual thirst of Americans from all backgrounds with the depth and beauty of the Timeless Faith of the Apostles.

Fr. Barnabas is married to the (former) Connie Demas, and they have two daughters, Alexandra and Katherine. For more information about Faith Encouraged Ministries go to FaithEncouraged.org.