

WHO TEACHES?

Father Anastasios Gounaris was born and raised in the old seaport city of New Bedford, Massachusetts. He received his B.S. in Engineering from the University of Massachusetts/Dartmouth in 1979 and his Masters of Divinity from Holy Cross School of Theology in Brookline, Massachusetts in 1983. He was ordained to the Holy Diaconate in his home parish of Saint George on Sept. 11, 1983 and to the Holy Priesthood at Saint Spyridon Church in New York City on Sept. 25, 1983, where he served as associate pastor in charge of youth at this inner-city Manhattan parish. He was assigned Saint Demetrios in Saginaw, Michigan in August 1985 by the late Bishop Timothy Negreponitis of Detroit — who bestowed upon him the rank of Ekonomos and assigned him to Holy Trinity of Indianapolis in October 1991. He and wife Maria have two adult daughters.



WHAT IS THIS CLASS LIKE?



This class teaches the basics of Orthodox faith, belief, history, worship and practice. It should prove rewarding to those raised Orthodox who wish to 'brush up' on their knowledge of the Faith. It is also meant to answer the questions of those who wish to learn more about Orthodoxy with an eye toward becoming part of the Church. Many couples have enjoyed taking the class together. It is also a great place for newcomers to meet other parish members. **THE CLASS IS A REQUIREMENT FOR THOSE MARRYING IN THIS PARISH.** The only real class requirement is attendance. Homework is not required, since all class participants are assumed to possess the motivation to learn. However, reading of class handouts is important for those wishing to more fully understand class topics and discussions. Questions are also welcomed and encouraged. So sign up and be prepared to enjoy the experience and, by all means, bring a friend.

HOW DO I TAKE PART?

MEETS: Sat., Feb. 27 & Sat., Mar. 6, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

COST: Donation of only \$15/person for parishioners and \$25/person for non-parishioners to help defray the cost of printed materials and of lunch for both sessions. Married or engaged couples may attend for the price of one. Or bring a friend — and he or she attends for free.

TO REGISTER: Simply return the attached form with payment. Please call 317-733-3033 with questions.



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WHAT TOPICS ARE COVERED?

FEBRUARY 27, 2010: What is the Church? The Church is wherever you are. Church history. Holy Tradition, its basis & facets. The Bible as part of Tradition. Apostolic Succession. Sacraments, vehicles of Grace. Worship cycles. Orthodox body language & etiquette. Fasting, confession & communion. The Holy Trinity. Jesus: God or man? Salvation from A to Z: Incarnation to Resurrection. The Theotokos, Saints & veneration. Explanation of Orthodox church architecture.

MARCH 6, 2010: Icons: use, meaning & role in worship. Clergy & women. Does the Church change? Ottoman occupation. American vs. ethnic Orthodoxy. Does Orthodox take moral stands? Contemporary moral issues. Sex is good! Politics, death, cremation, suicide. Evil. Where is hell? Astrology, pre-destination & free will. Evolution as Orthodox theology.

ORTHODOX CLASS REGISTRATION FORM

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