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From 2005-2012 he was the cantor and choir director at All Saints Orthodox Church in Bloomington, Indiana, and then most recently he was cantor and choir director at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church in Indianapolis from 2013-2014. He has a performer's certificate in Byzantine music from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, and has served as an invited clinician, speaker, and guest cantor at Orthodox churches throughout the country.

He sings regularly with ensembles such as Cappella Romana, the Patriarch Tikhon Choir, and Psaltikon. Previously, he has performed with ensembles such as the East/West Festival Chorale in Cincinnati, the Josquin Singers in San Francisco, Tudor Choir and the Seattle Opera Chorus in the Pacific Northwest, and in Indiana, the Pro Arte Singers, Collegium Musicum, and the American Guild of Organists Festival Choir. He has worked with conductors such as Alexander Lingas, Peter Jermihov, Marcel Pérès, Amelia LeClair, Vladimir Gorbik, Paul Hillier, John Poole, and John Harbison.

Richard has studied voice with Dennis Kruse, Erich Parce, and Dale Moore, and has pursued further specialized study of Byzantine chant with Ioannis Arvanitis, John Michael Boyer, and Fr. Grammenos Karanos. Publications include essays on Orthodox musical topics in many print and online venues, as well as scholarly articles in journals such as the Greek Orthodox Theological Review, The Journal of Early Christian Studies, and Studia Patristica.

He has been married to Megan Barrett since 2001, and they have two children, Theodore and Katherine.