

## PASTORAL CHANGES

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### RECEPTIONS

PARANYUK, Priest Aleksey, who was previously on loan, was canonically received into the ranks of the clergy of the Orthodox Church in America effective February 28, 2024 by Metropolitan Tikhon. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Mark and attached to the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

### ORDINATIONS

ASH, Spyridon was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on March 10, 2024 by Bishop Alexei at St. Innocent Cathedral, Anchorage, AK. He is under the omophorion of Bishop Alexei and attached to the Diocese of Alaska. (Diocese of Alaska)

RIES, Deacon Peter was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on March 30, 2024 by Archbishop Daniel on behalf of Metropolitan Tikhon at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, IL. He is under the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and on the roster of Stavropegial clergy. (Stavropegial)

### ASSIGNMENTS

ASH, Deacon Spyridon was assigned First Deacon at All Saints of Alaska Chapel, Kodiak, AK, effective March 10, 2024. (Diocese of Alaska)

CWIKLINSKI, Archpriest Jerome was released from his assignment at St. Katherine of Alexandria Church, Carlsbad, CA, and attached to Church of the Annunciation, Milwaukie, OR, effective March 7, 2024. (Diocese of the West)

FLOM, Archpriest Richard Luke was released from his assignment at All Saints of North America Chapel, Bemidji, MN, and granted retirement, effective March 6, 2024. He remains attached in retirement to St. Mary's Cathedral, Minneapolis, MN. (Diocese of the Midwest)

FRANCIS, Priest Matthew, who was previously Priest-in-Charge of Holy Apostles Mission, Chilliwack, BC, upon its elevation to full parish status, was assigned Rector of Holy Apostles Church, Chilliwack, BC, effective March 22, 2024. (Archdiocese of Canada)



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**ASSIGNMENTS (cont)**

JONES, Archpriest Daniel was released from his assignment at St. Andrew the Apostle Church, Delta, CO, and returned to retirement, effective March 15, 2024. He remains attached in retirement at St. Andrew the Apostle Church, Delta, CO. (Diocese of the West)

THATCHER, Archpriest David S. was released from his assignment at Transfiguration of Christ Cathedral, Denver, CO, and granted retirement, effective March 1, 2024. In his retirement, he was released from the omophorion of Archbishop Benjamin and the Diocese of the West. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Alexander and the Diocese of the South, and attached in retirement to St. Athanasius Church, Nicholasville, KY, effective March 1, 2024. (Diocese of the South)

MARGITICH, Archpriest Lawrence, in addition to his other duties, was assigned Priest-in-Charge of St. Christina of Tyre Church, Fremont, CA, effective March 15, 2024. (Diocese of the West)

MATLAK, Priest Gregory was released from his assignment at St. Christina of Tyre Church, Fremont, CA, and assigned Acting Rector of St. Andrew the Apostle Church, Delta, CO, effective March 15, 2024. (Diocese of the West)

MCCARTNEY, Deacon Michael was released from his attachment to Assumption of the Holy Virgin Church, Philadelphia, PA, and attached to Holy Trinity Church, Wilkes-Barre, PA, effective March 1, 2024. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

MORRISON, Archpriest Jeffrey David, in addition to his other duties, was appointed Acting Dean of the Rocky Mountain Deanery, effective March 26, 2024. (Diocese of the West)

NICORI, Priest John had his suspension lifted and was attached to St. Herman Church, Fairbanks, AK, effective March 21, 2024. (Diocese of Alaska)

PARANYUK, Priest Aleksey, who was previously serving as Rector of St. Michael Church, Mount Carmel, PA, while on loan from the Moscow Patriarchate, was, after his reception into the ranks of the clergy of the OCA, assigned Rector of the same, effective March 1, 2024. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

TATE, Archpriest Matthew, in addition to his other duties, was assigned Priest-in-Charge of St. Sophia Mission, Elma, WA, effective March 15, 2024. (Diocese of the West)



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### **ASSIGNMENTS (cont)**

WESTERBERG, Archpriest Michael, in his retirement, was released from his attachment to SS. Peter and Paul Church, Meriden, CT, and attached to Three Saints Church, Ansonia, CT, effective March 14, 2024. (Diocese of New England)

WILLIAMS, Archpriest Jeffrey Irenaeus was released from his assignment at St. Sophia Mission, Elma, WA, and attached to Holy Trinity / Holy Resurrection Church, Tacoma, WA, effective March 15, 2024. (Diocese of the West)

WYSLUTSKY, Archpriest Nicholas, in addition to his other duties, was appointed Temporary Administrator of St. Andrew Church, Maple Heights, OH. (Diocese of the Midwest)



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### **LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

HUTNYAN, Archpriest Emilian D was granted a six-month leave of absence, effective March 13, 2024. (Diocese of the Midwest)

### **RELEASED**

BUZATELU, Priest Marius was released from the omophorion of Archbishop Alexander and the Diocese of the South. He was transferred to the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon, and subsequently granted a canonical release to the Romanian Orthodox Metropolia of the Americas, effective March 5, 2024.

### **RETIRED**

FLOM, Archpriest Richard Luke was granted retirement, effective March 6, 2024. (Diocese of the Midwest)

THATCHER, Archpriest David S. was granted retirement, effective March 1, 2024. (Diocese of the West)

## **SUSPENDED**

STORY, Deacon Mark was suspended from all diaconal functions, effective March 20, 2024. (Diocese of the West)

## **DEATHS**

KARBO, Archpriest Anthony reposed on March 19, 2024. (Diocese of the West)

SCHICK, Archpriest Herman, in his retirement, reposed on March 17, 2024. (Diocese of New York and New Jersey)



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## **PARISHES**

Archdiocese of Canada

*Elevation to Parish Status, effective March 12, 2024.*

Holy Apostles Mission, Chilliwack, BC, was elevated to full parish status and is now known as Holy Apostles Church, Chilliwack, BC, effective March 12, 2024.

Approved for distribution:

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Archpriest Alexander Rentel  
Chancellor of the OCA