

## PASTORAL CHANGES

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### RECEPTIONS

HODGE, Archpriest Paul was canonically received into the ranks of the clergy of the Orthodox Church in America effective September 9, 2024 by Metropolitan Tikhon. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Daniel and attached to the Diocese of the Midwest. (Diocese of the Midwest)

### TONSURED

RHODES, Archpriest Dennis was tonsured as a Riasophore Monk on September 20, 2024 by Bishop Nikodhim at SS. Peter and Paul Church, Philadelphia, PA. He was given the name Danaks and is now known as Hieromonk Danaks (Rhodes). (Albanian Archdiocese)



### ORDINATIONS

AELLEN, Donald was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on September 14, 2024 by Archbishop Irénée at Sobor of St. Herman of Alaska, Edmonton, AB. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Irénée and attached to the Archdiocese of Canada. (Archdiocese of Canada)

AIDINOV, Deacon Gregory was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on September 15, 2024 by Archbishop Michael at Christ the Savior Church, New York, NY. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Michael and attached to the Diocese of New York and New Jersey. (Diocese of New York and New Jersey)

PERMIAKOV, Deacon Vitaly was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on September 14, 2024 by Metropolitan Tikhon at Three Hierarchs Chapel, Yonkers, NY. He is under the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and on the roster of Stavropegial clergy. (Stavropegial)

PRESTON, Brian was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on September 22, 2024 by Bishop Gerasim at St. John of the Ladder Church, Greenville, SC. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Alexander and attached to the Diocese of the South. (Diocese of the South)

SHKURTI, Deacon Juxhin was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on September 21, 2024 by Bishop Nikodhim at SS. Peter and Paul Church, Philadelphia, PA. He is under the omophorion of Bishop Nikodhim and attached to the Albanian Archdiocese. (Albanian Archdiocese)

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### **ORDINATIONS (cont)**

SIPOS, Florin was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on September 5, 2024, by Bishop Andrei at SS. Peter and Paul Church, Dearborn Heights, MI. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Nathaniel and attached to the Romanian Episcopate. (Romanian Episcopate)

SIPOS, Deacon Florin was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on September 7, 2024, by Bishop Andrei at St. George Cathedral, Southfield, MI. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Nathaniel and attached to the Romanian Episcopate. (Romanian Episcopate)



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### **ASSIGNMENTS**

AELLEN, Deacon Donald was assigned to Sobor of St. Herman of Alaska, Edmonton, AB, effective September 14, 2024. (Archdiocese of Canada)

AIDINOV, Priest Gregory was assigned Assistant Rector at Christ the Savior Church, New York, NY, where he was previously an assigned deacon, effective September 15, 2024. (Diocese of New York and New Jersey)

ANDERSON, Archpriest K Michael, in addition to his other duties, was assigned Priest-in-Charge at St. George the Great Martyr Church, Hesperia, CA, effective September 3, 2024. (Diocese of the West)

BERGLUND, Priest Kolin was released from his assignments at the St. Tikhon's Group of Parishes (St. Nickolas Church, Wostok-Bukovina, AB; St. Nicholas Church, Desjarlais, AB; Holy Transfiguration Church, Star, AB; Holy Trinity Church, Sunland, AB) and assigned Priest-in-Charge at SS. Peter and Paul Church, Dickie Bush, AB, effective September 1, 2024. (Archdiocese of Canada)

(EDWARDS), Archimandrite David, in addition to his other duties, was assigned Priest-in-Charge of St. Seraphim of Sarov Mission, Cape Breton, NS, effective September 24, 2024. (Archdiocese of Canada)

FEDORCHAK, Priest Gregory was released from his attachment to St. Athanasius Chapel, Bronxville, NY, and assigned Rector of St. Olympia Mission, Potsdam, NY, effective September 1, 2024. (Diocese of New York and New Jersey)

FOLEY, Archpriest Christopher was assigned rector of Holy Cross Church, Kernersville, NC, where he was previously priest-in-charge, effective September 21, 2024. (Diocese of the South)

**ASSIGNMENTS (cont)**

HODGE, Archpriest Paul was attached to Holy Trinity Church, Saint Paul, MN, effective September 9, 2024. (Diocese of the Midwest)

(HOARSTE), Bishop Andrei was released from his duties as Administrator of the Romanian Episcopate, effective September 10, 2024. All his other duties remain the same. (Romanian Episcopate)

HOJNICKI, Archpriest Timothy, in addition to his other duties, was appointed Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania, effective September 17, 2024. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

KAPRAL, Protodeacon Sergei was released from his attachment to Holy Resurrection Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre, PA, and attached to Holy Trinity Church, Wilkes-Barre, PA, effective September 17, 2024. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

KERSTETTER, Deacon John was released from his attachment to Holy Trinity Church, State College, PA, and attached to Church of the Holy Spirit, Beavertown, PA, effective September 10, 2024. (Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania)

KIME, Archpriest Nicholas, in his retirement, was released from his attachment to St. Spiridon Cathedral, Seattle, WA, and attached to St. Herman of Alaska Church, Port Townsend, WA, effective September 24, 2024. (Diocese of the West)

(LYSAK), Igumen Vladimir was assigned Rector of the St. Tikhon's Group of Parishes (St. Nickolas Church, Wostok-Bukovina, AB; St. Nicholas Church, Desjarlais, AB; Holy Transfiguration Church, Star, AB; Holy Trinity Church, Sunland, AB) and assigned Rector of All Saints Church, Meadow Lake, SK, effective September 1, 2024. (Archdiocese of Canada)

MATYCHAK, Archpriest Andrew, in his retirement, was released from his attachment to St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, Allison Park, PA, and from the omophorion of Archbishop Melchisedek and the Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania. He was transferred to the omophorion of Bishop Benedict and the Diocese of New England, and attached in retirement to Holy Trinity Cathedral, Boston, MA, effective September 20, 2024. (Diocese of New England)

NEAL, Archpriest Innocent was released from his duties at Holy Resurrection Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre, PA, effective September 17, 2024. All his other duties remain the same. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)



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### **ASSIGNMENTS (cont)**

(POPP), Archbishop Nathaniel, who was on leave of absence, was returned to active status, effective September 10, 2024. (Romanian Episcopate)

PRESTON, Deacon Brian was attached to St. John of the Ladder Church, Greenville, SC, effective September 22, 2024. (Diocese of the South)

SIPOS, Priest Florin was attached to St. Basil the Great Church, Durham, NC, as a deacon effective September 5, 2024, and subsequently as a priest effective September 7, 2024. (Romanian Episcopate)

SMITH, Priest David was released from his assignment at Holy Trinity Church, State College, PA, and assigned Rector of Church of the Holy Spirit, Beavertown, PA, where he was formerly priest-in-charge when it was a chapel, effective September 10, 2024. (Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania)

SHKURTI, Priest Juxhin was assigned to St. George Cathedral, South Boston, MA, where he was previously an assigned deacon, effective September 21, 2024. (Albanian Archdiocese)

### **RELEASED**

SCHAPLOWSKY, Archpriest Michael was released from his assignment at Christ the King Mission, Edmonton, AB, and released from the omophorion of Archbishop Irénée and the Archdiocese of Canada. He was transferred to the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and subsequently granted a canonical release to the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America, effective September 10, 2024.

### **DEATHS**

ESTABROOKS, Priest Anthony, in his retirement, reposed on September 4, 2024. (Archdiocese of Canada)

PETORAK, Archpriest Vladimir, in his retirement, reposed on September 28, 2024. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

VOLOSHCHUK, Protodeacon Arkady, in his retirement, reposed on September 15, 2024. (Diocese of the West)



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## **PARISHES**

### Bulgarian Diocese

*New hermitage*, effective June 19, 2023.

Athonite Saints Hermitage, Hanover, IL  
9658 S. Lost Horizon Rd.  
Hanover, IL 61041  
[Monastic]: Monk Savvas (Velianoski)

### Archdiocese of Canada

*Mission closed*, effective September 11, 2024.

Christ the King Mission, Edmonton, AB, is closed, effective September 11, 2024.

*New mission*, effective September 24, 2024.

St. Seraphim of Sarov Mission, Cape Breton, NS  
c/o St. Vladimir, Prince of Kiev Church  
3163 Purcell's Cove Rd  
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3P 2G4  
Priest-in-charge: Archimandrite David (Edwards)

### Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania

*Cathedral closed*, effective September 17, 2024.

Holy Resurrection Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre, PA, is closed, effective September 17, 2024.

### Diocese of the South

*Mission elevated to parish*, effective September 21, 2024.

Holy Cross Mission, Kernersville, NC, was elevated to parish status, effective September 21, 2024, and is now known as Holy Cross Church, Kernersville, NC.



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**PARISHES (cont)**

Archdiocese of Washington, DC

*Mission station elevated to mission, effective September 21, 2024.*

St. John the Theologian Mission Station, Fairfax Station, VA, was elevated to mission status, effective September 21, 2024, and is now known as St. John the Theologian Mission, Fairfax Station, VA.

Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania

*Chapel elevated to parish, effective September 10, 2024.*

Chapel of the Holy Spirit, Beavertown, PA, was elevated to full parish status, effective September 10, 2024, and is now known as Church of the Holy Spirit, Beavertown, PA.



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