

PASTORAL CHANGES

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October 2024

RECEPTIONS

KONE, Archpriest Athanasius was canonically received into the ranks of the clergy of the Orthodox Church in America, effective October 11, 2024, by Metropolitan Tikhon. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Benjamin and attached to the Diocese of the West. (Diocese of the West)

ORDINATIONS

HOWELL, John was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on October 19, 2024, by Archbishop Irénée at St. John of Shanghai Mission, North Vancouver, BC. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Irénée and attached to the Archdiocese of Canada. (Archdiocese of Canada)

HUNCHAK, Deacon Paul was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on October 20, 2024, by Archbishop Michael at Our Lady of Kazan Church, Sea Cliff, 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)

LEAHU, Alexei was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on October 14, 2024, by Bishop Andrei at St. Parascheva Church, Saint-Laurent, QC. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Nathaniel and attached to the Romanian Episcopate. (Romanian Episcopate)

LEKANOF, Anthony was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on October 27, 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)

MCFARLAND, John was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on October 6, 2024, by Bishop Gerasim at St. Matthew the Apostle Mission, Baton Rouge, LA. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Alexander and attached to the Diocese of the South. (Diocese of the South)

ASSIGNMENTS

AYOUB, Archpriest John was assigned Interim Priest-in-Charge at St. John the Divine Church, Windsor, ON, effective October 26, 2024, where he was previously attached. (Archdiocese of Canada)



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ASSIGNMENTS (cont)

BARTHOLOMEW, Archpriest John was released from his assignment at Our Lady of Kazan Church, Sea Cliff, NY, and granted retirement, effective October 21, 2024. In his retirement, he was attached to St. Athanasius Chapel, Bronxville, NY. (Diocese of New York and New Jersey)

HODGE, Archpriest Paul was assigned Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Saint Paul, MN, where he was previously attached, effective October 1, 2024. (Diocese of the Midwest)

HOWELL, Deacon John was attached to St. Nicholas Mission, Kamloops, BC, effective October 19, 2024. (Archdiocese of Canada)

HUNCHAK, Priest Paul was assigned Acting Rector of Our Lady of Kazan Church, Sea Cliff, NY, where he was previously an attached deacon, effective October 21, 2024. (Diocese of New York and New Jersey)

KATSILAS, Archpriest Constantine was released from his assignment at St. John the Divine Church, Windsor, ON, and granted retirement, effective October 22, 2024. (Archdiocese of Canada)

KONE, Archpriest Athanasius was assigned Acting Rector of St. Innocent Church, Eureka, CA, effective October 11, 2024. (Diocese of the West)

LEAHU, Deacon Alexei was attached to St. Elias Church, Anjou (Montreal), QC, effective October 14, 2024. (Romanian Episcopate)

LEKANOF, Deacon Anthony was attached to All Saints of Alaska Chapel, Kodiak, AK, effective October 27, 2024. (Diocese of Alaska)

MARGITICH, Archpriest Lawrence was released from his duties as Priest-in-Charge of St. Innocent Church, Eureka, CA, effective October 11, 2024. All his other duties remain the same. (Diocese of the West)

MCFARLAND, Deacon John was attached to St. Matthew the Apostle Mission, Baton Rouge, LA, effective October 6, 2024. (Diocese of the South)

ONOFREY, Archpriest John Andrew, in his retirement, was released from his attachment to St. Stephen Cathedral, Philadelphia, PA, and attached to Holy Trinity Church, Pottstown, PA, effective October 17, 2024. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)



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ASSIGNMENTS (cont)

PROCTOR, Archpriest Jonathan B was released from his assignment at Holy Trinity Church, Saint Paul, MN, and granted retirement, effective September 30, 2024. In his retirement, he was attached to St. Mary's Cathedral, Minneapolis, MN. (Diocese of the Midwest)

ROOSIEN, Priest Mark was assigned Rector of Holy Ghost Church, Bridgeport, CT, where he was previously Acting Rector, effective October 19, 2024. (Diocese of New England)



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RELEASED

GARAGAN, Priest Nykolai was 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 Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, effective October 9, 2024.

VUKELIC, Deacon Mark was released from the omophorion of Archbishop Melchisedek and the Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania and transferred to the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon, effective August 20, 2024, and subsequently granted a canonical release to the Diocese of Eastern America of the Serbian Orthodox Church, effective October 18, 2024.

RETIRED

KATSILAS, Archpriest Constantine was granted retirement, effective October 22, 2024. (Archdiocese of Canada)

PROCTOR, Archpriest Jonathan B was granted retirement, effective September 30, 2024. (Diocese of the Midwest)

BARTHOLOMEW, Archpriest John was granted retirement, effective October 21, 2024. (Diocese of New York and New Jersey)

SUSPENDED

BUTLER, Archpriest Michael E was suspended from all priestly functions, effective October 21, 2024. (Diocese of the Midwest)

DEATHS

CHUPECK, Archpriest Joseph T, in his retirement, reposed on October 2, 2024. (Diocese of New York and New Jersey)

SWENCKI, Archpriest Dionysius, in his retirement, reposed on October 20, 2024. (Stavropegial)

TELENCIO, Archpriest Peter reposed on October 15, 2024. (Diocese of the South)



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PARISHES

Bulgarian Diocese

Parish closed, effective October 11, 2024.

St. John of Rila Church, Chicago, IL, is closed, effective October 11, 2024.

Approved for distribution:



//signed January 1, 2025//

Archpriest Alessandro Margheritino
Acting Chancellor and Secretary of the OCA