

## PASTORAL CHANGES

Official No. 688

November 2024

### RECEPTIONS

GHERAS, Priest Alexandru was canonically received into the ranks of the clergy of the Orthodox Church in America, effective November 6, 2024, by Metropolitan Tikhon. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Irénée and attached to the Archdiocese of Canada. (Archdiocese of Canada)

MANOLI, Archpriest Vitalie was canonically received into the ranks of the clergy of the Orthodox Church in America, effective November 6, 2024, by Metropolitan Tikhon. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Irénée and attached to the Archdiocese of Canada. (Archdiocese of Canada)



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### ORDINATIONS

CHKHEIDZE, Kakhaber was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on November 9, 2024 by Archbishop Benjamin at St. Michael the Archangel Church, Concord, CA. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Benjamin and attached to the Diocese of the West. (Diocese of the West)

GRAY, Aaron was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on October 6, 2024 by Archbishop Alexander at St. Elia the Prophet Church, Akron, OH. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Alexander and attached to the Bulgarian Diocese. (Bulgarian Diocese)

LIU, Kenneth was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on November 3, 2024 by Bishop Andrei at Protection of the Holy Mother of God Church, Falls Church, VA. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Nathaniel and attached to the Romanian Episcopate. (Romanian Episcopate)

POLK, Gregory was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on November 9, 2024 by Bishop Benedict on behalf of Archbishop Mark at Holy Trinity Church, Wilkes-Barre, PA. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Mark and attached to the Diocese of the Eastern Pennsylvania. (Diocese of the Eastern Pennsylvania)

VASILE, Deacon Lucian was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on August 24, 2024 by Bishop Andrei at St. Varlaam of Moldova Mission, Moncton, NB. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Nathaniel and attached to the Romanian Episcopate. (Romanian Episcopate)

## ASSIGNMENTS

BIBERDORF, Archpriest Basil was released from his duties as priest-in-charge at St. Nektarios Mission, Waxahachie, TX, and assigned Rector of St. Anne Church, Knoxville / Oak Ridge, TN, effective November 24, 2024. (Diocese of the South)

BOZEMAN, Priest David, in addition to his other duties, was assigned Priest-in-Charge of St. Nektarios Mission, Waxahachie, TX, effective November 24, 2024. (Diocese of the South)

CHKHEIDZE, Deacon Kakhaber was attached to St. Michael the Archangel Church, Concord, CA, effective November 9, 2024. (Diocese of West)

GHERAS, Priest Alexandru was assigned Rector of the Dormition of the Mother of God Church, Montreal, QC, effective November 6, 2024. (Archdiocese of Canada)

GHICA, Archpriest Daniel was appointed Temporary Administrator of Three Hierarchs Mission, Baton Rouge, LA, effective April 1, 2024. (Romanian Episcopate)

GRAY, Deacon Aaron was attached to St. Elia the Prophet Church, Akron, OH, effective October 6, 2024. (Bulgarian Diocese)

HUTNYAN, Archpriest Emilian, who was on a leave of absence, returned to active status, continuing as Rector of St. Andrew Church, Maple Heights, OH, effective November 1, 2024. (Diocese of the Midwest)

KOPKA, Archpriest Joseph, who was on a leave of absence, returned to active status, effective November 1, 2024. He was released from his duties as Rector of St. Joseph Church, Wheaton, IL, and assigned Associate Priest at the same, effective November 1, 2024. (Diocese of the Midwest)

LIU, Deacon Kenneth was attached to Protection of the Holy Mother of God Church, Falls Church, VA, effective November 3, 2024. (Romanian Episcopate)



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**ASSIGNMENTS (cont)**

MANOLI, Archpriest Vitalie was assigned Priest-in-Charge of the Century Orthodox Parishes in Alberta, Canada (Holy Ascension Church, Wasel, AB; Holy Assumption Church, Shandro, AB; Holy Transfiguration Church, North Bank, AB; Holy Trinity Church, Smoky Lake, AB; Nativity Of The Holy Virgin Church, Kysylew, AB; St. Elias Church, Pakan, AB; St. Michael the Archangel Church, Sachava, AB; SS. Peter & Paul Church, Chahor, AB), effective November 6, 2024. He was also assigned Priest-in-Charge of Protection of the Mother of God Mission, Edmonton, AB, effective November 6, 2024. (Archdiocese of Canada)

POLK, Deacon Gregory was attached to Holy Trinity Church, Wilkes-Barre, PA, effective November 9, 2024. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

RYKLIN, Archpriest Yakov, while suspended from all priestly functions and in retirement, was released from his attachment to Christ the Savior Church, New York, NY, and attached to Cathedral of the Holy Virgin Protection, New York, NY, effective November 15, 2024. (Diocese of New York and New Jersey)

SEGVICH, Priest John was released from his duties as Priest-in-Charge and his assignment as Associate Priest at St. Joseph Church, Wheaton, IL, and assigned Rector of the same, effective November 1, 2024. (Diocese of the Midwest)

SOLOMON, Priest Mark was released from his duties as Associate Priest at St. Innocent Cathedral, Anchorage, AK, and assigned Rector of SS. Sergius / Herman of Valaam Church, Nanwalek, AK, effective November 22, 2024. (Diocese of Alaska)

VASILE, Priest Lucian was attached to St. Varlaam of Moldova Mission, Moncton, NB, where he was previously an assigned deacon, effective August 24, 2024. (Romanian Episcopate)

WYSLUTSKY, Archpriest Nicholas was released from his duties as Temporary Administrator at St. Andrew Church, Maple Heights, OH, effective October 31, 2024. All his other duties remain the same. (Diocese of the Midwest)

ZDINAK, Archpriest John E., in addition to his other duties, was appointed Administrator of St. Andrew Church, Maple Heights, OH, effective November 1, 2024. (Diocese of the Midwest)



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## DEATHS

EVANS, Archpriest Michael, in his retirement, reposed on November 14, 2024. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

## PARISHES

### Archdiocese of Canada

*New Mission received*, effective March 11, 2021.

St. Stephen the Great Mission, Edmonton, AB  
Meeting at Sobor of St. Herman of Alaska, Edmonton, AB  
Assigned priest: \*Archpriest Vitalie Manoli (non-OCA clergy at the time)

*New Parish*, effective June 3, 2021.

Dormition of the Mother of God Church, Montreal, QC  
44 rue Guizot Ouest  
Montreal, QC H2P 1L4  
Rector: \*Priest Alexandru Gheras (non-OCA clergy at the time)

*Mission closed*, effective August 11, 2023.

St. Stephen the Great Mission, Edmonton, AB was closed, effective August 11, 2023.

*New Mission*, effective February 26, 2024.

Protection of the Mother of God, Edmonton, AB  
Meeting at Sobor of St. Herman of Alaska, Edmonton, AB  
Priest-in-Charge: \*Archpriest Vitalie Manoli (non-OCA clergy at the time)

### Diocese of New York and New Jersey

*City/region change*, effective November 3, 2024.

St. Olympia Hermitage moved from Edwards, NY, to Norwood, NY, effective November 3, 2024.

St. Olympia Hermitage, Norwood, NY  
10 Prospect St  
Norwood, NY 13668-1111



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## CORRECTIONS

Pastoral Changes No. 684 (July 2024): Archpriest Michael KOROLEV was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop *Benjamin* (not Benedict) and the Diocese of the West.

Pastoral Changes No. 685 (August 2024): Deacon Lasha TCHANTOURIDZE was released from his attachment to Holy Trinity Church, Springfield, *VT* (not VA).

Pastoral Changes No. 686 (September 2024) had the wrong address for Athonite Saints Hermitage, Hanover, IL. The correct address is 9624 S Lost Horizon Rd, Hanover IL, 61041. (Bulgarian Diocese)



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**NOTE: \* indicates non-OCA clergy.**

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