

PASTORAL CHANGES

Official No. 689

December 2024

RECEPTIONS

BOHATSKYI, Priest Seraphim was canonically received into the ranks of the clergy of the Orthodox Church in America, effective December 20, 2024, by Metropolitan Tikhon. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Irénée and attached to the Archdiocese of Canada. (Archdiocese of Canada)

REAVIS, Deacon Jonathan was canonically received into the ranks of the clergy of the Orthodox Church in America, effective December 20, 2024, by Metropolitan Tikhon. He is under the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and on the roster of Stavropegial clergy. (Stavropegial)

WINSON, Deacon Peter was canonically received into the ranks of the clergy of the Orthodox Church in America, effective December 20, 2024, by Metropolitan Tikhon. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Alexander and attached to the Diocese of the South. (Diocese of the South)



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ORDINATIONS

HAMANN, Deacon Paisios was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on December 13, 2024 by Archbishop Michael on behalf of Metropolitan Tikhon at St. Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, South Canaan, PA. He is under the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and on the roster of Stavropegial clergy. (Stavropegial)

HANSON, Gregory was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on December 15, 2024 by Archbishop Benjamin at Holy Trinity Cathedral, San Francisco, CA. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Benjamin and attached to the Diocese of the West. (Diocese of the West)

JORDAN, Protodeacon Edward (previously listed as Protodeacon Kurt Edward JORDAN) was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on December 14, 2024 by Archbishop Irénée at Holy Martyr Peter the Aleut Church, Calgary, AB. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Irénée and attached to the Archdiocese of Canada. (Archdiocese of Canada)

KLEMBARA, Noah was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on December 15, 2024 by Archbishop Daniel at Archangel Michael Church, Broadview Heights, OH. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Daniel and attached to the Diocese of the Midwest. (Diocese of the Midwest)

ORDINATIONS (cont)

MATSON, Theodore was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on December 1, 2024 by Archbishop Irénée at St. Herman of Alaska Church, Langley, BC. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Irénée and attached to the Archdiocese of Canada. (Archdiocese of Canada)

NELSON, Deacon Alexander was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on December 25, 2024 by Archbishop Michael on behalf of Metropolitan Tikhon at Cathedral of the Holy Virgin Protection, New York, NY. He is under the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and on the roster of Stavropegial clergy. (Stavropegial)

PASIVIRTA, David was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on December 14, 2024 by Archbishop Irénée at Holy Martyr Peter the Aleut Church, Calgary, AB. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Irénée and attached to the Archdiocese of Canada. (Archdiocese of Canada)

STIFF, John was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on December 13, 2024 by Archbishop Michael on behalf of Metropolitan Tikhon at St. Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, South Canaan, PA. He is under the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and on the roster of Stavropegial clergy. (Stavropegial)

WRIGHT, Protodeacon Gregory was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on December 1, 2024 by Archbishop Irénée at St. Herman of Alaska Church, Langley, BC. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Irénée and attached to the Archdiocese of Canada. (Archdiocese of Canada)

ASSIGNMENTS

BIȚIȘ, Priest Alexander was released from his attachment to Chapel of the Nativity of the Ever Virgin Mary, Grass Lake, MI, and assigned Parish Priest of St. Dimitrie Church, Easton, CT, effective December 1, 2024. (Romanian Episcopate)

BOHATSKYI, Priest Seraphim was attached to the Sobor of St. Herman of Alaska, Edmonton, AB, effective December 20, 2024. (Archdiocese of Canada)

BUTLER, Archpriest Michael E had his suspension lifted and returned to active service as Rector of Holy Transfiguration Church, Livonia, MI, effective December 16, 2024. (Diocese of the Midwest)



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ASSIGNMENTS (cont)

COCA, Archpriest George M was released from his assignment as Parish Priest of St. Dimitrie Church, Easton, CT, and was granted retirement while remaining attached at the same, effective December 1, 2024. (Romanian Episcopate)

(CONSTANTINE), Igumen Konstantin (formerly known as Igumen Constantine [CURCHIN]) was attached to St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, Allison Park, PA, effective December 1, 2024. (Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania)

DIACONESCU, Priest George Bogdan was released from his attachment to St. Nicholas Church, Ottawa, ON, and assigned Parish Priest of Holy Resurrection Church, Hayward, CA, effective December 6, 2024. (Romanian Episcopate)

FARLEY, Archpriest Lawrence was released from his assignment as Rector of St. Herman of Alaska Church, Langley, BC, and granted retirement, effective December 1, 2024. He remains attached in retirement to St. Herman of Alaska Church, Langley, BC, with the title of Rector Emeritus. (Archdiocese of Canada)

HANSON, Deacon Gregory was attached to St. Innocent Church, Pleasanton, CA, effective December 15, 2024. (Diocese of the West)

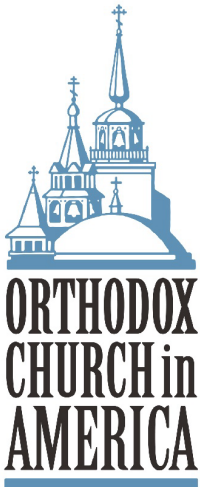
HUTNYAN, Archpriest Emilian D was released from his assignment as Rector of St. Andrew Church, Maple Heights, OH, and was attached to St. Theodosius Cathedral, Cleveland, OH. (Diocese of the Midwest)

JORDAN, Archpriest Edward was attached to St. Aidan of Lindisfarne Church, Cranbrook, BC, where he was previously an attached protodeacon, effective December 14, 2024. (Archdiocese of Canada)

KENNY, Deacon David T was released from his attachment at SS. Peter and Paul Church, Burr Ridge, IL, and from the omophorion of Archbishop Daniel and the Diocese of the Midwest. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Alexander and the Bulgarian Diocese, and attached to Holy Transfiguration Mission, Ames, IA, effective December 31, 2024. (Bulgarian Diocese)

KLEMBARA, Deacon Noah was attached to Archangel Michael Church, Broadview Heights, OH, effective December 15, 2024. (Diocese of the Midwest)

MATSON, Deacon Theodore was attached to St. Herman of Alaska Church, Langley, BC. (Archdiocese of Canada)



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PASIVIRTA, Deacon David was attached to St. Aidan of Lindisfarne Church, Cranbrook, BC, effective December 14, 2024. (Archdiocese of Canada)

REAVIS, Deacon Jonathan was attached to Three Hierarchs Chapel, Yonkers, NY, effective December 20, 2024. (Stavropegial)

SCHMIDT, Archpriest Leonid was released from his attachment to Holy Apostles Church, Mechanicsburg, PA, and assigned Rector of St. John the Theologian Mission, Gettysburg, PA, effective December 9, 2024. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

SEARFOORCE, Archpriest Matthew, in his retirement, was released from his attachment to St. George Cathedral, South Boston, MA, and from the omophorion of Bishop Nikodhim and the Albanian Archdiocese. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Michael and the Diocese of New York and New Jersey, and attached in retirement to the Church of the Mother of God, Mays Landing, NJ, effective December 4, 2024. (Diocese of New York and New Jersey)

STIFF, Deacon John was attached to St. Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, South Canaan, PA, effective December 13, 2024. (Stavropegial)

WILKINSON, Deacon Michael was released from his attachment to St. Mary's Cathedral, Minneapolis, MN, and attached to St. Herman Church, Minneapolis, MN, effective December 16, 2024. (Diocese of the Midwest)

WINSON, Deacon Peter was attached to St. Seraphim of Sarov Cathedral, Dallas, TX, effective December 20, 2024. (Diocese of the South)

WRIGHT, Archpriest Gregory was assigned Acting Rector of St. Herman of Alaska Church, Langley, BC, where he was previously an assigned protodeacon, effective December 1, 2024. (Archdiocese of Canada)

RELEASED

HATFIELD, Archpriest Chad was released from the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and the roster of Stavropegial clergy, and granted a canonical release to the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America, effective December 13, 2024.



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RETIRED

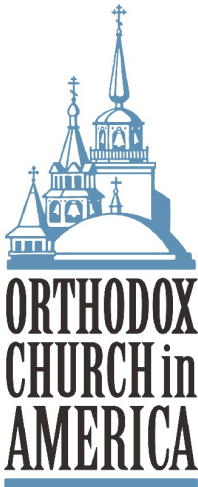
COCA, Archpriest George M was granted retirement, effective December 1, 2024. (Romanian Episcopate)

FARLEY, Archpriest Lawrence was granted retirement, effective December 1, 2024. (Archdiocese of Canada)

SUSPENDED

TURCOANE, Archpriest Constantine was suspended from all priestly functions, effective March 7, 2022 [sic]. (Romanian Episcopate)

WASSILLIE, Priest Andrew was suspended from all priestly functions, effective December 18, 2024. (Diocese of Alaska)



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PARISHES

Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania

New Mission, effective March 12, 2022.

St. John the Theologian Mission, Gettysburg, PA (formerly Gettysburg Orthodox Christian Mission)

Meeting at:

1535 Hunterstown Hampton Rd
New Oxford, PA 17350

Serviced by: Archpriest Leonid Schmidt (Rector as of December 9, 2024)

Diocese of the Midwest

Change to canonical dependency status of chapel, effective December 16, 2024.

All Saints of North America Chapel, Bemidji, MN, previously a dependency of St. Mary's Cathedral, Minneapolis, MN, was established as a dependency of St. Herman Church, Minneapolis, MN, effective December 16, 2024. The chapel is under the pastoral care of Archpriest Paul Wesche in his capacity as the dean of the Minneapolis Deanery and rector of St. Herman Church, Minneapolis, MN.

PARISHES (cont)

Diocese of the West

Mission closed, effective December 31, 2024.

St. Sophia Mission, Elma, WA, was closed, effective December 31, 2024.

Approved for distribution:



//signed March 7, 2025//

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