

PASTORAL CHANGES

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ORDINATIONS

CANDELARIO, Deacon Josef was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on July 19, 2024 by Archbishop Benjamin on behalf of Metropolitan Tikhon at St. Seraphim of Sarov Cathedral / Holy Protection, Santa Rosa, CA. He is under the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and on the roster of Stavropegial clergy. (Stavropegial)

CHERRY, Michael was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on July 28, 2024 by Archbishop Irénée at St. Vladimir, Prince of Kiev Church, Halifax, NS. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Irénée and attached to the Archdiocese of Canada. (Archdiocese of Canada)

DiDONATO, Nicholas was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on July 28, 2024 by Archbishop Mark at St. Michael the Archangel Church, Wilmington, DE. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Mark and attached to the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)



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ASSIGNMENTS

BARBOS, Priest Cosmin Stefan was assigned Parish Priest of St. Andrew the Apostle Church, McKees Rocks, PA, where he was previously attached, effective July 15, 2025. (Romanian Episcopate)

CHANG, Priest Seraphim was released from his attachment to St. Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, South Canaan, PA, and from the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and the roster of Stavropegial clergy. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Benjamin and the Diocese of the West, and assigned Acting Rector of St. Innocent Church, Pleasanton, CA, effective July 1, 2024. (Diocese of the West)

CHERRY, Deacon Michael was attached to St. Vladimir, Prince of Kiev Church, Halifax, NS, effective July 28, 2024. (Archdiocese of Canada)

DANIELS, Deacon Paisios was released from his assignment at Archangel Gabriel Church, Phoenix, OR, and from the omophorion of Archbishop Benjamin and the Diocese of the West. He was transferred to the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and the roster of Stavropegial clergy, and attached to St. Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, South Canaan, PA, effective July 19, 2024. (Stavropegial)

DiDONATO, Deacon Nicholas was attached to St. Michael the Archangel Church, Wilmington, DE, effective July 28, 2024. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

ASSIGNMENTS (cont)

GARCIA, Priest Benjamin was released from his attachment to St. Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, South Canaan, PA, and from the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and the roster of Stavropegial clergy. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Benjamin and the Diocese of the West, and assigned Acting Rector of St. Herman Church, Oxnard, CA, effective July 1, 2024. (Diocese of the West)

JANNAKOS, Archpriest Paul was released from his duties as Chancellor of the Diocese of the Midwest, effective June 30, 2024. All his other duties remain the same. (Diocese of the Midwest)

JOVIČIĆ, Priest Vjekoslav was released from his duties as Administrator of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, St. Clair, PA, effective June 30, 2024. He was also released from his assignment as Rector of Holy Ascension Church, Frackville, PA, and assigned Rector of St. Herman of Alaska Church, Shillington, PA, effective July 1, 2024. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

KINCAID, Archpriest Herman was released from his assignment at SS. Peter and Paul Church, Burr Ridge, IL, effective June 30, 2024. He was attached to Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, IL, and appointed Chancellor of the Diocese of the Midwest, effective July 1, 2024. (Diocese of the Midwest)

KOROLEV, Archpriest Michael was released from his assignment at SS. Peter and Paul Church, Springfield, MA, and from the omophorion of Bishop Benedict and the Diocese of New England. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Benedict and the Diocese of the West, and was assigned Rector of Nativity of the Holy Virgin Church, Menlo Park, CA, effective July 15, 2024. (Diocese of the West)

KRETA, Archpriest John, who was previously Priest-in-Charge of All Saints of North America Mission, Salisbury, CT, upon its elevation to full parish status, was assigned Rector of All Saints of North America Church, Salisbury, CT, effective July 7, 2024. (Diocese of New England)

KUCHTA, Archpriest Alexander, in addition to his other duties, was appointed Temporary Administrator of SS. Peter and Paul Church, Burr Ridge, IL, effective July 1, 2024 to July 31, 2024. (Diocese of the Midwest)

LEWIS, Priest Caleb was assigned to St. Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, South Canaan, PA, where he was previously attached, effective July 1, 2024. (Stavropegial)



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LICKWAR, Archpriest Vasily was released from his duties as Administrator of St. Nicholas Church, Norwich, CT, effective July 8, 2024. He was also appointed Administrator of Holy Trinity Cathedral, Boston, MA, effective July 29, 2024. All his other duties remain the same. (Diocese of New England)

LOWELL, Archpriest David was released from his assignment at St. Nicholas Church, Portland, OR, and granted retirement. In his retirement, he was attached to St. Seraphim of Sarov Cathedral / Holy Protection, Santa Rosa, CA, effective July 28, 2024. (Diocese of the West)

*MAHLER, Archpriest Octavian was released from his assignment at Holy Resurrection Church, Hayward, CA, effective July 31, 2024. (Romanian Episcopate)

MARGITICH, Archpriest Lawrence was released from his assignment at St. Herman Church, Pleasanton, CA, effective July 1, 2024. He was also assigned Priest-in-Charge of St. Innocent Church, Eureka, CA, effective July 6, 2024. All his other duties remain the same. (Diocese of the West)

(MOLLARD), Metropolitan Tikhon, in addition to his other duties, was appointed Interim Rector of Three Hierarchs Chapel, Yonkers, NY, effective July 1, 2024. (Stavropegial)

NEAGU, Priest Gheorghe Madalin was released from his assignment at St. Andrew the Apostle Church, McKees Rocks, PA, and assigned Parish Priest of SS. Michael and Gabriel Church, Apopka, FL, effective July 15, 2024. (Romanian Episcopate)

PERMIAKOV, Deacon Vitaly, in addition to his other duties, was appointed Administrator of Three Hierarchs Chapel, Yonkers, NY, effective July 1, 2024. (Stavropegial)

ROBINSON, Priest John K was released from his assignment at St. Herman Church, Oxnard, CA, and granted retirement. He was attached in retirement to St. John of Damascus Church, Poway, CA, effective July 1, 2024. (Diocese of the West)

SEGVICH, Priest John, who was Associate Priest at St. Joseph Church, Wheaton, IL, was assigned Priest-in-Charge at the same, effective July 5, 2024, to December 31, 2024. (Diocese of the Midwest)



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SMITH, Priest Andrew was released from his assignment at Nativity of the Holy Virgin Church, Menlo Park, CA, and assigned Associate Priest at Holy Trinity Cathedral, San Francisco, CA, effective July 15, 2024. (Diocese of the West)

*STOLERU, Protopresbyter Nicolae was released from his assignment at Ascension of the Lord Church, Montreal, QC, and granted retirement, effective July 1, 2024. In his retirement, he remains attached to Ascension of the Lord Church, Montreal, QC. (Romanian Episcopate)

VOYTOVICH, Archpriest Steven, in addition to his other duties, was appointed Administrator of St. Nicholas Church, Norwich, CT, effective July 8, 2024. He was also appointed Administrator of SS. Peter and Paul Church, Springfield, MA, effective July 15, 2024. (Diocese of New England)

WHITFIELD, Archpriest Theophan was released from his assignment at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Boston, MA, and attached to Christ the Savior Church, Southbury, CT, effective July 29, 2024. (Diocese of New England)

YORK, Priest John was released from his attachment to St. Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, South Canaan, PA, and from the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and the roster of Stavropegial clergy. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Daniel and the Diocese of the Midwest, and assigned Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Detroit, MI, effective July 1, 2024. (Diocese of the Midwest)

ZAWATSKI, Priest Kirill was released from his attachment to Holy Trinity Church, Wilkes-Barre, PA, assigned Acting Rector of Holy Ascension Church, Frackville, and appointed Administrator of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, St. Clair, PA, effective July 1, 2024. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

KOPKA, Archpriest Joseph was granted a leave of absence from July 5, 2024 to December 31, 2024. (Diocese of the Midwest)



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RELEASED

CLEENEWERCK de KIEV, Archpriest Laurent was released from his assignment at St. Innocent Church, Eureka, CA, and from the omophorion of Archbishop Benjamin and the Diocese of the West, effective July 6, 2024. He was transferred to the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon, and subsequently granted a canonical release to the Archdiocese of Orthodox Churches of Russian Tradition in Western Europe (Moscow Patriarchate), effective July 15, 2024.

RETIRED

LOWELL, Archpriest David was granted retirement, effective July 28, 2024. (Diocese of the West)

ROBINSON, Priest John K was granted retirement, effective July 1, 2024. (Diocese of the West)

*STOLERU, Protopresbyter Nicolae was granted retirement, effective July 1, 2024. (Romanian Episcopate)

SUSPENDED

RYKLIN, Archpriest Yakov was suspended from all priestly functions, effective July 6, 2024. (Diocese of New York and New Jersey)

DEATHS

FEDEC, Archpriest Alexis W, in his retirement, reposed on July 14, 2024. (Diocese of the Midwest)



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PARISHES

Diocese of Mexico

Mission closed, effective 2024

Misión Ortodoxa de San Lorenzo Protodiácono y Mártir de Roma, Uruapan, Mich. was closed, effective 2024.

Diocese of New England

Elevation to parish status, effective July 7, 2024

All Saints of North America Mission, Salisbury, CT, was elevated to full parish status, effective July 7, 2024. It is now known as All Saints of North America Church, Salisbury, CT.

Diocese of the West

Elevation to parish status and transfer to new deanery, effective July 17, 2024

Holy Apostles Mission, Vancouver, WA, was elevated to full parish status and moved from the Missionary District to the Pacific Northwest Deanery, effective July 17, 2024. It is now known as Holy Apostles Church, Vancouver, WA.



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