

PASTORAL CHANGES

Official No. 698

September 2025

RECEPTIONS

(MONTERO LEAL), Hieromonk Antonio was canonically received into the ranks of the clergy of the Orthodox Church in America effective September 18, 2025 by Metropolitan Tikhon. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Alejo and attached to the Diocese of Mexico. (Diocese of Mexico)

ORDINATIONS

DiGIACOBBE, Anthony was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on August 31, 2025 by Archbishop Daniel at St. Nicholas Church, Mogadore, OH. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Daniel and attached to the Diocese of the Midwest. (Diocese of the Midwest)

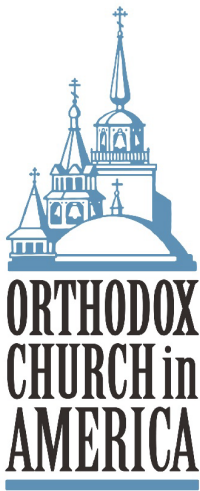
GAINER, John was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on September 14, 2025 by Bishop Vasily at Elevation of the Holy Cross Church, Sacramento, CA. He is under the omophorion of Bishop Vasily and attached to the Diocese of the West. (Diocese of the West)

GOOSSEN, Deacon Jonathan was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on September 13, 2025 by Archbishop Irénée at Sobor of the Holy Resurrection, Saskatoon, SK. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Irénée and attached to the Archdiocese of Canada. (Archdiocese of Canada)

HAY, Edwin was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on September 13, 2025 by Archbishop Irénée at Sobor of the Holy Resurrection, Saskatoon, SK. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Irénée and attached to the Archdiocese of Canada. (Archdiocese of Canada)

PORTER, Thomas was ordained to the Holy Diaconate by Archbishop Daniel on May 29, 2025 at Holy Ascension Church, Albion, MI. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Daniel and attached to the Diocese of the Midwest. (Diocese of the Midwest)

WERNER, Daniel was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on September 8, 2025 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)



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ASSIGNMENTS

BOZEMAN, Priest David was released from his assignment as Priest-in-Charge of St. John of Damascus Mission, Tyler, TX and from the omophorion of Archbishop Alexander and the Diocese of the South. He was transferred to the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and the roster of Stavropegial clergy. He was appointed Secretary of the Orthodox Church in America and assigned to St. Sergius of Radonezh Chapel, Oyster Bay Cove, NY, effective September 1, 2025. (Stavropegial)

COHEN, Priest Silouan was released from his assignment as Priest-in-Charge of St. Paul the Apostle Mission, Denison, TX, and assigned Priest-in-Charge of St. Matthew the Apostle Mission, Baton Rouge, LA, effective September 1, 2025. (Diocese of the South)

DiGIACOBBE, Anthony was attached to St. Nicholas Church, Mogadore, OH, effective August 31, 2025. (Diocese of the Midwest)

FISHER, Archpriest Vasily was released from his assignment as Rector at St. Nicholas Church, Kwethluk, AK, and assigned Rector of Holy Assumption of the Virgin Mary Church, Kenai, AK, and appointed Dean of the Kenai / Prince William Sound Deanery, effective September 4, 2025. (Diocese of Alaska)

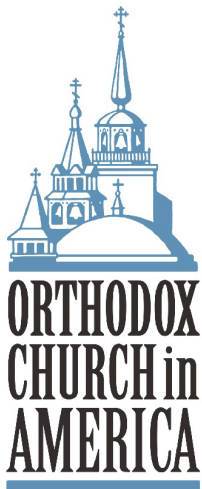
FOSTER, Archpriest Jason, in addition to his other duties, was assigned Priest-in-Charge of St. Barnabas Mission Station, Houma, LA, effective September 30, 2025. (Diocese of the South)

FRAWLEY, Archpriest Joseph was released from his assignment as Chaplain at St. Martin Chapel, West Point, NY, and attached to Christ the Saviour Church, Paramus, NJ, effective September 28, 2025. (Diocese of New York and New Jersey)

GAINER, Deacon John was attached to Elevation of the Holy Cross Church, Sacramento, CA, effective September 14, 2025. (Diocese of the West)

GOOSSEN, Priest Jonathan was assigned to St. Peter the Aleut Church, Calgary, AB, where he was previously an attached deacon, effective September 13, 2025. (Archdiocese of Canada)

HAY, Deacon Edwin was attached to Holy Trinity Sobor, Winnipeg, MB, effective September 13, 2025. (Archdiocese of Canada)



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ASSIGNMENTS (cont)

KAMILOS, Priest Peter was released from his assignment as Associate Priest at St. Innocent Cathedral, Anchorage, AK, and assigned Associate Priest at St. Juvenaly and His Companion Mission, Wasilla, AK. All his other duties remain the same. (Diocese of Alaska)

LEVINE, Archpriest Sean, in addition to his other duties, was appointed Administrator of All Saints of America Church, Alexandria, VA, where he was previously attached, effective September 1, 2025. (Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.)

PREDA, Priest Cristian Mihail was released from his assignment as Parish Priest of St. Joseph of Maramures Church, Hazleton, PA, and assigned Parish Priest of St. John the Baptizer Church, Kannapolis, NC, effective September 1, 2025. (Romanian Episcopate)

PORTER, Deacon Thomas was attached to Holy Ascension Church, Albion, MI, effective May 29, 2025. (Diocese of the Midwest)

MARGHERITINO, Archpriest Alessandro, was released from his assignment as Rector of All Saints of America Church, Alexandria, VA, and from his attachment thereto, and assigned Rector of St. Sergius of Radonezh Chapel, Oyster Bay Cove, NY. While remaining under the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon, he was transferred from the roster of territorial clergy of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., to the roster of Stavropegial clergy. He was also released from his duties as Acting Secretary of the Orthodox Church in America, effective September 1, 2025. All his other duties remain the same. (Stavropegial)

(MOLLARD), Metropolitan Tikhon relinquished his duties as Interim Rector of St. Sergius of Radonezh Chapel, Oyster Bay Cove, NY, effective September 1, 2025. All his other duties remain the same. (Stavropegial)

(MONTERO LEAL), Hieromonk Antonio was assigned to Misión Ortodoxa de las Santas Miróforas, Cantón de Escazú, Provincia de San José, Costa Rica, effective September 18, 2025. (Diocese of Mexico)

NIKKEL, Archpriest Alexis was assigned Rector of St. Barnabas Church (formerly Holy Apostle Barnabas Mission), Courtenay (Comox Valley), BC, where he was previously Priest-in-Charge, effective September 17, 2025. (Archdiocese of Canada)



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POPESCU, Deacon Bogdan was released from his assignment at St. John the Baptist Church, Los Angeles, CA, and from the omophorion of Archbishop Alexander and the Bulgarian Diocese. He was transferred to the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and the roster of Stavropegial clergy, and attached to Three Hierarchs Chapel, Yonkers, NY, effective September 2, 2025. (Stavropegial)

SARCA, Priest Petru was assigned Parish Priest of St. Joseph of Maramures Church, Hazleton, PA, where he was previously attached, effective September 1, 2025. (Romanian Episcopate)

SYRKIN, Archpriest Andrey was released from his assignment at St. Stephen the Protomartyr Church, Longwood/Orlando, FL, and assigned Priest-in-Charge of St. Nina the Enlightener Mission, Azalea Park, FL, effective September 25, 2025. (Diocese of the South)

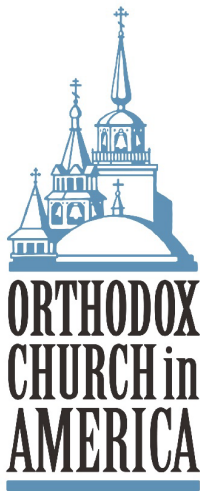
TOBIAS, Archpriest Peter Thomas was released from his assignment as Rector of Holy Assumption of the Virgin Mary Church, Kenai, AK, from his assignment as Priest-in-Charge of St. Herman of Alaska Church, Port Graham, AK, from his duties as Dean of the Kenai / Prince William Sound Deanery, and from the omophorion of Archbishop Alexei and the Diocese of Alaska, effective August 31, 2025. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Daniel and the Diocese of the Midwest, and attached to Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, IL, effective September 1, 2025. (Diocese of the Midwest)

TRANT, Priest Joshua was released from his assignment as Priest-in-Charge of St. Matthew the Apostle Mission, Baton Rouge, LA, and assigned Priest-in-Charge of St. John of Damascus Mission, Tyler, TX, effective September 1, 2025. (Diocese of the South)

WERNER, Deacon Daniel was attached to Three Hierarchs Chapel, Yonkers, NY, effective September 8, 2025. (Stavropegial)

VOYTOVICH, Archpriest Steven was released from his duties as Administrator of SS. Peter and Paul Church, Springfield, MA, effective September 4, 2025. All his other duties remain the same. (Diocese of New England)

ZANEMONETS, Priest Alexander was released from his attachment to Holy Transfiguration Church, New Haven, CT, and assigned Acting Rector of SS. Peter and Paul Church, Springfield, MA, effective September 4, 2025. (Diocese of New England)



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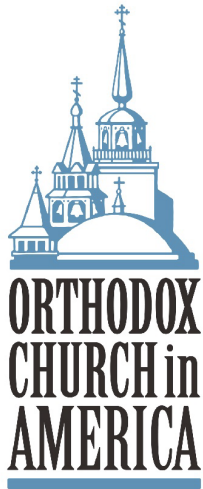
SUSPENDED

FURDUI, Hierodeacon Neonil was suspended from all diaconal functions, effective January 1, 2025. (Romanian Episcopate)

DEATHS

GREGORY, Priest Theodore reposed on September 29, 2025. (Diocese of New York and New Jersey)

ZAPARYNIUK Jr., Archpriest Michael, in his retirement, reposed on September 22, 2025. (Diocese of the South)



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PARISHES

Archdiocese of Canada

Elevation to full parish status and name change, effective September 17, 2025.

Holy Apostle Barnabas Mission, Courtenay (Comox Valley), BC was elevated to full parish status and is now known as St. Barnabas Church, Courtenay (Comox Valley), BC, effective September 17, 2025.

Diocese of New York and New Jersey

Disaffiliation of chapel, effective September 28, 2025.

St. Martin Chapel, West Point, NY, was disaffiliated from the Diocese of New York and New Jersey and the Orthodox Church in America, effective September 28, 2025.

Diocese of the South

New mission station, effective September 30, 2025.

St. Barnabas Mission Station, Houma, LA
Meeting at: 300 Lafayette Street, Suite 200,
Houma, LA 70360
Priest-in-Charge: Archpriest Jason Foster

Pastoral Changes
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Approved for distribution:



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