

## PASTORAL CHANGES

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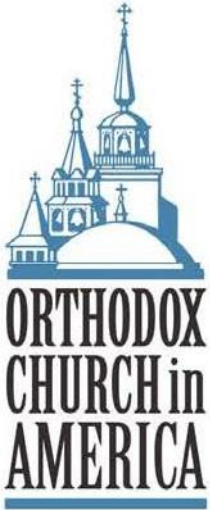
February 2020

### EPISCOPAL CHANGES

(NOVAKSHONOFF), Bishop Varlaam, in his retirement, reposed on February 13, 2020.

### EPISCOPAL CONSECRATIONS

(HOARSTE), Bishop-Elect Andrei is consecrated a Bishop on February 1, 2020 at St. George Cathedral, MI, and is now the Bishop of Cleveland and Auxiliary to His Eminence Archbishop Nathaniel. The following were the co-consecrating hierarchs along with Metropolitan Tikhon: Metropolitan Gregory of Nyssa; Metropolitan Nicolae of the Americas; Archbishop Nathaniel of Detroit and the Romanian Episcopate; Archbishop Benjamin of San Francisco and the West; Archbishop Irénée of Ottawa and Canada; Archbishop Michael of New York and New Jersey; Archbishop Alexander of Dallas and the South and the Bulgarian Diocese; Archbishop David of Sitka and Alaska; Bishop Paul of Chicago and the Midwest; and Bishop Alexis of Bethesda.



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### RECEPTIONS

SYRKIN, Archpriest Andrey is canonically received into the ranks of the clergy of the Orthodox Church in America on February 20, 2020 by Metropolitan Tikhon from the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. He is transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Alexander and attached to the Diocese of the South. (Diocese of the South)

### ORDINATIONS

DEMKO, William Andrew is ordained to the Holy Diaconate on January 12, 2020 by Bishop Daniel at St. Paul the Apostle Church, Las Vegas, NV. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Benjamin and is attached to the Diocese of the West.

SIMKO, Peter Steven is ordained to the Holy Diaconate on January 12, 2020 by Bishop Paul at St. Gregory of Nyssa Church, Columbus, OH. He is under the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon.

TIHON, Deacon Mircea is ordained to the Holy Priesthood on February 8, 2020 by Archbishop Irénée at All Saints of North America Monastery, Dewdney, BC. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Irénée and is attached to the Archdiocese of Canada.

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

ALBERT, Archpriest Paul, in addition to his other duties, is appointed Temporary Administrator of St. Paul Cathedral, Dearborn Heights, MI, effective January 30, 2020. (Bulgarian Diocese)

DEMKO, Deacon Andrew is attached at St. Paul the Apostle Church, Las Vegas, NV, effective January 12, 2020. (Diocese of the West)

FRASE, Archpriest Stephen, who was Acting Rector, is assigned Rector of St. Gregory of Nyssa Church, Columbus, OH, effective January 12, 2020. (Diocese of the Midwest)

JOHNSON, Priest Simeon B. is released from his duties at SS. Constantine and Helen / Holy Theophany Church, Colorado Springs, CO, and from the omophorion of Archbishop Benjamin and the Diocese of the West. He is transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop David and the Diocese of Alaska. He is assigned Rector of St. Nicholas Church, Juneau, AK, as well as Priest-in-Charge of St. John the Baptist Church, Angoon, AK, and St. Nicholas Church, Hoonah, AK, and Director of Missions for the Sitka/Southeast Deanery, effective January 20, 2020. (Diocese of Alaska)

KOLEGA, Archpriest Vasyl, in addition to his other duties, is appointed Priest-in-Charge of St. Nicholas Mission, Barrie, ON, effective October 10, 2019. (Archdiocese of Canada)

LEPINE, Archpriest Jacques-Jude is released from Holy Dormition of Most Holy Theotokos Mission Station, Sherbrooke, QC, and from the omophorion of Archbishop Irénée and the Archdiocese of Canada. He is transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Benjamin and the Diocese of the West. He is assigned Chaplain of St. Barbara Monastery, Santa Paula, CA, effective February 14, 2020. (Diocese of the West)

ROYER, Priest Robert is released from his duties at St. Paul Cathedral, Dearborn Heights, MI, and is attached at St. Nicholas Church, Burton, MI, effective February 29, 2020. (Bulgarian Diocese)

SIMKO, Deacon Peter is attached at St. Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, South Canaan, PA, effective January 12, 2020. (Stavropegial)

STEBELSKYY, Archpriest Yaroslav is assigned Rector of SS. Peter and Paul Church, Lakewood, OH, effective February 16, 2020. (Diocese of the Midwest)

SYRKIN, Archpriest Andrey is assigned at St. Stephen the Protomartyr Church, Longwood, FL, effective February 20, 2020. (Diocese of the South)

TIHON, Priest Mircea is assigned at All Saints of North America Monastery, Dewdney, BC, effective February 8, 2020. (Archdiocese of Canada)

TORONEY, Priest Joseph is released from St. Herman of Alaska Church, Shillington, PA, and is attached at St. Herman of Alaska Church, Gradyville, PA, effective February 24, 2020. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

## **LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

ROYER, Priest Robert is granted a medical Leave of Absence, effective January 30, 2020, until February 29, 2020. (Bulgarian Diocese)

## **RELEASED**

(LEROY), Archimandrite Georges is released from Communauté Monastique de St. Seraphim de Sarov, Rawdon, QC, and the omophorion of Archbishop Irénée and the Archdiocese of Canada. He is transferred to the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and is subsequently granted a Canonical Release to the Archdiocese of Russian Orthodox Churches in Western Europe (Moscow Patriarchate), effective February 20, 2020.

## **SUSPENDED**

(RÍOS CEJUDO), Hieromonk Elías, who has been on a leave of absence, is suspended from all priestly functions, effective February 16, 2020. (Diocese of Mexico)

## **DEATHS**

ANDERSON, Archpriest John W., in his retirement, reposed on February 11, 2020. (Diocese of the West)

(NOVAKSHONOFF), Bishop Varlaam, in his retirement, reposed on February 13, 2020.

## **PARISHES**

Archdiocese of Canada

*New Mission*, effective October 10, 2019

St. Nicholas Mission, Barrie, ON

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Archpriest Vasyl Kolega, Priest-in-Charge

## **CORRECTIONS**

In the April 2019 (No. 621) Pastoral Changes, Priest Dimitri Choueiry was incorrectly listed as being released from his attachment at St. Benoît de Nursie Church, Montréal, QC. He remains attached while being assigned as Rector of St. Dimitri Mission, Laval, QC, effective April 8, 2019.

In the January 2020 (No. 630) Pastoral Changes, when listing his suspension, Deacon Dumitru Nita was incorrectly listed as Protodeacon.

Approved for distribution:

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