

PASTORAL CHANGES

Official No. 670

May 2023

RECEPTIONS

BIRTHISEL, Priest Joseph was canonically received into the ranks of the clergy of the Orthodox Church in America effective May 23, 2023, by Metropolitan Tikhon. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Alexander and attached to the Diocese of the South. (Diocese of the South)

ORDINATIONS

BRELAND, Micah was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on May 14, 2023, by Archbishop Michael on behalf of Metropolitan Tikhon at St. Simon of Cyrene Mission, New Brunswick, NJ. He is under the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and on the roster of Stavropegial clergy. (Stavropegial)

GARCIA, Benjamin was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on May 28, 2023, by 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)

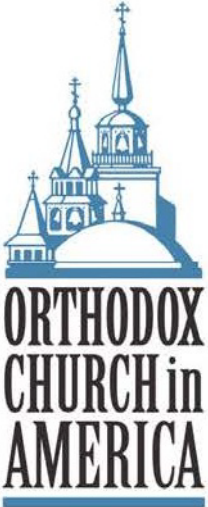
KERSTETTER, John was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on May 6, 2023, by Archbishop Melchisedek at the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, Beavertown, PA. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Melchisedek and attached to the Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania. (Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania)

KINGERY, Jordan was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on February 26, 2023, by Archbishop Daniel on behalf of Metropolitan Tikhon at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, IL. He is under the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and on the roster of Stavropegial clergy. (Stavropegial)

KULP, Damian was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on May 27, 2023, by 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)

MCDONALD, Deacon Paul was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on May 25, 2023, by Archbishop Alexander at Holy Ascension Church, Mount Pleasant, SC. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Alexander and attached to the Diocese of the South. (Diocese of the South)

NASH, Sampson was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on January 15, 2023, by Archbishop Daniel at St. Gregory of Nyssa Church, Columbus, OH. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Daniel and attached to the Diocese of the Midwest. (Diocese of the Midwest)



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ORDINATIONS (cont)

ROBERTSON, Seraphim was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on May 29, 2023, by 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)

ROOSIEN, Deacon Mark was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on May 6, 2023, by Metropolitan Tikhon at Holy Ghost Church, Bridgeport, CT. He is under the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon in his capacity as locum tenens of the Diocese of New England, and attached to the Diocese of New England. (Diocese of New England)

RUSSIN, Harrison Basil was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on May 20, 2023, 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)

VEST, Matthew was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on April 30, 2023, by Archbishop Benjamin at St. Anthony the Great Church, Bozeman, MT. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Benjamin and attached to the Diocese of the West. (Diocese of the West)

YORK, Nicholas was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on May 27, 2023, by Archbishop Melchisedek at Holy Transfiguration Monastery, Ellwood City, PA. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Melchisedek and attached to the Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania. (Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania)

ASSIGNMENTS

ANDREW, Archpriest Thomas was released from his duties as Chancellor of the Diocese of Alaska, effective May 12, 2023. All his other duties remain the same. (Diocese of Alaska)

AVANT, Priest Photius was released from his duties as Dean of the Southcentral Deanery, effective May 20, 2023. All his other duties remain the same. (Diocese of the South)

BIRTHISEL, Priest Joseph was attached to St. Cyprian of Carthage Church, Midlothian, VA, effective May 23, 2023. (Diocese of the South)

BOZEMAN, Priest David, in addition to his other duties, was appointed Dean of the Southcentral Deanery, effective May 25, 2023. (Diocese of the South)

BRELAND, Deacon Micah was attached to St. Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, South Canaan, PA, effective May 14, 2023. (Stavropegial)

CHARLES, Archpriest Daniel was released from his duties as Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese of Alaska and, in addition to his other duties, appointed Chancellor of the Diocese of Alaska, effective May 12, 2023. (Diocese of Alaska)

ASSIGNMENTS (cont)

EARL, Priest Alexander was released from his attachment at Three Hierarchs Chapel, Yonkers, NY, and from the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and the roster of Stavropegial clergy. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Alexander and the Diocese of the South, and assigned Assistant Priest at St. John of the Ladder Church, Greenville, SC, effective May 20, 2023. (Diocese of the South)

GALLOWAY, Priest David was released from his attachment at Three Hierarchs Chapel, Yonkers, NY, and from the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and the roster of Stavropegial clergy. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Alexander and the Diocese of the South, and assigned Priest-in-Charge of St. John the Merciful Mission, Kissimmee, FL, effective May 20, 2023. (Diocese of the South)

GARAGAN, Priest Nykolai was released from his attachment at the Sobor of St. Herman of Alaska, Edmonton, AB, and assigned Priest-in-Charge of SS. Peter and Paul Church, Dickie Bush, AB, effective May 17, 2023. (Archdiocese of Canada)

GARCIA, Deacon Benjamin was attached to St. Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, South Canaan, PA, effective May 28, 2023. (Stavropegial)

HICKMAN, Priest Daniel was released from his assignment at St. John the Merciful Mission, Kissimmee, FL, effective May 20, 2023. All his other duties remain the same. (Diocese of the South)

JOHNSON, Priest Simeon, in addition to his other duties, was appointed Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese of Alaska, effective May 12, 2023. (Diocese of Alaska)

KAMILOS, Priest Peter, in addition to his other duties, was assigned Priest-in-Charge of Nativity of the Theotokos Church, Chenega Bay, AK, effective May 30, 2023. (Diocese of Alaska)

KERSTETTER, Deacon John was attached to Holy Trinity Church, State College, PA, and to the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, Beavertown, PA, effective May 6, 2023. (Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania)

KINGERY, Deacon Jordan was attached to St. Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, South Canaan, PA, effective February 26, 2023. (Stavropegial)

KOWALCZYK, Archpriest John was released from his assignment at St. Michael Church, Jermyn, PA, and from the omophorion of Archbishop Mark and the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania. He was transferred to the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and added to the roster of Stavropegial clergy, and attached to St. Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, South Canaan, PA, effective May 21, 2023. (Stavropegial)

KUDRIN, Priest John was released from his assignment at Nativity of the Theotokos Church, Chenega Bay, AK, effective May 30, 2023. (Diocese of Alaska)

ASSIGNMENTS (cont)

KULP, Deacon Damian was attached to St. Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, South Canaan, PA, effective May 27, 2023. (Stavropegial)

LARSON, Archpriest Nicholai, in addition to his other duties, was appointed Dean of the Kuskokwim Deanery, effective May 11, 2023. (Diocese of Alaska)

LATTIER, Priest Daniel, in addition to his other duties, was appointed Priest-in-Charge of the Sequim-Port Angeles Mission, Sequim, WA, effective May 22, 2023. (Diocese of the West)

LUCAS, Priest Joseph, in addition to his other duties, was assigned Priest-in-Charge of SS. Peter and Paul Church, Miami, FL, effective May 20, 2023. (Diocese of the South)

MCDONALD, Priest Paul was attached to Holy Ascension Church, Mount Pleasant, SC, effective May 25, 2023. (Diocese of the South)

MIKITISH, Priest John, while remaining on the roster of Stavropegial clergy and attached to St. Sergius of Radonezh Chapel, Oyster Bay Cove, NY, was assigned Priest-in-Charge of St. John the Theologian Mission Station, Fairfax Station, VA, from May 8, 2023, to August 31, 2023. (Archdiocese of Washington)

NASH, Deacon Sampson was attached to St. Gregory of Nyssa Church, Columbus, OH, effective January 15, 2023. (Diocese of the Midwest)

PARKER, Priest John was assigned Rector of St. John the Baptist Church, New Kensington, PA, effective May 1, 2023. (Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania)

(PRESTON), Bishop-Elect Nikodhim was released from his assignment at St. Nicholas Church, Jamaica Estates, NY, and assigned to St. George Cathedral, South Boston, MA, effective May 1, 2023. (Albanian Archdiocese)

ROBERTSON, Deacon Seraphim was attached to St. Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, South Canaan, PA, effective May 29, 2023. (Stavropegial)

ROOSIEN, Priest Mark was attached to Holy Ghost Church, Bridgeport, CT, effective May 6, 2023. (Diocese of New England)

RUSSIN, Deacon Harrison Basil was assigned to Three Hierarchs Chapel, Yonkers, NY, effective May 20, 2023. (Stavropegial)

SOPER, Priest Lavrentije was assigned Rector of St. Nicholas Church, Salem, MA, where he was previously Acting Rector, effective May 10, 2023. (Diocese of New England)

TOMAS, Priest Peter was released from his duties at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, IL, and assigned Rector of Holy Assumption Church, Marblehead, OH, effective May 1, 2023. (Diocese of the Midwest)

ASSIGNMENTS (cont)

TREFON, Priest Michael, Jr., was released from his duties as Dean of the Kuskokwim Deanery, effective May 11, 2023. All his other duties remain the same. (Diocese of Alaska)

VEST, Deacon Matthew was attached to St. Anthony the Great Church, Bozeman, MT, effective April 30, 2023. (Diocese of the West)

WHITFIELD, Priest Theophan was assigned Dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral, Boston, MA, where he was previously Acting Dean, effective May 10, 2023. (Diocese of New England)

WITEK, Priest Paul was assigned Rector of All Saints Church, Olyphant, PA, effective May 19, 2023. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

YORK, Deacon Nicholas was attached to the Intercession of the Holy Virgin Church, Carnegie, PA, effective May 27, 2023. (Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania)

RELEASED

GREEN, Deacon Spyridon was released from the omophorion of Archbishop Mark and the Albanian Archdiocese. He was transferred to the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon, and subsequently granted a canonical release to the Albanian Orthodox Diocese, Eparchy of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, effective May 16, 2023.

SUSPENDED

CHOCKNOK, Priest Sergius was suspended from all priestly functions, effective May 11, 2023. (Diocese of Alaska)

GUST, Archpriest James was suspended from all priestly functions, effective May 24, 2023. (Diocese of Alaska)

DEATHS

HENDERSON, Archpriest Benjamin reposed on May 30, 2023. (Diocese of the South)

PARISHES

Diocese of the South

Transfer to new deanery, effective May 25, 2023.


St. John of Damascus Mission, Tyler, TX, was transferred from the Mississippi River Deanery to the Southcentral Deanery, effective May 25, 2023.

Diocese of the West

New Mission, effective May 22, 2023.

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Priest-in-Charge: Priest Daniel Lattier

Approved for distribution:



// signed September 25, 2023 //

Archpriest Alexander Rentel
Chancellor of the OCA