

PASTORAL CHANGES

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RECEPTIONS

ROEBER, Priest Anthony was canonically received in retirement into the ranks of the clergy of the Orthodox Church in America effective June 1, 2023, by Metropolitan Tikhon. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Daniel and attached to the Diocese of the Midwest, effective June 6, 2023. (Diocese of the Midwest)

ORDINATIONS

(CRUZ VÁZQUEZ), Monk Alexis was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on June 4, 2023, by Archbishop Alejo at Catedral la Ascensión del Señor, Ciudad de México, CDMX. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Alejo and attached to the Diocese of Mexico. (Diocese of Mexico)

WIEBE, Gregory was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on June 3, 2023, by Archbishop Irénée at St. Nicholas Church, Narol, MB. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Irénée and attached to the Archdiocese of Canada. (Archdiocese of Canada)

VUKELIC, Mark was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on June 4, 2023, by Archbishop Melchisedek at St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, Allison Park, PA. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Melchisedek and attached to the Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania. (Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania)

ASSIGNMENTS

ALDRIDGE, Priest Gabriel was released from his attachment at 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 Alexander and the Diocese of the South, and attached to St. John the Wonderworker Church, Atlanta, GA, effective June 6, 2023. (Diocese of the South)

ANDREW, Priest Ishmael was released from his assignment at St. Michael the Archangel Cathedral, Sitka, AK, and from his duties as Dean of the Sitka Deanery. He was assigned Assistant Priest at St. Jacob the Apostle Church, Napaskiak, AK, Priest-in-Charge of St. Matthew Mission, Oscarville, AK, and Priest-in-Charge of St. Innocent Mission, Napaskiak, AK, effective June 13, 2023. (Diocese of Alaska)



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ASSIGNMENTS (cont)

BALDWIN, Priest Alexis was released from his assignment at Holy Resurrection Church, Clinton, MS, and assigned Priest-in-Charge of SS. George and Alexandra Mission, Fort Smith, AR, effective June 12, 2023. (Diocese of the South)

BELT, Priest Herman was released from his attachment at St. Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church and from the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and the roster of Stavropegial clergy, and transferred to the omophorion of Bishop Alexei and the Diocese of Alaska, effective May 27, 2023. He was assigned Dean of St. Michael the Archangel Cathedral, Sitka, AK, and Dean of the Sitka Deanery, effective June 13, 2023. (Diocese of Alaska)

(BILLY), Hieromonk Ioasaph was released from his assignment at Holy Ascension of Our Lord Cathedral, Unalaska, AK, and assigned Rector of St. Herman of Alaska Church, Port Graham, AK, effective June 15, 2023. (Diocese of Alaska)

BLACK, Priest John was released from his attachment at Three Hierarchs Chapel, Yonkers, NY, effective May 31, 2023. He was released from the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and the roster of Stavropegial clergy. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Mark and the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania, and assigned Acting Rector of St. Michael Church, Jermyn, PA, effective June 1, 2023. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

BRETON, Archpriest Gary Joseph was released from his duties at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Jersey City, NJ, effective June 1, 2023. All his other duties remain the same. (Diocese of New York and New Jersey)

BUCHMAN, Deacon Mark was released from his attachment at St. Stephen the Protomartyr Church, Longwood, FL, and attached to St. John the Merciful Mission, Kissimmee, FL, effective June 26, 2023. (Diocese of the South)

BUZATELU, Priest Marius was released from his assignment at SS. Michael and Gabriel Church, Apopka, FL, effective May 18, 2023. He was released from the omophorion of Archbishop Nathaniel and the Romanian Episcopate. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Alexander and the Diocese of the South, and attached to St. Justin Martyr Church, Jacksonville, FL, effective June 2, 2023. (Diocese of the South)

CLAUSSON, Priest Nathan was released from his attachment at St. Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, South Canaan, PA, effective May 31, 2023. He was released from the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and the roster of Stavropegial clergy. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Mark and the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania and assigned Acting Rector of St. Nicholas Church, Olyphant, PA, effective June 1, 2023. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

(CRUZ VÁZQUEZ), Hierodeacon Alexis was attached to Misión Ortodoxa de San Germán de Alaska, Mazatán, Chiapas, effective June 4, 2023. (Diocese of Mexico)

DIMITROV, Archpriest Dimitre was released from his assignment at St. John of Rila Church, Chicago, IL, and granted retirement, effective June 1, 2023. (Bulgarian Diocese)

ASSIGNMENTS (cont)

GOTLINSKY, Archpriest Ilya was released from his assignment at Dormition of the Virgin Mary Church, Binghamton, NY, and attached to St. Athanasius Chapel, Bronxville, NY, effective June 17, 2023. (Diocese of New York and New Jersey)

HLADIO, Priest Yuri was assigned Rector of St. Maria of Paris Church, Hamilton, ON, where he was previously Priest-in-Charge, effective June 12, 2023. (Archdiocese of Canada)

(KOJA), Archimandrite Theophan was released from his assignment at St. George Cathedral, South Boston, MA, and attached to Assumption of the Virgin Mary Church, Worcester, MA, effective May 31, 2023. (Albanian Archdiocese)

LARSON, Priest Alexander was released from his assignments at St. Matthew Mission, Oscarville, AK, and St. Innocent Mission, Napakiak, AK, effective June 13, 2023. All his other duties remain the same. (Diocese of Alaska)

MAXWELL, Archpriest John was released from his assignment at SS. George and Alexandra Mission, Fort Smith, AR, and granted retirement, effective June 12, 2023. He was attached in retirement as Pastor Emeritus to SS. George and Alexandra Mission, Fort Smith, AR. (Diocese of the South)

NIGHTINGALE, Priest John, was released from his duties as Administrator at St. Nicholas Church, Olyphant, PA, effective June 1, 2023. He remains attached to St. Nicholas Church, Olyphant, PA. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

PHELPS, Deacon David was released from his attachment at St. Cyprian of Carthage Church, Midlothian, VA, and attached to St. Andrew Church, Ashland, VA, effective June 3, 2023. (Diocese of the South)

ROEBER, Priest Anthony, in his retirement, was attached to St. Michael the Archangel Church, Saint Louis, MO, effective June 6, 2023. (Diocese of the Midwest)

VUKELIC, Deacon Mark was attached to St. Nicholas Church, Weirton, WV, effective June 4, 2023. (Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania)

WESSELER, Priest Joseph was released from his assignment at St. John of the Ladder Church, Greenville, SC, and assigned Priest-in-Charge of St. Anthony the Great Mission, Rock Hill, SC, effective June 1, 2023. (Diocese of the South)

WIEBE, Deacon Gregory was attached to St. Nicholas Church, Narol, MB, effective June 3, 2023. (Archdiocese of Canada)

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

GOTLINSKY, Archpriest Ilya was granted a leave of absence, effective June 17, 2023. (Diocese of New York and New Jersey)

RELEASED

CHAPUT, Deacon Thomas was released from the omophorion of Archbishop Irénée and the Archdiocese of Canada. He was transferred to the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon, and subsequently granted a canonical release to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada (Ecumenical Patriarchate), effective June 26, 2023.

(KOJA), Archimandrite Theophan was released from the omophorion of Archbishop Mark, in his capacity as locum tenens of the Albanian Archdiocese, 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 June 6, 2023.

STANTON, Archpriest Christopher was released from the omophorion of Bishop Alexei and the Diocese of Alaska. He was transferred to the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon, and subsequently granted a canonical release to the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, effective June 28, 2023.

RETIRED

DIMITROV, Archpriest Dimitre was granted retirement, effective June 1, 2023. (Bulgarian Diocese)

MAXWELL, Archpriest John was granted retirement, effective June 12, 2023. (Diocese of the South)

SUSPENDED

KUDRIN, Priest John was suspended from all priestly functions, effective June 8, 2023. (Diocese of Alaska)

PARISHES

Archdiocese of Canada

Status Change, effective June 8, 2023.

St. Maria of Paris Mission, Hamilton, ON, was elevated to parish status. It is now known as St. Maria of Paris Church, Hamilton, ON.

Diocese of the South

Parish temporarily closed, effective June 2, 2023.

SS. Peter and Paul Church, Miami, FL, is temporarily closed, effective June 2, 2023.

Approved for distribution:

// signed September 25, 2023 //

Archpriest Alexander Rentel
Chancellor of the OCA