

PASTORAL CHANGES

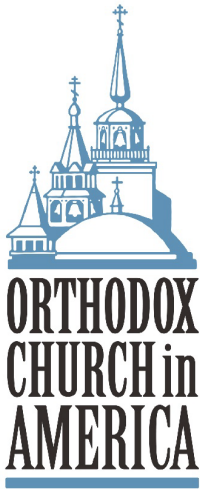
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RECEPTIONS

HAWTHORNE, Deacon David was canonically received into the ranks of the clergy of the Orthodox Church in America effective January 8, 2025 by Metropolitan Tikhon. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Alexander and attached to the Diocese of the South. (Diocese of the South)

KHRISTICH, Priest George was canonically received into the ranks of the clergy of the Orthodox Church in America effective January 8, 2025 by Metropolitan Tikhon. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Benjamin and attached to the Diocese of the West. (Diocese of the West)



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PERMIAKOV, Priest Vitaly was tonsured into the Lesser Schema on January 17, 2025 by Archimandrite Sergius (Bowyer) at St. Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, South Canaan, PA. He was given the name Vasily and is now known as Hieromonk Vasily (Permiakov). (Stavropegial)

ORDINATIONS

AUSTIN, Patrick Gregory was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on January 2, 2025 by Archbishop Benjamin at St. Seraphim of Sarov Cathedral / Holy Protection, Santa Rosa, CA. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Benjamin and attached to the Diocese of the West. (Diocese of the West)

DENYSENKO, Protodeacon Nicholas was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on January 18, 2025 by Archbishop Daniel at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, IL. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Daniel and attached to the Diocese of the Midwest. (Diocese of the Midwest)

FEDORETZ, Garry was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on September 15, 2024 by Archbishop Irénée at SS. Peter and Paul Church, Chahor, AB. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Irénée and attached to the Archdiocese of Canada. (Archdiocese of Canada)

REXFORD, John was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on January 30, 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)

ORDINATIONS (cont)

RUSK, Deacon William was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on January 12, 2025 by Archbishop Mark at Holy Trinity Church, Stroudsburg, PA. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Mark and attached to the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

TAYLOR, Deacon Justin was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on January 30, 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)

THIESZEN, Tikhon was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on January 1, 2025 by Bishop Gerasim at St. Basil the Great Mission, Weatherford, OK. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Alexander and attached to the Diocese of the South. (Diocese of the South)

THOMPSON, Deacon Dave was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on January 25, 2025 by Archbishop Michael on behalf of 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)

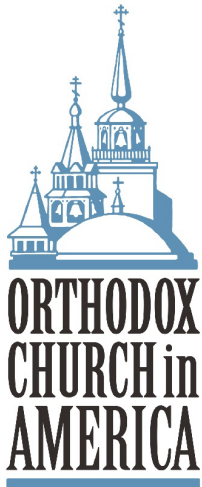
WINSLER, Joseph was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on January 18, 2025 by Archbishop Daniel on behalf of Metropolitan Tikhon at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, IL. He is under the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and on the roster of Stavropegial clergy. (Stavropegial)

ASSIGNMENTS

ARIAS PORRAS, Deacon Isidro José was released from his attachment to Catedral de la Ascensión del Señor, Ciudad de México, CDMX, and assigned to Misión Ortodoxa de las Santas Miróforas, Provincia de San José, Costa Rica, effective 2024. (Diocese of Mexico)

AUSTIN, Deacon Patrick Gregory was attached to St. Innocent Church, Pleasanton, CA, effective January 2, 2025. (Diocese of West)

BLOM, Archpriest Andreas, in addition to his other duties, was assigned Priest-in-Charge of Holy Dormition Church, Calhan, CO, effective January 1, 2025. (Diocese of the West)



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ASSIGNMENTS (cont)

BOHATSKYI, Priest Seraphim was assigned Assistant Priest at the Sobor of St. Herman of Alaska, Edmonton, AB, where he was previously attached, effective January 29, 2025. (Archdiocese of Canada)

CARRILLO MURILLO, Priest Eduardo José was released from his attachment to Misión Ortodoxa de San Germán de Alaska, Mazatán, Chiapas, and assigned to Misión Ortodoxa de las Santas Miróforas, Provincia de San José, Costa Rica, effective 2024. (Diocese of Mexico)

COX, Priest John was released from his assignment as Priest-in-Charge of St. Mary Magdalene Church, Rincon, GA, effective January 1, 2025. All his other duties remain the same. (Diocese of the South)

DANK, Archpriest James was released from his assignment as Rector of St. John of Kronstadt Church, Lincoln, NE, and granted retirement, effective January 1, 2025. He was attached in retirement to Holy Trinity Church, Overland Park, KS. (Diocese of the Midwest)

DÍAZ SÁNCHEZ, Priest Saúl was released from his duties at Misión Ortodoxa de San Germán de Alaska, Mazatán, Chiapas, and Parroquia de la Santa Cruz, Ecatepec, Estado de México, and assigned to Estación Misionera de San Serafin de Sarov, Tlalnepantla, Estado de México, effective 2024. (Diocese of Mexico)

FEDORETZ, Deacon Garry was attached to Holy Trinity Church, Smoky Lake, AB, effective September 15, 2024. (Archdiocese of Canada)

(GALICIA PINEDA), Hierodeacon Santiago, in addition to his other duties, was assigned to Parroquia Ortodoxa la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz, Ecatepec, Estado de México, effective 2024. (Diocese of Mexico)

HAWTHORNE, Deacon David was attached to St. Sava Church, Allen, TX, effective January 8, 2025. (Diocese of the South)

HENDERSHOT, Archpriest Dennis was released from his attachment in retirement to St. Vladimir Church, Lopez, PA, effective January 29, 2025, and from the omophorion of Archbishop Mark and the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Michael and the Diocese of New York and New Jersey, and attached in retirement to SS. Peter and Paul Church, Endicott, NY, effective January 31, 2025. (Diocese of New York and New Jersey)

HOLOWATCH, Archpriest Timothy was assigned Assistant Pastor at SS. Peter and Paul Church, Endicott, NY, where he was previously attached, effective January 1, 2025. (Diocese of New York and New Jersey)



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HUGGINS, Priest Benjamin was assigned Rector of Holy Ascension Mission, Honomu, HI, where he was previously Acting Rector, and was assigned Priest-in-Charge of St Juvenaly Mission, Kailua-Kona, HI, effective January 1, 2025. (Diocese of the West)

KALISH, Priest Kevin was assigned Rector of St. Mark of Ephesus Church, Kingston, MA, where he was formerly Priest-in-Charge prior to its elevation from mission to full parish status, effective January 19, 2025. (Diocese of New England)

KHRISTICH, Priest George was attached to St. Seraphim Cathedral / Holy Protection, Santa Rosa, CA, effective January 8, 2025. (Diocese of the West)

KOPKA, Archpriest Joseph was released from his assignment as Associate Priest at St. Joseph Church, Wheaton, IL, and granted retirement, effective January 14, 2025. In his retirement, he was attached to Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, IL. (Diocese of the Midwest)

LATTIER, Priest Daniel was released from his assignment as Rector of St. Herman of Alaska Church, Port Townsend, WA, and assigned Rector of Church of the Annunciation, Milwaukie, OR, effective January 1, 2025. All his other duties remain the same. (Diocese of the West)

LEVINE, Archpriest Sean, in addition to his duties as a military chaplain, was assigned Associate Priest at All Saints of America Church, Alexandria, VA, effective January 1, 2025. With this assignment, while remaining under the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon, he is transferred to the roster of territorial clergy of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. (Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.)

MARGHERITINO, Archpriest Alessandro, in addition to his other duties, was appointed Acting Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America and Administrator of St. Sergius of Radonezh Chapel, Oyster Bay Cove, NY, effective January 1, 2025. Also, he was assigned Rector of All Saints of America Church, Alexandria, VA, where he was previously Acting Rector, effective January 20, 2025. He remains under the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon as a territorial cleric of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. (Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.)

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



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MORRISON, Archpriest Jeffrey David, in addition to his other duties, was assigned Priest-in-Charge of St. Moses the Strong Mission, Helena, MT, effective January 1, 2025. (Diocese of the West)

MOULTON, Archpriest Andrew was released from his assignment as Rector of SS. Cyril and Methody Church, Granite City, IL, and granted retirement, effective January 1, 2025. He was attached in retirement to St. Nicholas Cathedral, Fort Wayne, IN (Bulgarian Diocese)

MYERS, Archpriest Michael, in his retirement, was appointed administrator of SS. Cyril and Methody Church, Granite City, IL, effective January 1, 2025. (Bulgarian Diocese)

OSBURN, Priest Stephen, Jr., was released from his assignment as Rector of Holy Dormition Church, Calhan, CO, and from the omophorion of Archbishop Benjamin and the Diocese of the West. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Alexander and the Diocese of the South, and assigned Rector of St. Mary Magdalene Church, Rincon, GA, effective January 1, 2025. (Diocese of the South)

(PATLÁN TORRES), Hierodeacon Alejandro was released from his duties at Parroquia Ortodoxa de la Santa Cruz, Ecatepec, Estado de México, and assigned to Estación Misionera de San Serafin de Sarov, Tlalnepantla, Estado de México, effective 2024. All his other duties remain the same. (Diocese of Mexico)

PERMIAKOV, Priest Vitaly (now Hieromonk Vasily [Permiakov]) was released from his duties as Administrator of Three Hierarchs Chapel, Yonkers, NY, effective January 1, 2025. He remains assigned to the same. (Stavropegial)

RENTEL, Archpriest Alexander was released from his duties as Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America and from his assignment as Dean of St. Sergius of Radonezh Chapel, Oyster Bay Cove, NY, effective December 31, 2024. He was assigned Rector of Three Hierarchs Chapel, Yonkers, NY, effective January 1, 2025. (Stavropegial)

REXFORD, Deacon John was attached to Three Hierarchs Chapel, Yonkers, NY, effective January 30, 2025. (Stavropegial)

RUNYON, Priest Peter, in addition to his other duties, was appointed Acting Missions Director of the Diocese of the West, with oversight of the parishes of the Missionary District, effective January 1, 2025. (Diocese of the West)



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RUSK, Priest William was attached to Holy Trinity Church, Stroudsburg, PA, where he was previously an attached deacon, effective January 12, 2025. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

SAWCHAK, Archpriest Timothy A, in addition to his other duties, was appointed Administrator of St. John of Kronstadt Church, Lincoln, NE, effective January 1, 2025. (Diocese of the Midwest)

SKVIR, Archpriest Daniel was released from his assignment as Chaplain (Rector) of Holy Transfiguration Chapel, Princeton, NJ, and granted retirement, effective January 1, 2025. He was attached in retirement to Holy Transfiguration Chapel, Princeton, NJ, with the title of Chaplain Emeritus. (Diocese of New York and New Jersey)

SMIDA, Priest Alexander, was assigned Chaplain of Holy Transfiguration Chapel, Princeton, NJ, where he was previously Assistant Chaplain (Assistant Pastor), effective January 1, 2025. (Diocese of New York and New Jersey)

SOLAK, Archpriest Nicholas J was released from his assignment as Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Stroudsburg, PA, and from the omophorion of Archbishop Mark and the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania. He was transferred to the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and the roster of Stavropegial clergy, and attached to St. Nicholas Cathedral, Washington, D.C., effective January 1, 2025. (Stavropegial)

TATE, Archpriest Matthew was released from his assignment as Rector of Church of the Annunciation, Milwaukie, OR, from his assignment as Priest-in-Charge of St. Sophia Mission, Elma, WA, from his assignment as Temporary Administrator of St. Moses the Strong Mission, Helena, MT, from his assignment as Priest-in-Charge of St. Juvenaly Mission, Kailua-Kona, HI, and from his duties as Dean of the Missionary District, and granted retirement, effective January 1, 2025. In his retirement, he remains attached to the Church of the Annunciation, Milwaukie, OR, with the title of Pastor Emeritus. (Diocese of the West)

THIESZEN, Deacon Tikhon was attached to St. Basil the Great Mission, Weatherford, OK, effective January 1, 2025. (Diocese of the South)

VITKO, Archpriest John was released from his duties as Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., effective January 1, 2025. All his other duties remain the same. (Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.)

WINSLER, Deacon Joseph was attached to Three Hierarchs Chapel, Yonkers, NY, effective January 18, 2025. (Stavropegial)



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LEAVES OF ABSENCE

(GÓMEZ SILVA), Hierodeacon Dimitri was granted a leave of absence, effective 2024. (Diocese of Mexico)

RETIRED

DANK, Archpriest James was granted retirement, effective January 1, 2025. (Diocese of the Midwest)

KOPKA, Archpriest Joseph was granted retirement, effective January 14, 2025. (Diocese of the Midwest)

MOULTON, Archpriest Andrew was granted retirement, effective January 1, 2025. (Bulgarian Diocese)

SKVIR, Archpriest Daniel was granted retirement, effective January 1, 2025. (Diocese of New York and New Jersey)

TATE, Archpriest Matthew was granted retirement, effective January 1, 2025. (Diocese of the West)



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SUSPENDED

GREEN, Deacon Zacchaeus was suspended from all diaconal functions, effective January 13, 2025. (Archdiocese of Canada)

KUDRIN, Priest John was suspended from all priestly functions, effective January 21, 2025. (Diocese of Alaska)

NICORI, Priest John was suspended from all priestly functions, effective January 7, 2025. (Diocese of Alaska)

PLEKON, Archpriest Michael, in his retirement, was suspended from all priestly functions, effective January 31, 2025. (Diocese of New York and New Jersey)

PARISHES

Diocese of Mexico

Elevated to full parish status, effective April 10, 2024.

Misión Ortodoxa de San Esteban, Huehuetla, Hidalgo, was elevated to full parish status, effective April 10, 2024. It is now known as Parroquia Ortodoxa de San Esteban, Huehuetla, Hidalgo.

Elevated to full parish status, effective April 10, 2024.

Misión Ortodoxa de San Germán de Alaska, Mazatán, Chiapas was elevated to full parish status, effective April 10, 2024. It is now known as Parroquia Ortodoxa de San Germán de Alaska, Mazatán, Chiapas.

New mission, effective April 10, 2024.

Misión Ortodoxa de las Santas Miróforas, Provincia de San José, Costa Rica
Address: Residencial Quintanar (en el Distrito de Guachipelín, Cantón de Escazú, Provincia de San José, Costa Rica
Assigned clergy: Priest Eduardo José Carrillo Murillo, Deacon Isidro José Arias Porras

New mission station, effective 2024.

Estación Misionera de San Serafín de Sarov, Tlalnepantla, Estado de México
Address: Avenida Morelos # 74, Fraccionamiento Jacarandas, Tlalnepantla de Baz, Estado de México, C.P. 54050
Assigned clergy: Priest Saúl Díaz Sánchez, Hierodeacon Alejandro (Patlán Torres)

New mission station, effective 2024.

Estación Misionera de San Marcos Evangelista, Torreón, Coahuila
Address: Av. Corregidora 2177, Cuarto de Cobian Centro, Torreón, Coahuila
Assigned clergy: Priest Luis Armando Garza Reyes

New hermitage, effective 2024.

Eremitorio de San Miguel Arcangel, Los Reyes, Michoacán
Address: Carretera los Reyes, los chorros del Varal km. 11, Los Reyes, Michoacán
Assigned clergy: Hieromonk Sava (García Barragán)



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PARISHES (cont)

Diocese of New England

Elevated to full parish status, effective January 19, 2025.

St. Mark of Ephesus Mission, Kingston, MA, was elevated to full parish status, effective January 19, 2025. It is now known as St. Mark of Ephesus Church, Kingston, MA.



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CORRECTIONS

The priest-in-charge of St. Nicholas Church, Igiugig, AK, is Archpriest David Askoak, not Archpriest Alexie Askoak.

Pastoral Changes no. 682, May 2024 stated that Hieromonk Atanasio (Solorzano Solorzano) was attached to Misión Ortodoxa de San Esteban, Huehuetla, Hidalgo, effective May 19, 2024. He was assigned, not attached, and the community was not a mission but a parish at that time (Parroquia Ortodoxa de San Esteban, Huehuetla, Hidalgo).

Pastoral Changes no. 683, June 2024 did not state Hieromonk Alexis (Cruz Vázquez)'s parish assignment upon his ordination to the Holy Priesthood on June 9, 2024. He was assigned to Parroquia Ortodoxa de San Germán de Alaska, Mazatán, Chiapas.

Approved for distribution:

//signed August 13, 2025//

Archpriest Alessandro Margheritino
Chancellor of the OCA