

## PASTORAL CHANGES

Official No. 691

February 2025

### RECEPTIONS

VESELAK, Priest Jan was canonically received into the ranks of the clergy of the Orthodox Church in America effective February 4, 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)

### ORDINATIONS

DUNKS, Andrew was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on February 19, 2025 by Bishop Gerasim on behalf of Metropolitan Tikhon at St. Seraphim of Sarov Cathedral, Dallas, TX. He is under the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and on the roster of Stavropegial clergy. (Stavropegial)

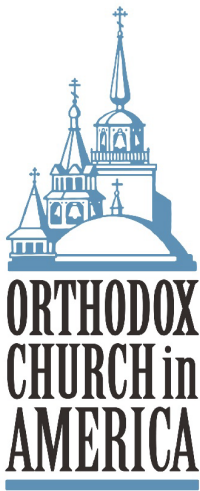
HECKERT, Innokenty was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on February 23, 2025 by Bishop Alexei at Holy Resurrection Cathedral, Kodiak, AK. He is under the omophorion of Bishop Alexei and attached to the Diocese of Alaska. (Diocese of Alaska)

JOHNSON, Deacon Nicholas was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on February 8, 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)

KETZ, Deacon Jason was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on February 1, 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)

ROMANCZUK, Demetrius was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on February 2, 2025 by Bishop Gerasim at Archangel Gabriel Mission, Hickory, NC. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Alexander and attached to the Diocese of the South. (Diocese of the South)

THOMPSON, John was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on February 15, 2025 by Archbishop Melchisedek at St. John the Baptist Church, Canonsburg, PA. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Melchisedek and attached to the Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania. (Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania)



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## ASSIGNMENTS

ALTOMARE, Deacon Corrado was assigned to St. Gregory Palamas Church, Glen Gardner, NJ, where he was previously attached, effective February 15, 2025. (Diocese of New York and New Jersey)

ANDREW, Archpriest Thomas A was released from his assignment as Rector of Transfiguration of Our Lord Church, Ninilchik, AK, and from his assignment as Interim Rector of St. Tikhon of Moscow Church, Anchorage, AK, and granted retirement, effective February 15, 2025. In his retirement, he was attached to Holy Assumption of the Virgin Mary Church, Kenai, AK. (Diocese of Alaska)

BARTHOLOMEW, Archpriest John, in his retirement, was released from his attachment to St. Athanasius Chapel, Bronxville, NY, and from the omophorion of Archbishop Michael and the Diocese of New York and New Jersey. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Alexander and the Diocese of the South, and attached to St. John the Merciful Mission, Orlando (formerly Kissimmee), FL, effective February 15, 2025. (Diocese of the South)

BLACK, Priest John M was released from his duties as Administrator of SS. Peter and Paul Church, Union Dale, PA, and appointed Administrator of St. Herman of Alaska Church, Shillington, PA, effective February 1, 2025. All his other duties remain the same. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

CANDELARIO, Priest Josef was released from his attachment to 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 Benjamin and the Diocese of the West, and assigned Acting Rector of St. Herman of Alaska Church, Port Townsend, WA, effective February 19, 2025. (Diocese of the West)

DUNKS, Deacon Andrew was attached to Three Hierarchs Chapel, Yonkers, NY, effective February 19, 2025. (Stavropegial)

FRANCHAK, Archpriest Jason, in addition to his other duties, was appointed Administrator of SS. Peter and Paul Church, Union Dale, PA, effective February 1, 2025. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

HECKERT, Deacon Innokenty was attached to All Saints of Alaska Chapel, Kodiak, AK, effective February 23, 2025. (Diocese of Alaska)

JOVIČIĆ, Priest Vjekoslav was released from his assignment as Rector of St. Herman of Alaska Church, Shillington, PA, and assigned Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Stroudsburg, PA, effective February 1, 2025. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)



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### **ASSIGNMENTS (cont)**

KARLGUT, Deacon Stephan was released from his attachment to St. Athanasius Chapel, Bronxville, NY, and attached to SS. Peter and Paul Church, Endicott, NY, while on leave of absence, effective February 1, 2025. (Diocese of New York and New Jersey)

MIKITISH, Priest John was released from his assignment as Priest-in-Charge of St. John the Theologian Mission, Fairfax Station, VA, and attached to St. Nicholas Cathedral, Washington, DC, effective February 28, 2025. (Archdiocese of Washington, DC)

ROMANCZUK, Deacon Demetrius was attached to Archangel Gabriel Mission, Hickory, NC, effective February 2, 2025. (Diocese of the South)

THOMPSON, Deacon John was attached to St. John the Baptist Church, Canonsburg, PA, effective February 15, 2025. (Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania)

VESELAK, Priest Jan was attached to St. Athanasius Church, Nicholasville, KY, effective February 4, 2025. (Diocese of the South)

VLADIMIROV, Archpriest Michael was released from his assignment as Associate Priest at St. Michael the Archangel Church, Concord, CA, and assigned Acting Rector of St. Thomas the Apostle Mission, Pleasant Hill, CA, effective February 5, 2025. (Diocese of the West)

### **LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

KARLGUT, Deacon Stephan was granted a six-month leave of absence, effective February 1, 2025. (Diocese of New York and New Jersey)

KOLB, Priest Timothy was granted an additional six-month leave of absence, effective February 22, 2025. (Diocese of Alaska)

BLAGA, Archpriest Octavian was granted a one-year leave of absence, effective February 16, 2025. (Archdiocese of Canada)



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## **RELEASED**

MAHLER, Archpriest Octavian was released from the omophorion of Archbishop Nathaniel and the Romanian Episcopate. He was transferred to the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon, and subsequently granted a canonical release to the Western American Diocese of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of the Russia, effective February 11, 2025.

## **SUSPENDED**

GANTT, Archpriest Samuel, in his retirement, was suspended from all priestly functions, effective February 7, 2025. (Diocese of the South)

## **DEATHS**

MAXWELL, Archpriest John, in his retirement, reposed on February 4, 2025. (Diocese of the South)

## **PARISHES**

### Diocese of the West

*New Mission*, effective February 5, 2025.

St. Thomas the Apostle Mission, Pleasant Hill, CA

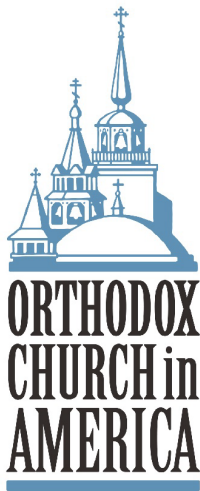
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## CORRECTIONS

Pastoral Changes No. 573 (April 2015) stated that Deacon John Jensen was attached to Church of the Annunciation, Milwaukie, OR, effective March 25, 2013. He was assigned, not attached.

Approved for distribution:



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