

PASTORAL CHANGES

Official No. 704

March 2026

RECEPTIONS

KASHYRETS, Archpriest Serhii was canonically received into the ranks of clergy of the Orthodox Church in America effective March 19, 2026 by Metropolitan Tikhon. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Irénée and attached to St. Nicholas Church, Narol, MB. (Archdiocese of Canada)

SAMOTUHA, Archpriest Oleksandr was canonically received into the ranks of clergy of the Orthodox Church in America effective March 25, 2026 by Metropolitan Tikhon. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Irénée and attached to St. Vladimir Prince of Kiev Church, Halifax, NS (Archdiocese of Canada)

(THOMAS), Hierodeacon Menas was canonically received into the ranks of the clergy of the Orthodox Church in America effective March 11, 2026 by Metropolitan Tikhon. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Daniel and attached to the Diocese of the Midwest. (Diocese of the Midwest)

TONSURES

(BUSSCHER), Riasophore Monk Andrew was tonsured to the Small Schema on March 27, 2026 by Archimandrite Sergius (Bowyer) at St. Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, South Canaan, PA. He was given the name Alexander. (Stavropegial)

(MIZES), Riasophore Monk Matthew was tonsured to the Small Schema on March 27, 2026 by Archimandrite Sergius (Bowyer) at St. Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, South Canaan, PA. He was given the name Michael. (Stavropegial)

ORDINATIONS

ASHMORE, Deacon Evan was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on March 21, 2026 by Archbishop Melchisedek on behalf of Metropolitan Tikhon at Holy Trinity Church, State College, PA. He is under the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and on the roster of Stavropegial clergy. (Stavropegial)

FEHERVARI, Subdeacon Ferenc was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on March 7, 2026 by Bishop Andrei of the Romanian Episcopate at St. John the Baptist Church, Kitchener, ON. He is attached to St. Anne Church, Pomona, CA. (Romanian



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Episcopate)

ORDINATIONS (cont.)

FEHERVARI, Deacon Ferenc was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on March 8, 2026 by Bishop Andrei of the Romanian Episcopate at St. John the Baptist Church, Kitchener, ON. He is attached to St. Anne Church, Pomona, CA. (Romanian Episcopate)

GOSHORN-MARONEY, Joseph was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on March 22, 2026 by Archbishop Daniel on behalf of Metropolitan Tikhon at St. Stephen the First Martyr Church, Crawfordsville, IN. He is under the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and on the roster of Stavropegial clergy. (Stavropegial)

MARINESCU, Deacon Nicolae was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on March 29, 2026 by Bishop Andrei of the Romanian Episcopate at St. Parascheva Church, Saint-Laurent, QC. He is attached to St. Parascheva Church, Saint-Laurent, QC. (Romanian Episcopate)

POPESCU, Deacon Bogdan was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on March 8, 2026 by Archbishop Alexander on behalf of Metropolitan Tikhon at Three Hierarchs Chapel, Yonkers, NY. He is under the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and on the roster of Stavropegial clergy. (Stavropegial)

WERNER, Deacon Daniel was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on March 25, 2026 by Bishop Andrei on behalf of Metropolitan Tikhon at Three Hierarchs Chapel, Yonkers, NY. He is under the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and on the roster of Stavropegial clergy. (Stavropegial)

ASSIGNMENTS

FREDERICKS, Priest Michael was temporarily released from his attachment to St. Innocent Cathedral, Anchorage, AK, and assigned as a regional priest on St. Paul Island, effective March 31, 2026, and concluding on June 30, 2026. (Diocese of Alaska)

FRIMENKO, Protodeacon Jacob was released from his attachment to Holy Transfiguration Church, Livonia, MI, and subsequently attached to Christ the Savior/Holy Spirit Church, Cincinnati, OH, effective March 24, 2026. (Diocese of the Midwest)

GULIN, Archpriest Nikolai was assigned Rector of Theotokos of the Life-Giving Spring Mission, Philadelphia, PA, where he was previously Acting Rector, effective March 5, 2026. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

ASSIGNMENTS (cont.)

KARA, Archpriest Paul was released from his assignment as Rector of Sign of the Theotokos Church, Montreal, QC, effective March 11, 2026. (Archdiocese of Canada)

LUKASHONOK, Priest Alexander was accepted under the omophorion of Archbishop Daniel and assigned Rector of Holy Transfiguration Church, Livonia, MI, effective March 1, 2026. (Diocese of the Midwest)

(MAREK), Hieromonk Cassian returned to active status from LOA effective March 7, 2026, and continues attachment at Hermitage of the Annunciation, New Germany, NS. (Archdiocese of Canada)

(THOMAS), Hierodeacon Menas was assigned Superior of St. Paul Monastery, Marietta, WI, effective March 11, 2026. (Diocese of the Midwest)

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

(BILLY), Igumen Ioaseph was granted an extension on his leave of absence, effective March 13, 2026. (Diocese of Alaska)

WOOLLEY, Deacon John was granted a leave of absence, effective March 31, 2026. (Diocese of the West)

RELEASED

CREMEENS, Archpriest Timothy was granted a canonical release to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, effective March 18, 2026.

SUSPENDED

KUDRIN, Priest John was suspended from all priestly functions, effective March 21, 2026. (Diocese of Alaska)

LOBALBO, Deacon Geoffrey was suspended from all diaconal functions, effective March 18, 2026 (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

MIKITISH, Priest John was suspended from all priestly functions, effective March 14, 2026 (Archdiocese of Washington)

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SUSPENDED (cont.)

OGAN, Priest David was suspended from all priestly functions, effective March 12, 2026. (Diocese of the South)

DEATHS

EALY, Archpriest John, in his retirement, reposed on March 5, 2026. (Diocese of the South)

(YEFIMOV), Monk Kyril reposed on March 1, 2026. (Stavropegial)

PARISHES

Diocese of the Midwest

New chapel, effective March 19, 2026

The chapel community meeting in Rosholt, SD, is now known as The Forty Holy Martyrs of Sebaste Chapel

Administrator: Archpriest Paul Wesche

New Monastery, effective March 11, 2026.

St. Paul Monastery, Marietta, WI

25266 Pilgrims Way

Boscobel, WI 53805-8381

Superior: Hierodeacon Menas (Thomas)

Approved for distribution



//signed May 28, 2026//

Archpriest Alessandro Margheritino
Chancellor of the OCA