

PASTORAL CHANGES

Official No. 708

July 2026

ORDINATIONS

JENSEN, Deacon John was ordained to the Holy Priesthood by Bishop Vasily on July 11, 2026 at Church of the Annunciation, Milwaukie, OR. He is assigned as Associate Priest to Church of the Annunciation, Milwaukie, OR. (Diocese of the West)

ASSIGNMENTS

ANDREW, Archpriest Thomas was assigned as Priest-in-Charge of the Nativity of the Theotokos Orthodox Church, Chenega Bay, AK, effective February 25, 2026. (Diocese of Sitka and Alaska)

ASHMORE, Priest Evan was released from his attachment to Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, South Canaan, PA to the omophorion of Archbishop Melchisedek, effective July 6, 2026. Effective July 7, 2026, he was assigned as Acting Rector of Holy Resurrection Church, Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township), PA. (Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania)

DICK, Archpriest Robert was appointed Dean of the Boston Deanery in the Diocese of New England, effective July 1, 2026. (Diocese of New England)

FISHER, Archpriest Vasily was assigned as Priest-in-Charge of Saints Sergius and Herman of Valaam Orthodox Church, Nanwalek, AK, retroactively effective April 22, 2026. (Diocese of Sitka and Alaska)

GRESH, Priest Stephen was released from his assignment as Rector of Holy Resurrection Church, Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township), PA and assigned as Rector of Saint Nicholas Church, Donora, PA, effective July 7, 2026. (Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania)

HAMNER, Priest Paul was released from his assignment as Rector of Saint Paul Orthodox Church, Las Vegas, NV and assigned as Priest-in-Charge of Nativity of Christ Mission, Ogden, UT, effective July 31, 2026. (Diocese of the West)

HOPKO, Archpriest John was released from all duties as Administrator of Nativity of the Holy Virgin Mary Orthodox Church, Waterbury, CT, effective July 16, 2026. (Diocese of New England)



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ASSIGNMENTS (cont.)

JOA, Archpriest Seraphim was appointed as Priest-in-Charge of the newly established Saint Joseph of Arimathea Mission Station, Camp Hill, AL, effective July 14, 2026. (Diocese of the South)

KASHEVAROF, Archpriest Andrew T, while on leave of absence, was released from all priestly duties at Holy Ascension of Our Lord Cathedral, Unalaska, AK, effective July 1, 2026. Effective the same date, he was attached to Saint Innocent Cathedral, Anchorage, AK. (Diocese of Sitka and Alaska)

KHRISTICH, Priest George (Egor) was released from his assignment as Rector of Holy Dormition Church (Saint Mary's), Calhan, CO, effective July 1, 2026. Effective the same date, he was assigned as Priest-in-Charge of Saint Moses the Strong Mission, Helena, MT. (Diocese of the West)

KRUEGER, Priest Tikhon was released from his attachment to Holy Transfiguration Cathedral, Denver, CO, effective July 1, 2026. Effective the same date, he was assigned as Acting Rector of Holy Dormition Church, Calhan, CO. (Diocese of the West)

LARSON, Archpriest Nicholai was released from his duties as Dean of the Kuskokwim Deanery and released from his assignment as Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Kasigluk, AK, effective July 30, 2026. Effective the same date, he was attached to Saint Jacob the Apostle Church, Napaskiak, AK. (Diocese of Sitka and Alaska)

LICKWAR, Archpriest Vasily was released from his duties as Dean of the Boston Deanery in the Diocese of New England, effective July 1, 2026. (Diocese of New England)

MCDONALD, Priest Paul was released from his attachment to Holy Ascension Church, Mount Pleasant, SC, and to the omophorion of Archbishop Daniel for assignment in the Diocese of the Midwest, effective July 1, 2026. (Diocese of the Midwest)

MORRISON, Archpriest David was released from his assignment as Priest-in-Charge of Saint Moses the Strong Mission, Helena, MT, effective July 1, 2026. (Diocese of the West)

RETTIG, Priest William's status was changed from Acting Dean to Dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral, Boston, MA, effective July 1, 2026. (Diocese of New England)

RUSK, Priest William was appointed as the Administrator of Saint John the Baptist Church, Edwardsville, PA, effective July 15, 2026. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

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ASSIGNMENTS (cont.)

STIFF, Priest John was released from his attachment to the Monastery Church of Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk, South Canaan, PA, and was assigned as Acting Rector of All Saints of North America Church, Alexandria, VA, effective July 1, 2026. He remains under the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon as a territorial cleric in the Archdiocese of Washington. (Archdiocese of Washington)

SUSPENDED

HILL, Priest Mikel was suspended from all priestly and pastoral functions, effective July 21, 2026. (Stavropegial)

WOOLLEY, Deacon John Saturus was suspended from all diaconal functions and attached to Holy Transfiguration Cathedral, Denver, CO, effective July 7, 2026 until December 31, 2026. (Diocese of the West)

DEATHS

(FABIÁN SANTOS CASTILLO), Hieromonk Basil reposed on July 28, 2026. (Diocese of Mexico)

PARISHES

Diocese of the South

Elevation to Parish Status, effective July 22, 2026.

Holy Annunciation Orthodox Church, Jacksonville, FL
9795 Old St Augustine Rd
Jacksonville, FL 32257
Rector: Archpriest Oleksii Rukavytsia

New Mission Station, Camp Hill, AL, effective July 14, 2026.

Saint Joseph of Arimathea Mission Station
24404 Veterans Memorial Pkwy
Camp Hill, AL 36850
Priest-in-Charge: Archpriest Seraphim Joa

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PARISHES (cont.)

Diocese of the West

New Mission, effective July 31, 2026.

Nativity of Christ Mission, Ogden, UT
2730 Washington Blvd #33
Ogden, UT 84401

Mailing address:
PO Box 33
Ogden, UT 84402
Priest-in-Charge: Priest Paul Hamner

Diocese of New England

Consolidation with another parish, effective July 16, 2026.

Nativity of the Holy Virgin Mary Church, Waterbury, CT was consolidated with Saints Cyril and Methodius Church, Terryville, CT, suppressing the Holy Virgin parish.

CORRECTIONS

Pastoral Changes no. 707, June 2026 erroneously stated that Deacon Jerome Stafford was attached to Saint Mark Church, Wrightstown, PA. He is attached to Assumption of the Holy Virgin Church Philadelphia, PA. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

Approved for distribution:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Margheritino', written over a horizontal line.

//signed October 16, 2026//

Archpriest Alessandro Margheritino
Chancellor of the OCA