

PASTORAL CHANGES

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August 2026

RECEPTIONS

WEST, Archpriest Paul Varchola was canonically received into the ranks of the clergy of the Orthodox Church in America by vesting by Archbishop Mark, effective August 23, 2026. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

ORDINATIONS

GALLAGHER, Deacon John was ordained to the Holy Priesthood by Bishop Vasily on August 30, 2026. He is assigned as Associate Priest to Saint Anne Church, Corvallis, OR. (Diocese of the West)

KASEMAN, Justin was ordained to the Holy Diaconate by Bishop Vasily on August 30, 2026. He is attached to Saint Anne Church, Corvallis, OR. (Diocese of the West)

PETERSON, Matthew was ordained to the Holy Diaconate by Archbishop Alexei on August 22, 2026. He is attached to All Saints of Alaska Chapel, Kodiak, AK. (Diocese of Sitka and Alaska)

SCHULTZ, Jonathan was ordained to the Holy Diaconate by Bishop Vasily on August 23, 2026. He is attached to Saint Nicholas of South Canaan Church, Billings, MT. (Diocese of the West)

ASSIGNMENTS

ANDREW, Priest Noah was released from his duties as Rector of Saint Michael Church, Kwigillingok, AK and was assigned as Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Kasigluk, AK, effective August 2, 2026. Effective the same date, he was appointed Dean of the Kuskokwim Deanery. (Diocese of Sitka and Alaska)

ANDREW, Archpriest Thomas was released from his duties as Priest-in-Charge of the Nativity of the Theotokos Orthodox Church, Chenega Bay, AK, effective August 11, 2026. He remains retired and attached to Holy Assumption of the Virgin Orthodox Church, Kenai, AK. (Diocese of Sitka and Alaska)



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ASSIGNMENTS (cont.)

CADMAN, Archpriest Alexander was released from his duties at Nativity of the Theotokos Church, Madera, PA, and was released to the omophorion of Bishop Vasily, effective August 1, 2026. Effective the same date, he was assigned as Rector of Saint Paul the Apostle Church, Las Vegas, NV. (Diocese of the West)

CHKHEIDZE, Deacon Kakhaber was released from his attachment to Saint Michael Church, Concord, CA, effective August 1, 2026. Effective the same date, he was attached to Holy Trinity Cathedral, San Francisco, CA. He was blessed by Bishop Vasily to attend and serve at Saint Innocent Mission, Pleasanton, CA. (Diocese of the West)

FISHER, Archpriest Vasily was appointed as Priest-in-Charge of the Nativity of the Theotokos Orthodox Church, Chenega Bay, AK, effective August 11, 2026. (Diocese of Sitka and Alaska)

LOCHMATOW, Priest Nikolai was released from his assignment as the Archbishop's Secretary in the Diocese of the Midwest, effective August 31, 2026. (Diocese of the Midwest)

RAMISHVILI, Priest Joseph was released from his assignment as Rector of Saints Peter and Paul Church, Minersville, PA, effective August 11, 2026. He is attached to Assumption of the Holy Virgin Church, Philadelphia, PA. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

SCHREDER, Deacon Eugene was released from his attachment to Holy Transfiguration Cathedral, Denver, CO and was released to the omophorion of Archbishop Daniel, effective August 1, 2026. He is attached to Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, IL. (Diocese of the Midwest)

DEATHS

DUPAY, Protodeacon Alexei fell asleep in the Lord on August 23, 2026. (Diocese of the Midwest)

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PARISHES

Romanian Episcopate

Elevation to Full Parish Status, effective 2026

Saint Joseph the Merciful, Metropolitan of Moldova Mission, Sainte-Catherine,
QC, CA was elevated to Full Parish Status, effective 2026.

Approved for distribution:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Alessandro Margheritino". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "F" and a stylized "M" at the end.

//signed October 16, 2026//

Archpriest Alessandro Margheritino

Chancellor of the OCA