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PASTORAL CHANGES

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RECEPTIONS

HENNE, Deacon Stephen is Canonically Received into the ranks of clergy of the Orthodox Church in America on January 6, 2012 by Metropolitan Jonah from the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese. He is under the omophorion of Bishop Nikon of Boston and attached to the Diocese of the South.

(MASTALSKI), Archimandrite Athanasius is Canonically Received into the ranks of clergy of the Orthodox Church in America on January 1, 2012 by Metropolitan Jonah from the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia. He is under the omophorion of Metropolitan Jonah.

(MIGUNOV), Hieromonk Arkady is Canonically Received into the ranks of clergy of the Orthodox Church in America on December 25, 2009 by Metropolitan Jonah from the Russian Orthodox Church. He is under the omophorion of Bishop Nikon of Boston and attached to the Diocese of the South.

TONSURED

POWER, V. Rev. Gerasim was tonsured as a Riasophore Monk on December 14, 2011 by Metropolitan Jonah on behalf of Bishop Irene at Holy Trinity Church, Smoky Lake, AB. He was given the name Gerasim and is now known as Hieromonk Gerasim (Power). (Archdiocese of Canada)

ORDINATIONS

FRANCIS, Deacon Matthew was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on December 11, 2011 by Metropolitan Jonah on behalf of Bishop Irene of Quebec City at Sobor of St. Herman of Alaska, Edmonton, AB, Canada. He is under the omophorion of Bishop Irene and attached to the Archdiocese of Canada.

ISAAC, Jesse was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on December 10, 2011 by Bishop Irene of Quebec City at Sobor of St. Herman of Alaska, Edmonton, AB, Canada. He is under the omophorion of Bishop Irene and attached to the Archdiocese of Canada.

PAEZ, Andre was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on January 30, 2012 by Bishop Benjamin of San Francisco on behalf of Metropolitan Jonah at Three Hierarchs Chapel, St. Vladimir Seminary, Crestwood, NY. He is under the omophorion of Metropolitan Jonah.

PARNELL, James was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on January 29, 2012 by Metropolitan Jonah at Three Hierarchs Chapel, St. Vladimir Seminary, Crestwood, NY. He is under the omophorion of Metropolitan Jonah.

REYNOLDS, Seraphim was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on October 16, 2011 by Bishop Tikhon of Philadelphia at Holy Apostles Mission, Mechanicsburg, PA. He is under the omophorion of Bishop Tikhon and attached to the Diocese of Eastern PA.

ASSIGNMENTS

ARCHER, JR., Rev. Aaron is released from his duties at St. Iriney Chapel, SS. Cosmas and Damian Adult Home, Staten Island, NY and granted Retirement, effective January 2, 2012. (Diocese of New York / New Jersey)

ARNOLD, Rev. David, in addition to his other duties, is appointed Acting Dean of the Appalachian Deanery, effective December 5, 2011. (Diocese of the South)

COWAN, Rev. David is released from his duties at All Saints Church, Olyphant, PA and from the omophorion of Bishop Tikhon of Philadelphia and the Diocese of Eastern PA. He is transferred to the omophorion of Bishop Michael of New York and the Diocese of New York/New Jersey and appointed Acting Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Yonkers, NY, effective January 14, 2012. (Diocese of New York / New Jersey)

CUNEOL, Rev. Andrew is released from his duties at Holy Trinity Cathedral, San Francisco, CA and appointed Rector of St. Katherine of Alexandria Mission, Encinitas, CA, effective December 1, 2011. (Diocese of the West)

FRANCIS, Rev. Matthew is attached to Sobor of St. Herman of Alaska, Edmonton, AB, Canada, effective December 11, 2011. (Archdiocese of Canada)

FRANTA, Rev. Thaddeus, who was awaiting assignment, is appointed Acting Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Rahway, NJ, effective October 9, 2011. (Diocese of New York / New Jersey)

FREEMAN, V. Rev. James Stephen is released from his duties as Dean of the Appalachian Deanery, effective December 5, 2011. His other duties remain the same. (Diocese of the South)

GRIFFIN, Deacon Mark, who was Suspended, has his Suspension lifted and is returned to active duty. He is attached to St. Mary’s Cathedral, Minneapolis, MN and serves Christ the Savior Mission, Anoka, MN, effective January 5, 2012. (Diocese of the Midwest)

HENNE, Deacon Stephen is attached to All Saints of North America Church, Albuquerque, NM, effective January 24, 2012. (Diocese of the South)

ISAAC, Deacon Jesse is attached to Sobor of St. Herman of Alaska, Edmonton, AB, Canada, effective December 10, 2011. (Archdiocese of Canada)

(MAJOROS), Igumen Luke is released from his duties at St. Gregory of Nyssa Mission, Kingston, ON, Canada and granted a Medical Leave of Absence for one year, effective, January 11, 2012. (Archdiocese of Canada)

(MIGUNOV), Hieromonk Arkady is appointed Associate Priest of St. Justin Martyr Church, Jacksonville, FL, effective December 25, 2009. (Diocese of the South)

MORETTI, Rev. David, who was awaiting assignment, is appointed Priest-in-Charge of St. Cyril of Jerusalem Mission, The Woodlands, TX, effective January 1, 2012. (Diocese of the South)

MUELLER, Rev. Elijah is released from his duties at St. Clement of Ohrid Church, Merrillville, IN and attached to Holy Trinity Cathedral,
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Chicago, IL, effective January 11, 2012. He remains Priest-in-Charge of St. Makarios Mission, Hyde Park (Chicago), IL. (Diocese of the Midwest)

PAEZ, Deacon Andre is attached to Three Hierarchs Chapel, St. Vladimir Seminary, Crestwood, NY, effective January 30, 2012. (Stavropegial)

PARNELL, Deacon James is attached to Three Hierarchs Chapel, St. Vladimir Seminary, Crestwood, NY, effective January 29, 2012. (Stavropegial)

(POWER), Hieromonk Gerasim is attached to Hermitage of Prophet Elias, Dickie Bush, AB, Canada, effective December 14, 2011. All of his other duties remain the same. (Archdiocese of Canada)

REINHEIMER, Rev. Lawrence is released from his duties at Sobor of St. Herman of Alaska, Edmonton, AB, Canada and appointed Priest-in-Charge of All Saints of North America (St. Arseny of Konevits) Church, Victoria, BC, Canada, effective December 9, 2011. (Archdiocese of Canada)

REYNOLDS, Deacon Seraphim is attached to Holy Apostles Mission, Mechanicsburg, PA, effective October 16, 2011. (Diocese of Eastern PA)

(SPRECHER), Hieromonk Kilian, who was awaiting assignment, is appointed Acting Rector of St. Gregory Palamas Church, Glen Gardner, NJ, effective September 4, 2011. (Diocese of New York / New Jersey)

WILLIS, Deacon Kelsios is released from his duties at Holy Cross Mission, Chisago City, MN, effective January 20, 2012. He remains attached to St. Mary’s Cathedral, Minneapolis, MN. (Diocese of the Midwest)

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

(MAJOROS), Igumen Luke is granted a Medical Leave of Absence for one year, effective January 11, 2012. He awaits assignment. (Archdiocese of Canada)

RELEASED

HOWANETZ, Protodeacon Stephen is released from his duties at St. Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, South Canaan, PA, and from the omophorion of Metropolitan Jonah. He is granted a Canonical Release to the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, effective January 15, 2012.

SUSPENDED

TAYLOR, Deacon David, who was attached to St. Herman Church, Minneapolis, MN, is Suspended from all Diaconal duties, effective January 4, 2012. (Diocese of the Midwest)

VELENCIA, Rev. Raymond, who in Retirement was attached to St. Nicholas Cathedral, Washington, DC, is Suspended from all Priestly duties, effective January 28, 2012. (Diocese of Washington)

DEATHS

ROMANCHAK, Rev. Michael S., who in Retirement was attached to Holy Trinity Church, Catasauqua, PA, died on January 1, 2012. (Diocese of Eastern PA)

NICOLOFF, Protodeacon Blagoy E., who was attached to SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, Lorain, OH, died on January 25, 2012. (Bulgarian Diocese)

PARISHES

Diocese of the South
New Status, effective May 13, 2010
Holy Ascension Mission, Mt. Pleasant/Charleston, SC is granted Parish Status and is now known as Holy Ascension Church.

Diocese of the West

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NICOLAI, Deacon Michael was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on August 9, 2011 by Metropolitan Jonah on behalf of Bishop Benjamin of San Francisco at Holy Resurrection Cathedral, Kodiak, AK. He is under the omophorion of Bishop Benjamin and attached to the Diocese of Alaska.

SHIPLEY, Deacon Ian was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on February 2, 2012 by Bishop Michael of New York on behalf of Metropolitan Jonah at St. Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, St. Tikhon Seminary, South Canaan, PA. He is under the omophorion of Metropolitan Jonah.

ASSIGNMENTS

BERZONSKY, Rev. Vladimir is released from his duties at Holy Trinity Church, Parma, OH and granted Retirement, effective February
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BOITCHOUK, Deacon Petr is released from his duties at Holy Trinity Sobor, Winnipeg, MB, Canada and attached to SS. Peter and Paul Sobor, Montreal, QC, Canada, effective November 30, 2011. (Archdiocese of Canada)

GARKLAVS, V. Rev. Alexander is released from his duties at St. Sergius of Radonezh Chapel, Oyster Bay Cove, NY and from the omophorion of Metropolitan Jonah. He is transferred to the omophorion of Bishop Matthias of Chicago and attached to the Diocese of the Midwest. He is appointed Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Parma, OH effective March 1, 2012. (Diocese of the Midwest)

KORZ, Rev. Geoffrey, who was Priest-in-Charge, is appointed Rector of All Saints of North America Church, Hamilton, ON, Canada, effective February 1, 2012. (Archdiocese of Canada)

NICOLAI, Rev. Michael is attached to Holy Resurrection Cathedral, Kodiak, AK, effective August 9, 2011. (Diocese of Alaska)

(Paradis), Hieromonk Basile is released from his duties at SS. Peter and Paul Sobor, Montreal, QC, Canada and granted Retirement, effective January 11, 2012. (Archdiocese of Canada)

PAVLOV, Rev. Roman, who was Priest-in-Charge, is appointed Rector of Holy Trinity Sobor, Winnipeg, MB, Canada, effective February 1, 2012. (Archdiocese of Canada)

(Pierre), Igumen Marc is released from his duties at St. Benoit de Nursie Church, Montreal, QC, Canada and granted Retirement, effective January 11, 2012. (Archdiocese of Canada)

SHIPLEY, Rev. Ian is attached to St. Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, St. Tikhon Seminary, South Canaan, PA, effective February 2, 2012. (Stavropegial)

VASSIOUCHKINE, Rev. Alexei, is appointed Priest-in-Charge of St. Seraphim of Sarov Church, Toronto, ON, Canada, effective February 27, 2012. All of his other duties remain the same. (Archdiocese of Canada)

ON LOANS

BRUCHOK, Jr., Rev. John, who while “On-Loan” from the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the USA was attached to the Diocese of Western PA, is released from his duties at All Saints Church, Amsterdam, OH and from the omophorion of Bishop Melchisedek of Pittsburgh and the Diocese of Western PA. He is returned to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the USA.

* CAPSA, Rev. Iustin, who while “On-Loan” from the Romanian Orthodox Church was attached the Romanian Episcopate, is released from his duties at Holy Trinity Church, Los Angeles, CA and from the omophorion of Archbishop Nathaniel and the Romanian Episcopate. He is transferred back to the Metropolia of Moldova and Bucovina of the Romanian Orthodox Church, effective February 6, 2012.

RELEASED

(Gibault), Igumen Damian, who was attached to Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos Monastery, Weaverville, NC is granted a Canonical Release from the omophorion of Metropolitan Jonah to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, effective October 25, 2011.

(Terenta), Hieromonk Nicholas, who was attached to Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos Monastery, Weaverville, NC is granted a Canonical Release from the omophorion of Metropolitan Jonah to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, effective October 25, 2011.

(Wendt), Archimandrite Gregory, who was Abbot of Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos Monastery, Weaverville, NC is granted a Canonical Release from the omophorion of Metropolitan Jonah to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, effective October 25, 2011.

RETIRED

BERZONSKY, V. Rev. Vladimir is granted Retirement, effective February 29, 2012. He is attached to Holy Trinity Church, Parma, OH. (Diocese of the Midwest)

(Paradis), Hieromonk Basile is granted Retirement, effective January 11, 2012. He awaits attachment. (Archdiocese of Canada)

(Pierre), Igumen Marc is granted Retirement, effective January 11, 2012. He awaits attachment. (Archdiocese of Canada)

SUSPENDED

(Mikhailetchko), Igumen Nestor, who was Rector of St. Seraphim of Sarov Church, Toronto, ON, Canada, is Suspended from all priestly functions, effective February 27, 2012. (Archdiocese of Canada)

DEATHS

Kreta, Protopresbyter Joseph P., who in Retirement was attached to Holy Resurrection Cathedral, Kodiak, AK, died on February 2, 2012. (Diocese of Alaska)

Soroka, V. Rev. Theodore, who in Retirement was attached to SS. Peter and Paul Church, Miami, FL, died on February 8, 2012. (Diocese of the South)

PARISHES

Stavropegial Institutions

Monastery Transferred. Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos Monastery, Weaverville, NC is transferred from the omophorion of Metropolitan Jonah and the Orthodox Church in America to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, effective October 25, 2011.

NOTE: * indicates non-OCA clergy.