

# The Orthodox Church in America

## PASTORAL CHANGES

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### EPISCOPAL CHANGES

**(DAHULICH), Bishop Michael** of New York is appointed Secretary of the Holy Synod of Bishops, effective January 26, 2013. All of his other duties remain the same.

### ORDINATIONS

**CHAYKIVSKYI, Volodymyr** was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on January 19, 2013 by Bishop Michael of New York on behalf of Metropolitan Tikhon at St. Spiridon Church, Perth Amboy, NJ. He is under the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon.

**NITA, Dumitru M.** was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on November 25, 2012 by Archbishop Benjamin of San Francisco at St. Katherine Mission, Kirkland, WA. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Benjamin and attached to the Diocese of the West.

**SANTIAGO VERA, Deacon Antonio** was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on December 9, 2012 by Archbishop Alejo of Mexico City at Catedral de la Ascension del Senor, Mexico City, DF, Mexico. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Alejo and attached to the Diocese of Mexico.

**TRUCKLEY, Seraphim** was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on December 1, 2012 by Bishop Melchisedek of Pittsburgh at St. Andrew Church, Lyndora, PA. He is under the omophorion of Bishop Melchisedek and attached to the Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania.

### ASSIGNMENTS

**CHAYKIVSKYI, Deacon Volodymyr** is attached to St. Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, St. Tikhon's Seminary, South Canaan, PA, effective January 19, 2013. (Stavropegial)

**(LYSAK), Hieromonk Vladimir**, who was awaiting assignment, is appointed Priest-in-Charge of St. Andrew the First-Called Mission, Canora, SK, Canada, effective January 1, 2013. (Archdiocese of Canada)

**NITA, Deacon Dumitru M.** is attached to St. Katherine Mission, Kirkland, WA, effective November 25, 2012. (Diocese of the West)

**PIASTA, V. Rev. Andrew** is released from his duties at Holy Trinity Church, Kayville, SK, Canada and St. Andrew the First-Called Mission, Canora, SK, Canada. He is granted a medical Leave of Absence, effective January 1, 2013. (Archdiocese of Canada)

**SANTIAGO VERA, Rev. Antonio** is appointed Associate Priest of the Catedral de la Ascension del Senor, Mexico City, DF, Mexico, effective December 9, 2012. (Diocese of Mexico)

**THOMPSON, Rev. Gregory** is released from his duties at All Saints Church, Amsterdam (Wolf Run), OH, effective September 20, 2012. His duties at Holy Transfiguration Church, Steubenville, OH remain the same. (Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania)

**TRUCKLEY, Deacon Seraphim** is attached to St. Andrew Church, Lyndora, PA, effective December 1, 2012. (Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania)

**WEREMEDIC, Rev. James**, in addition to his duties at St. Michael the Archangel Church, Wilmington, DE, is appointed Dean of the Philadelphia Deanery, effective December 1, 2012. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

### LEAVES OF ABSENCE

**PIASTA, V. Rev. Andrew** is granted a Medical Leave of Absence for four months, effective January 1, 2013. He awaits attachment. (Archdiocese of Canada)

### ON LOAN

**FILCHAK, Rev. Anton**, who is on loan from the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, is attached to Christ The Saviour Sobor, Toronto, ON, Canada and will serve as a Supply Priest for the Ontario Deanery, effective November 15, 2012. (Archdiocese of Canada)

### RELEASED

**MASCARENAS, Deacon David**, who had been transferred from the Diocese of the South, is released from the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and granted a Canonical Release to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, effective January 10, 2013.

**SLOOTSKY, Rev. Boris**, who had been transferred from the Diocese of New York and New Jersey, is released from the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and granted a Canonical Release to the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, effective January 10, 2013.

### DEATHS

**MELL, Deacon Joseph**, who was attached to St. Nicholas Church, McKees Rocks, PA, died on January 19, 2013. (Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania) *Memory eternal!*

**MYERS, Rev. Jacob**, who was Rector of St. John the Wonderworker Church, Atlanta, GA, died on January 16, 2013. (Diocese of the South) *Memory eternal!*

**CORRECTION**

In the October 2012 Pastoral Changes (No. 543), Rev. George Masters is incorrectly listed as attached to St. Innocent Church in Livermore, CA. The correct parish of attachment is St. Christina of Tyre Mission, Fremont, CA.

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**RECEPTIONS**

**GRESH, Protodeacon James** is canonically received into the ranks of clergy of the Orthodox Church in America by Metropolitan Tikhon on February 1, 2013 from the Serbian Orthodox Diocese of Eastern America. He is under the Diocese of the Midwest.

**ORDINATIONS**

**GIULEA, Deacon Dragos** was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on February 3, 2013 by Bishop Irénée of Quebec City at St. Benoit de Nursie Church, Montreal, QC, Canada. He is under the omophorion of Bishop Irénée and attached to the Archdiocese of Canada.

**MORRISON, Jeffrey David** was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on February 2, 2013 by Bishop Mark of Baltimore on behalf of Metropolitan Tikhon at St. Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, St. Tikhon's Seminary, South Canaan, PA. He is under the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon.

**ASSIGNMENTS**

**(EDWARDS), Igumen David**, who was awaiting assignment, is attached to St. Silouan the Athonite Chapel, Johnstown, ON, Canada and will serve as a Supply Priest for the Ontario Deanery, effective February 21, 2013. (Archdiocese of Canada)

**GIULEA, Rev. Dragos** is attached to St. Benoit de Nursie Church, Montreal, QC, Canada as a Supply Priest for the Quebec Deanery, effective February 3, 2013. (Archdiocese of Canada)

**GRESH, Protodeacon James** awaits assignment, effective February 1, 2013. (Diocese of the Midwest)

**KORBAN, Rev. Mark** is released from his duties at The Sign of the Theotokos Church, Montreal, QC, Canada and from the omophorion of Bishop Irénée of Quebec City and the Archdiocese of Canada. He is transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Nikon of Boston and attached to the Diocese of New England, effective February 21, 2013. He awaits assignment. (Diocese of New England)

**(MAHAFFEY), Hieromonk David** is released from his duties at St. Nicholas Church, Bethlehem, and from the omophorion of Bishop Melchisedek of Pittsburgh and the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania. He is transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Benjamin of San Francisco and attached to the Diocese of Alaska, effective March 1, 2013. He awaits assignment. (Diocese of Alaska)

**(MAJOROS), Igumen Luke**, who was on a Leave of Absence, is returned to Active Duty. He is attached to St. Silouan the Athonite Chapel, Johnstown, ON, Canada and will serve as a Supply Priest for the Ontario Deanery, effective February 21, 2013. (Archdiocese of Canada)

**MORRISON, Deacon Jeffrey David** is attached to St. Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, St. Tikhon's Seminary, South Canaan, PA, effective February 2, 2013. (Stavropegial)

**STOYCHEV, Rev. Rumen**, who was Suspended, has his Suspension lifted and is returned to Active Duty, effective January 17, 2013. He is attached to Holy Assumption of St. Mary Church, Pittsburgh, PA, effective March 1, 2013. (Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania)

**TALLEY, Rev. Daniel** is released from his duties at St. Tikhon Mission, Chattanooga, TN and granted a Leave of Absence, effective February 7, 2013. (Diocese of the South)

**RELEASED**

**LUKASHONOK, Rev. Alexander**, who was on loan to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, is released from his attachment to Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, IL and from the Diocese of the Midwest. He is transferred to the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and subsequently granted a Canonical Release to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, effective February 7, 2012.

**DEATHS**

**PLEFKA, Deacon Michael**, who was attached to Elevation of the Holy Cross Church, Sacramento, CA, died on February 12, 2013. (Diocese of the West) *Memory eternal!*

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##### ORDINATIONS

**ACSENTE, Gheorghe** was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on February 19, 2012 by Archbishop Nathaniel of Detroit at Protection of the Holy Mother of God Church, Falls Church, VA. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Nathaniel and attached to the Romanian Episcopate.

**ACSENTE, Deacon Gheorghe** was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on March 25, 2012 by Archbishop Nathaniel of Detroit at St. Dumitru Church, New York, NY. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Nathaniel and attached to the Romanian Episcopate.

**APPLEGATE, Deacon Andrew** was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on March 3, 2013 by Bishop Irénée of Quebec City at St. Peter the Aleut Church, Calgary, AB, Canada. He is under the omophorion of Bishop Irénée and attached to the Archdiocese of Canada.

**HORSTMAN, Deacon Adam** was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on March 25, 2013 by Metropolitan Tikhon at Three Hierarchs Chapel, St. Vladimir's Seminary, Yonkers, NY. He is under the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon.

**LAPUSTEA, Deacon Florin C.** was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on September 17, 2012 at Holy Cross Church, San Jose, CA. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Nathaniel and attached to the Romanian Episcopate.

**MELNIK, Deacon Nikolay** was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on March 10, 2013 by Bishop Irénée of Quebec City at Annunciation Cathedral, Ottawa, ON, Canada. He is under the omophorion of Bishop Irénée and attached to the Archdiocese of Canada.

**PAEZ, Deacon Andre** was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on March 10, 2013 by Archbishop Benjamin of San Francisco on behalf of Metropolitan Tikhon at Three Hierarchs Chapel, St. Vladimir's Seminary, Yonkers, NY. He is under the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon.

**(STOIAN), Hierodeacon Iustin** was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on October 30, 2012 by Bishop Irineu of Dearborn Heights on behalf of Archbishop Nathaniel of Detroit at St. Dimitrie Church, Easton, CT. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Nathaniel and attached to the Romanian Episcopate.

##### ASSIGNMENTS

**ACSENTE, Deacon Gheorghe** is assigned to Three Hierarchs Church, Ridgewood, NY, effective February 19, 2012. (Romanian Episcopate)

**ACSENTE, Rev. Gheorghe** is appointed Pastor of Three Hierarchs Church, Ridgewood, NY, effective March 25, 2012. (Romanian Episcopate)

**APPLEGATE, Rev. Andrew** is attached to St. Peter the Aleut Church, Calgary, AB, Canada and will serve as a Supply Priest for the Alberta and Northwest Territories Deaneries, effective March 3, 2013. (Archdiocese of Canada)

**FRANTA, Rev. Thaddeus**, who was Acting Rector, is appointed Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Rahway, NJ, effective March 10, 2013. (Diocese of New York & New Jersey)

**HORSTMAN, Rev. Adam** is attached to Three Hierarchs Chapel, St. Vladimir's Seminary, Yonkers, NY, effective March 25, 2013. (Stavropegial)

**LAPUSTEA, Rev. Florin** is attached to Holy Cross Church, San Jose, CA, effective September 17, 2012. (Romanian Episcopate)

**MANUTES, Deacon John** is released from his duties at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Fenton, MI and from the omophorion of Bishop Alexander and the Bulgarian Diocese. He is transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Benjamin of San Francisco and attached to the Diocese of the West. He is attached to St. Herman of Alaska Church, Littleton, CO, effective March 15, 2013. (Diocese of the West)

**MELNIK, Rev. Nikolay** is attached to Annunciation Cathedral, Ottawa, ON, Canada and will serve as a Supply Priest for Eastern Canada, effective March 10, 2013. (Archdiocese of Canada)

**MELNYK, V. Rev. Anatoliy** is appointed Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Canada, effective March 1, 2013. All of his other duties remain the same. (Archdiocese of Canada)

**PAEZ, Rev. Andre** is attached to Three Hierarchs Chapel, St. Vladimir's Seminary, Yonkers, NY, effective March 10, 2013. (Stavropegial)

**(STOIAN), Hieromonk Iustin** is attached to Holy Ascension Monastery, Clinton Township, MI, effective October 30, 2012. (Romanian Episcopate)

##### DEATHS

**ANTONOFF, V. Rev. Kiril**, who in Retirement was attached to SS. Cyril and Methody Church, Granite City, IL, died on March 22, 2013. (Bulgarian Diocese) *Memory eternal!*

**LeBRECHT, Rev. Martin**, who in Retirement was attached to St. Seraphim of Sarov Cathedral, Dallas, TX, died on March 22, 2013. (Diocese of the South) *Memory eternal!*

**PARISHES**

**Bulgarian Diocese**

**Missions Closed.** The following missions are closed, effective February 27, 2013.

- Holy Epiphany Mission, Concord, CA.
- SS. Kiril and Metodi Mission, Danville, CA.

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