

The Orthodox Church in America

PASTORAL CHANGES

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ORDINATIONS

BOHUSH, Mark was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on June 29, 2012 by Bishop Michael of New York at SS. Peter and Paul Church, Endicott, NY. He is under the omophorion of Bishop Michael and attached to the Diocese of New York & New Jersey.

BROWN, Matthew was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on September 8, 2012 by Bishop Michael of New York on behalf of Archbishop Nathaniel, Locum Tenens of the Metropolitan's See, at Cathedral of the Holy Virgin Protection, New York, NY. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Nathaniel.

ASSIGNMENTS

ABETTI, Rev. Caleb is released from his duties at St. Jacob of Alaska Mission, Montpelier/Northfield Falls, VT and granted a Leave of Absence for three months, effective June 1, 2013. (Diocese of New England)

BOBOSH, V. Rev. Theodore, in addition to his duties at St. Paul the Apostle Church, Dayton, OH, is appointed Dean of the Indianapolis Deanery, effective July 1, 2013. (Diocese of the Midwest)

BOHUSH, Deacon Mark is attached to SS. Peter and Paul Church, Endicott, NY. He is also assigned to serve at SS. Peter and Paul Church, East Herkimer, NY, effective June 29, 2012. (Diocese of New York & New Jersey)

BROWN, Deacon Matthew is attached to St. Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, St. Tikhon's Seminary, South Canaan, PA, effective September 8, 2012. (Stavropegial)

DIAMANTIS, Rev. John is released from his duties at St. Athanasius Chapel, Bronxville, NY and appointed Acting Rector of St. Vladimir Church, Trenton, NJ, effective June 8, 2013. (Diocese of New York & New Jersey)

DONOVAN, Deacon Brian P., who was attached to Holy Trinity Church, Springfield, VT, is granted a Leave of Absence for three months, effective June 20, 2013. (Diocese of New England)

GIBSON, Rev. Joseph is released from his duties as Dean of the Indianapolis Deanery, effective July 1, 2013. He remains Rector of St. John the Forerunner Church, Indianapolis, IN. (Diocese of the Midwest)

KOLES, V. Rev. David is appointed Administrator of All Saints Church, Hartford, CT, effective July 2, 2013. All his other duties remain the same. (Diocese of New England)

PARNELL, Rev. James is released from his duties at Three Hierarchs Chapel, St. Vladimir's Seminary, Yonkers, NY and from the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon. He is transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Nikon of Boston and attached to the Diocese of New England, effective June 3, 2013. He is attached to Holy Trinity Church, New Britain, CT, effective July 2, 2013. (Diocese of New England)

SCRATCH, Rev. Gregory, who was Acting Rector, is appointed Rector of St. Nicholas Church, Narol, MB, Canada, effective June 1, 2013. (Archdiocese of Canada)

SHIPLEY, Rev. Ian is released from his duties at St. Andrew Church, Ashland, VA and from the omophorion of Archbishop Nikon and the Diocese of the South. He is transferred to the omophorion of Bishop Melchisedek and attached to the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania. He is appointed Acting Rector of St. Nicholas Church, Bethlehem, PA, effective June 24, 2013. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

VANSUCH, Rev. Jason is released from his duties at St. Vladimir Church, Trenton, NJ and is appointed Acting Rector of St. George Church, Buffalo, NY, effective June 8, 2013. (Diocese of New York & New Jersey)

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

ABETTI, Rev. Caleb is granted a medical Leave of Absence for three months, effective June 1, 2013. He remains attached to St. Jacob of Alaska Mission, Montpelier/Northfield Falls, VT. (Diocese of New England)

DONOVAN, Deacon Brian P. is granted a Leave of Absence for three months, effective June 20, 2013. He remains attached to Holy Trinity Church, Springfield, VT. (Diocese of New England)

RELEASED

(COLBURN), Hierodeacon David is released from his duties at St. Tikhon Mission, Chattanooga, TN and from the omophorion of Archbishop Nikon of Boston and the Diocese of the South. He is transferred to the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and subsequently granted a Canonical Release to the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, effective June 5, 2013.

RETIRED

SPAINHOWARD, V. Rev. Michael is granted Retirement, effective July 1, 2013. He is attached to Holy Trinity Cathedral, San Francisco, CA. (Diocese of the West)

DEATHS

DuBOVIK Jr., V. Rev. William, who was Rector of All Saints Church, Hartford, CT, died on June 6, 2013. (Diocese of New England)

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RECEPTIONS

JOHNSON, Rev. Benjamin is canonically received into the ranks of clergy of the Orthodox Church in America by Metropolitan Tikhon on July 9, 2013 from the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese. He is transferred to the omophorion of Bishop Melchisedek of Pittsburgh and attached to the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania.

ASSIGNMENTS

BROWN, Deacon Matthew is released from his duties at St. Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, St. Tikhon's Seminary, South Canaan, PA and from the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon. He is transferred to the omophorion of Bishop Michael of New York and the Diocese of New York & New Jersey, effective June 25, 2013. He awaits assignment pending ordination to the Holy Priesthood. (Diocese of New York & New Jersey)

HENDERSHOT, V. Rev. Dennis is released from his duties at SS. Peter and Paul Church, Edinboro, PA, and granted Retirement, effective July 15, 2013. (Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania)

JOHNSON, Rev. Benjamin awaits assignment in the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania, effective July 9, 2013. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

SHOMSKY, V. Rev. Theodore is released from his duties at St. Nicholas Church, Weirton, WV and granted Retirement, effective July 31, 2013. (Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania)

TUTKO, V. Rev. Peter, who is Retired, is released from his attachment to St. Philip the Apostle Church, Tampa, FL and attached to Christ the Savior Cathedral, Miami, FL, effective July 5, 2013. (Diocese of the South)

WATT, Rev. Martin is released from his duties at St. George Cathedral, Rossford, OH and is appointed Priest-in-Charge of Holy Transfiguration Mission, Ames, IA, effective July 9, 2013. (Bulgarian Diocese)

RELEASED

ABETTI, Rev. Caleb is granted a medical Leave of Absence for three months, effective June 1, 2013. He remains attached to St. Jacob of Alaska Mission, Montpelier/Northfield Falls, VT. (Diocese of New England)

DONOVAN, Deacon Brian P. is granted a Leave of Absence for three months, effective June 20, 2013. He remains attached to Holy Trinity Church, Springfield, VT. (Diocese of New England)

RELEASED

FARHA, Rev. Isaac is released from his duties at St. Herman Church, Fairbanks, AK and from the omophorion of Archbishop Benjamin and the Diocese of Alaska, effective May 23, 2013. He is transferred to the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and subsequently granted a Canonical Release to the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese, effective July 1, 2013.

LYON, Rev. Dunstan is released from his duties at St. Herman Church, Minneapolis, MN and from the omophorion of Bishop Alexander and the Diocese of the Midwest, effective January 16, 2013. He is transferred to the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and is granted a Canonical Release to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, effective May 30, 2013.

RETIRED

HENDERSHOT, V. Rev. Dennis is granted Retirement, effective July 15, 2013. Remaining under the omophorion of Bishop Melchisedek, he is transferred to the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania and is attached to St. Vladimir Church, Lopez, PA, effective July 16, 2013. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

SHOMSKY, V. Rev. Theodore is granted Retirement, effective July 31, 2013. He is attached to St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, Allison Park, PA. (Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania)

DEATHS

KOVACH, V. Rev. Michael, who in Retirement was attached to Christ the Saviour Church, Harrisburg, PA, died on July 11, 2013. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

PARISHES**Bulgarian Diocese**

New Mission. Effective July 9, 2013. Holy Transfiguration Mission, Ames, IA. Mailing address: 2513 Pierce Ave., Ames, IA 50010. Priest Martin Watt, Priest-in-Charge (937-474-9219).

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