

## PASTORAL CHANGES

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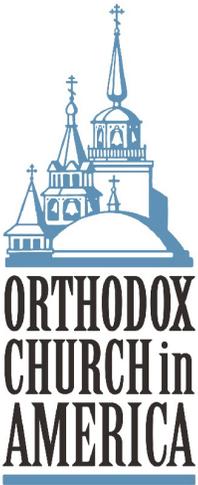
August 2023

### ORDINATIONS

CRETU, Deacon Vladut-Andrei was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on August 27, 2023, by Bishop Andrei at Annunciation (Buna Vestire) Cathedral, Montreal, QC. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Nathaniel and attached to the Romanian Episcopate. (Romanian Episcopate)

DAGE, Phillip was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on August 19, 2023, by Archbishop Daniel on behalf of Metropolitan Tikhon at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Detroit, MI. He is under the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and on the roster of Stavropegial clergy. (Stavropegial)

ION, Deacon Bogdan Petru was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on August 26, 2023, by Bishop Andrei at Annunciation (Buna Vestire) Cathedral, Montreal, QC. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Nathaniel and attached to the Romanian Episcopate. (Romanian Episcopate)



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### ASSIGNMENTS

ANDREW, Archpriest Thomas was released from his duties as Interim Dean of the Aleutian Deanery, effective August 1, 2023. He was assigned Interim Rector at St. Tikhon of Moscow Church, Anchorage, AK, effective August 26, 2023. All his other duties remain the same. (Diocese of Alaska)

BELT, Priest Herman, in addition to his other duties, was assigned Priest-in-Charge of St. Nicholas Church, Hoonah, AK and St. John the Baptist Church, Angoon, AK, and appointed as Director of Missions for the Sitka / Southeast Deanery, effective August 2, 2023. (Diocese of Alaska)

CRETU, Priest Vladut-Andrei was attached to St. Nicholas Church, Montreal, QC, effective August 27, 2023. (Romanian Episcopate)

DAGE, Deacon Phillip was attached to St. Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, South Canaan, PA, effective August 19, 2023. (Stavropegial)

DAMJANOVSKI, Archpriest Andreja was released from his attachment to St. George Church, Buffalo, NY, and assigned Acting Rector of Dormition of the Virgin Mary Church, Binghamton, NY, effective July 8, 2023. (Diocese of New York and New Jersey)

DIAMANTIS, Priest John was assigned Rector of Dormition of the Theotokos Church, Norfolk, VA, where he was previously attached, effective July 30, 2023. (Diocese of the South)

**ASSIGNMENTS (cont)**

DIMITROV, Archpriest Dimitre was attached in retirement to St. Nicholas Cathedral, Fort Wayne, IN, effective June 1, 2023. (Bulgarian Diocese)

FISHER, Archpriest Vasily was granted a leave of absence from his duties as Dean of St. Herman Orthodox Theological Seminary, Kodiak, AK, effective July 25, 2023. He was released from his duties as Dean of St. Herman Seminary and from his assignment at All Saints of Alaska Chapel, Kodiak, AK, effective August 2, 2023, while remaining attached to All Saints of Alaska Chapel, Kodiak, AK. (Diocese of Alaska)

FREEMAN, Deacon Evan was released from his attachment at St. Sergius of Radonezh Chapel, Oyster Bay Cover, NY, and from the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and the roster of Stavropegial clergy. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Irénée and the Archdiocese of Canada, effective June 27, 2023. He was assigned to St. John of Shanghai Mission, North Vancouver, BC, effective August 9, 2023. (Archdiocese of Canada)

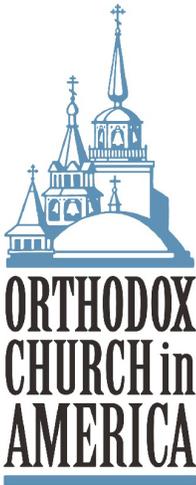
GIBSON, Priest Maxim (previously known as Priest Maximus Gibson) was released from his assignment at Dormition of the Theotokos Church, Norfolk, VA, effective July 30, 2023. He was released from the omophorion of Archbishop Alexander and the Diocese of the South. He was transferred to the omophorion of Bishop Alexei and the Diocese of Alaska, and assigned Rector of St. Nicholas Church, Juneau, AK, effective August 2, 2023. (Diocese of Alaska)

ION, Priest Bogdan Petru was attached to Holy Brancoveanu Martyrs Church, Montreal, QC, effective August 26, 2023. (Romanian Episcopate)

JOHNSON, Priest Simeon was released from his assignments at St. Nicholas Church, Juneau, AK, St. Nicholas Church, Hoonah, AK, and St. John the Baptist Church, Angoon, AK, and from his duties as Director of Missions for the Sitka / Southeast Deanery, and assigned Rector of St. Juvenaly and His Companion Mission, Wasilla, AK, effective August 2, 2023. (Diocese of Alaska)

JOVIČIĆ, Priest Vjekoslav was released from his duties at St. Michael Church, Mount Carmel, PA, effective August 15, 2023. All his other duties remain the same. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

KEENE, Priest James was released from his assignment at St. Nicholas Church, Kwethluk, AK. He was attached to Holy Trinity Church, Kasigluk, AK, assigned Priest-in-Charge of Presentation of the Theotokos Church, Nunapitchuk, AK, and assigned Priest-in-Charge of St. Herman of Alaska Church, Atmautluak, AK, effective August 2, 2023. (Diocese of Alaska)



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KOLB, Priest Timothy was released from his assignment at St. Juvenaly and His Companion Mission, Wasilla, AK, effective August 1, 2023. He was appointed Dean of the Aleutian Deanery and assigned Dean of Holy Ascension of Our Lord Cathedral, Unalaska, AK, effective August 14, 2023. All his other duties remain the same. (Diocese of Alaska)

(MIGUNOV), Igumen Arkady, who was on leave of absence, returned to active status effective August 1, 2023. He was released from his attachment to St. Seraphim of Sarov Cathedral, Dallas, TX, and from the Diocese of the South, effective August 15, 2023. While remaining under the omophorion of Archbishop Alexander, he was transferred to the Bulgarian Diocese and assigned Priest-in-Charge of St. Elizabeth the New Martyr Mission, Rossford, OH, effective August 15, 2023. (Bulgarian Diocese)

MYERS, Archpriest Michael was released from his assignment at St. Elizabeth the New Martyr Mission, Rossford, OH, and attached to St. Nicholas Cathedral, Fort Wayne, IN, effective August 15, 2023. (Bulgarian Diocese)

\*PARANYUK, Priest Aleksey was assigned Rector of St. Michael Church, Mount Carmel, PA, effective August 15, 2023. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

\*POPA, Archpriest Gabriel Liviu was released from his assignment at the Falling Asleep of the Ever Virgin Mary Church, Colleyville, TX, and granted a leave of absence, effective August 15, 2023. (Romanian Episcopate)

REHMET, Priest Michael was released from his attachment to St. Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, South Canaan, PA, and from the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and the roster of Stavropegial clergy. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Alexander and the Diocese of the South, and assigned Assistant Priest at Holy Resurrection Church, Clinton, MS, effective August 1, 2023. (Diocese of the South)

TEPPER, Priest Andrei was released from his assignments at St. Tikhon of Moscow Church, Anchorage, AK, St. Herman Church, King Cove, AK, and St. Nicholas Church, False Pass, AK, and appointed Interim Dean of St. Herman Orthodox Theological Seminary, Kodiak, AK, and assigned Dean of All Saints of Alaska Chapel, Kodiak, AK, effective August 26, 2023. (Diocese of Alaska)



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### **ASSIGNMENTS (cont)**

WHITTAKER, Priest Joseph was released from his attachment at St. Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, South Canaan, PA, and from the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and the roster of Stavropegial clergy. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Daniel and the Diocese of the Midwest, and assigned Rector of St. Nicholas Church, Kenosha, WI, effective June 1, 2023. (Diocese of the Midwest)

### **LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

\*POPA, Archpriest Gabriel Liviu was granted a leave of absence, effective August 15, 2023. (Romanian Episopate)

### **ON LOANS**

\*PARANYUK, Priest Aleksey was received On Loan from the Patriarchal Parishes of the Russian Orthodox Church in the US to serve under the omophorion of Archbishop Mark, effective August 6, 2023. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

### **SUSPENDED**

BERNI, Deacon George was suspended from all diaconal functions, effective August 30, 2023. (Diocese of the West)

NICORI, Priest John was suspended from all priestly functions, effective August 2, 2023. (Diocese of Alaska)

SEXTON, Priest Adam was suspended from all priestly functions, effective August 19, 2023. (Diocese of the South)

### **DEATHS**

BONA, Protodeacon Alexis, in his retirement, reposed on August 26, 2023. (Diocese of New England)



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## PARISHES

### Romanian Episcopate

*Mission closed*, effective April 5, 2017.

Holy Archangels Michael and Gabriel Mission, Haledon, NJ, was closed, effective April 5, 2017.

### Diocese of the South

*Status change*, effective August 16, 2023.

St. Herman Mission Station, Tuscaloosa (Northport), AL, was granted mission status, effective August 16, 2023. It is now known as St. Herman Mission.

### Diocese of the West

*Name change*, effective August 30, 2023.

The Sequim-Port Angeles Mission, Sequim, WA, is now known as St. Sophrony of Essex Mission, Sequim, WA.



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## CORRECTIONS

In the September 2018 Pastoral Changes (no. 614), it was stated that Archpriest Timothy Wilkinson was assigned as Acting Rector of St. Luke Mission, Spokane, WA, effective August 31, 2018. He was in fact assigned as Rector, not Acting Rector.

**NOTE: \* indicates non-OCA clergy.**

Approved for distribution:

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//signed February 1, 2024//

Archpriest Alexander Rentel  
Chancellor of the OCA