

PASTORAL CHANGES

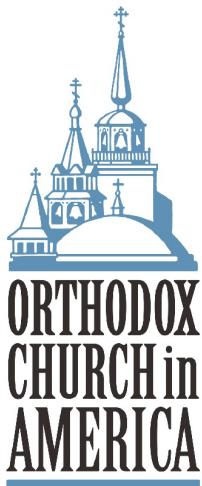
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ORDINATIONS

BERCK, Basil was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on October 19, 2025 by Archbishop Michael at St. Vladimir Church, Trenton, NJ. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Michael and attached to the Diocese of New York and New Jersey. (Diocese of New York and New Jersey)

MESAK, Andrew was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on October 26, 2025 by Archbishop Alexei at St. Innocent Cathedral, Anchorage, AK. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Alexei and attached to the Diocese of Alaska. (Diocese of Alaska)



ASSIGNMENTS

ANDERSON, Archpriest K Michael was appointed Dean of the new Pacific Southwest Deanery that results from the merger of the former Pacific Southwest Deanery and Desert Deanery, effective October 23, 2025, which thereby supersedes his former role as Dean of the Desert Deanery. All his other duties remain the same. (Diocese of the West)

BERCK, Deacon Basil was assigned to St. Vladimir Church, Trenton, NJ, effective October 19, 2025. (Diocese of New York and New Jersey)

BISHOP, Priest Ryan Tikhon was assigned Rector of St. Olga of Alaska Church, Edmonton, AB, where he was previously Priest-in-Charge when it was a mission, effective October 24, 2025. (Archdiocese of Canada)

CANDELARIO, Priest Josef, in addition to his other duties, was assigned Priest-in-Charge of St. Sophrony of Essex Mission, Sequim, WA, effective February 19, 2025. (Diocese of the West)

CWIKLINSKI, Archpriest Jerome was released from his attachment to Church of the Annunciation, Milwaukie, OR, and was assigned Priest-in-Charge of the Meeting of Our Lord Mission, Kuna, ID, effective October 23, 2025. (Diocese of the West)

FINLEY, Archpriest Nicholas was released from his assignment as Rector of Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, Madison, IL, and assigned Rector of St. Raphael of Brooklyn Mission, Quincy, IL, effective October 1, 2025. (Diocese of the Midwest)

FONSECA, Priest Elias was assigned Rector of St. Benoît de Nursie Church, Saint-Laurent, QC, where he was previously Priest-in-Charge, effective October 23, 2025. (Archdiocese of Canada)

ASSIGNMENTS (cont)

FUHRMAN, Priest Matthew was released from his duties in the Office of Military Chaplains and the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Alexander and the Diocese of the South, and assigned Priest-in-Charge of Holy Resurrection Mission, North Augusta, SC, effective October 2, 2025. (Diocese of the South)

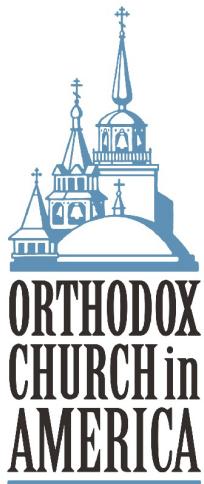
LATTIER, Priest Daniel was released from his assignment as Priest-in-Charge of St. Sophrony of Essex Mission, Sequim, WA, effective February 19, 2025. All his other duties remain the same. (Diocese of the West)

MESAK, Deacon Andrew was attached to All Saints of Alaska Chapel, Kodiak, AK, effective October 26, 2025. (Diocese of Alaska)

RUNYON, Priest Peter, formerly Acting Missions Director with oversight of the Missionary District, was appointed Missions Director and chairman of the Missions Board of the Diocese of the West, effective October 23, 2025. All his other duties remain the same. (Diocese of the West)

SOKOLOV, Archpriest Kirill was released from his duties as Acting Dean of the Pacific Southwest Deanery, effective October 23, 2025. All his other duties remain the same. (Diocese of the West)

TOBIAS, Archpriest Peter Thomas was released from his attachment to Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, IL, and assigned Rector of Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, Madison, IL, effective October 1, 2025. (Diocese of the Midwest)



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LEAVES OF ABSENCE

(BILLY), Hieromonk Ioasaph was granted a three-month leave of absence, effective October 14, 2025 through January 14, 2026. (Diocese of Alaska)

SMITH, Priest Andrew M was granted a three-month leave of absence, effective October 15, 2025. (Diocese of the West)

PARISHES

Archdiocese of Canada

Elevation to full parish status, effective October 24, 2025.

St. Olga of Alaska Mission, Edmonton, AB, was elevated to full parish status, effective October 24, 2025, and is now known as St. Olga of Alaska Church, Edmonton, AB.

Diocese of the West

Merger of deaneries, effective October 23, 2025.

The Pacific Southwest Deanery and Desert Deanery have been combined into a deanery named the Pacific Southwest Deanery, of which Archpriest K Michael Anderson has been appointed Dean.

The following parishes and monasteries, formerly belonging to the Desert Deanery, are now part of the Pacific Southwest Deanery:

Monastery of St. John the Baptist, Phoenix, AZ
Monastery of St. Macarius the Great, Laveen, AZ
Monastery of St. Mary of Egypt, Glendale, AZ
SS. Peter and Paul Church, Phoenix, AZ
St. John of Damascus Church, Poway, CA
St. Katherine of Alexandria Church, Carlsbad, CA
St. Nicholas Church, San Diego, CA
St. Paul the Apostle Church, Las Vegas, NV

Dissolution of deanery, effective October 23, 2025.

The Missionary District has been dissolved, and the following missions and mission stations, formerly part of the Missionary District, have been moved to the following geographical deaneries:

(1) Pacific Southwest Deanery

St George the Great Martyr Church, Hesperia, CA
St. John the Evangelist Mission, Mesa, AZ
Mission of "Joy of All Who Sorrow", Marina Del Rey, CA
St. Herman Church, Oxnard CA
St. Vladimir Church, Santa Barbara CA

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(2) Pacific Central Deanery

Holy Ascension Mission, Honomu, HI
SS. Cyril and Methodius Mission, Chico, CA
St. Juvenaly Mission, Kailua-Kona, HI
St. Mary Magdalene Mission, Atwater, CA
St. Silouan Mission, Marysville, CA
St. Susanna Mission, Sonora, CA
St. Thomas the Apostle Mission, Pleasant Hill, CA

(3) Pacific Northwest Deanery

Archangel Gabriel Mission, Phoenix, OR
Church of the Annunciation, Milwaukie, OR
St. Sophrony of Essex Mission, Sequim, WA
St. Brendan the Navigator Mission, Astoria, OR
St. Jacob of Alaska Mission, Bend, OR
St. Luke Church, Chattaroy, WA
St. Matthew the Evangelist Mission, Vancouver, WA
St. Patrick Mission, Newport, OR

(4) Rocky Mountain Deanery

Mission of the Holy Wisdom, Grand Junction, CO
Montrose Mission, Montrose, CO
St. Mark the Evangelist Mission, Great Falls, MT
St. Moses the Strong Mission, Helena, MT
St. Patriarch Tikhon Mission, Parker, CO

Priest Peter Runyon, formerly Acting Missions Director with oversight of the Missionary District, has been appointed Missions Director and chairman of the Missions Board of the Diocese of the West.

New mission, effective October 23, 2025.

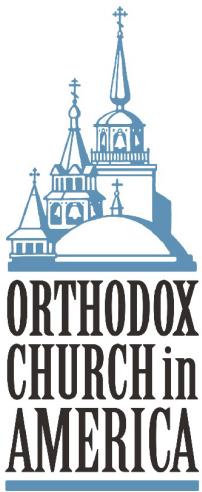
The Meeting of Our Lord Mission, Kuna, ID
Priest-in-Charge: Archpriest Jerome Cwiklinski

Approved for distribution:



//signed February 1, 2026//

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