

## PASTORAL CHANGES

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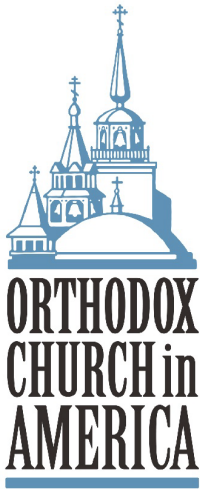
### ORDINATIONS

GERGIS, Athanasios was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on December 20, 2025 by Bishop Gerasim at St. Tikhon Church, Chattanooga, TN. He is under the omophorion of Archbishop Alexander and attached to the Diocese of the South. (Diocese of the South)

HATFIELD, Michael was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on December 13, 2025 by Bishop Vasily at St. Herman of Alaska Church, Port Townsend, WA. He is under the omophorion of Bishop Vasily and attached to the Diocese of the West. (Diocese of the West)

SARSAMĂ, Deacon Pedro was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on December 20, 2025 by Archbishop Daniel on behalf of Metropolitan Tikhon at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, IL. He is under the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and on the roster of Stavropegial clergy. (Stavropegial)

SCHLAFFER, Deacon Paul was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on December 13, 2025 by Archbishop Daniel on behalf of Metropolitan Tikhon at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, IL. He is under the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and on the roster of Stavropegial clergy. (Stavropegial)



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### ASSIGNMENTS

ARNOLD, Archpriest David F, in addition to his other duties, was assigned Priest-in-Charge of St. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist Mission Station, Mathews, VA, effective December 3, 2025. (Diocese of the South)

BEECROFT, Protodeacon Maurice was granted retirement, effective December 2, 2025. In his retirement, he was attached to the Sobor of St. Herman of Alaska, Edmonton, AB, effective December 2, 2025. (Archdiocese of Canada)

EARL, Priest Seth was released from his assignment as Rector of St. Tikhon Church, Chattanooga, TN, and assigned Priest-in-Charge of St. Patrick Mission, Carrollton, GA, effective December 20, 2025. (Diocese of the South)

\*FLOREAN, Priest Daniel was assigned Parish Priest of St. John the Baptist Church, Woonsocket, RI, effective December 1, 2025. (Romanian Episcopate)

GERGIS, Deacon Athanasios was attached to St. Tikhon Church, Chattanooga, TN, effective December 20, 2025. (Diocese of the South)

### ASSIGNMENTS (cont)

HAMANN, Priest Paisios was released from his assignment as Assistant Priest at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Fenton, MI, and from the omophorion of Archbishop Alexander and the Bulgarian Diocese. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Daniel and the Diocese of the Midwest, and assigned Rector of St. Innocent Church, Olmsted Township, OH, effective December 1, 2025. (Diocese of the Midwest)

HATFIELD, Deacon Michael was attached to St. Herman of Alaska Church, Port Townsend, WA, effective December 13, 2025. (Diocese of the West)

IFTODE, Priest Florin was released from his assignment as Parish Priest of St. Anne Church, Pomona, CA, and assigned Parish Priest of Holy Archangels Michael and Gabriel Church, Palm Springs, CA, effective December 1, 2025. (Romanian Episcopate)

KLARR, Priest Hermann, in addition to his other duties, was assigned Priest-in-Charge of St. John the Baptist Chapel, Gilman, WI, effective December 23, 2025. (Diocese of the Midwest)

MORAR, Protopresbyter Onisie was assigned Assistant Priest of St. John the Baptist Church, Woonsocket, RI, where he was previously Parish Priest, effective December 1, 2025. (Romanian Episcopate)

PARCHERT, Priest Silouan was assigned Rector of St. Tikhon Church, Chattanooga, TN, where he was previously Assistant Priest, effective December 20, 2025. (Diocese of the South)

SAFCHUK, Archpriest Gregory, in addition to his other duties, was appointed Interim Dean of the Washington Deanery, effective December 10, 2025. (Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.)

TAIT, Deacon Stephen was attached to St. Patrick Mission, Carrollton, GA, effective December 2, 2025. (Diocese of the South)

TRANT, Priest Joshua was assigned Rector of St. John of Damascus Church, Tyler, TX, where he was previously priest-in-charge when it was a mission, effective December 4, 2025. (Diocese of the South)

WESCHE, Archpriest Paul, in addition to his other duties, was assigned Administrator of St. John the Baptist Chapel, Gilman, WI, effective December 23, 2025. (Diocese of the Midwest)



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### **ASSIGNMENTS (cont)**

WYSLUTSKY, Archpriest Nicholas was released from his duties as Administrator of St. Innocent Church, Olmsted Township, OH, effective December 1, 2025. All his other duties remain the same. (Diocese of the Midwest)

### **RETIRED**

BEECROFT, Protodeacon Maurice was granted retirement, effective December 2, 2025. (Archdiocese of Canada)

### **DEATHS**

CAMERLYNCK, Deacon Phillip reposed on December 28, 2025. (Diocese of the Midwest)

PYRCH, Archpriest Paul, in his retirement, reposed on December 2, 2025. (Diocese of the South)



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### **PARISHES**

#### Diocese of the Midwest

*Status change from parish to chapel, effective December 23, 2025.*

St. John the Baptist Church, Gilman, WI, was reduced to the status of a chapel, and is now known as St. John the Baptist Chapel, Gilman, WI.

#### Diocese of the South

*Mission closed, effective December 2, 2025.*

SS. Constantine and Helen Mission, Helena, GA, is closed, effective December 2, 2025.

**PARISHES (cont)**

*Mission established, effective December 2, 2025.*

St. Patrick Mission, Carrollton, GA  
Meeting at: 101 Northwinds Boulevard, Suite C  
Carrollton, GA 30117-2291  
Priest-in-Charge: Priest Seth Earl (effective December 20, 2025)

*Mission station established, effective December 3, 2025.*

St. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist Mission Station, Mathews, VA  
Meeting at: 15661 John Clayton Memorial Highway  
Mathews, VA 23109-2105  
Priest-in-charge: Archpriest David F. Arnold

*Elevation to full parish status and deanery change, effective December 4, 2025.*

St. John of Damascus Mission, Tyler, TX was elevated to full parish status and is now known as St. John of Damascus Church, Tyler, TX, and moved from the Southcentral Deanery to the Mississippi River Deanery, effective December 4, 2025.

*Elevation to mission status and name change, effective December 16, 2025.*

St. Ephraim the Syrian Mission Station, Longview, TX was elevated to mission status and changed its name, and is now known as St. Ephraim Mission, Longview, TX, effective December 16, 2025.

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

Approved for distribution:



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