

PASTORAL CHANGES

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May 2026

RECEPTIONS

MELENDEZ, Archpriest Rafael was canonically received into the ranks of the clergy of the Orthodox Church in America by Metropolitan Tikhon, effective May 8, 2026. He was transferred to the omophorion of Archbishop Alexander and attached to the Diocese of the South. (Diocese of the South)

(OANCEA) Hierodeacon Benedict was received into the ranks of the clergy of the Romanian Episcopate of the Orthodox Church in America by Archbishop Nathaniel, effective August 19, 2025. (Romanian Episcopate)



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ORDINATIONS

ARIAS PORRAS, Deacon Isidro José was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on May 31, 2026 by Archbishop Alejo at the Cathedral of the Ascension of Our Lord, Mexico City, Mexico, taking the name Nicodemo. He remains assigned to Holy Myrrhbearers Mission, San José, Costa Rica. (Diocese of Mexico)

(BUSSCHER) Monk Alexander was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on May 24, 2026 by Metropolitan Tikhon at Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, South Canaan, PA. He is under the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and on the roster of Stavropegial clergy, attached to the Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, South Canaan, PA. (Stavropegial)

CHITTOM, Subdeacon Carson Michael was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on May 31, 2026 by Archbishop Alexander at Holy Resurrection Church, Clinton, MS. He is attached to Holy Resurrection Church, Clinton, MS. (Diocese of the South)

FARIAS ALVAREZ, Juan Manuel was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on May 31, 2026 by Archbishop Alejo at the Cathedral of the Ascension of Our Lord, Mexico City, Mexico. He is assigned to Eremitorio de San Miguel Arcangel Los Reyes, Michoacán, MX. (Diocese of Mexico)

HAAS, Subdeacon Iaan was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on January 4, 2026 by Bishop Vasily at Saint John the Baptist Mission, Colorado Springs, CO. He is attached to Saint John the Baptist Mission, Colorado Springs, CO. (Diocese of the West)

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ORDINATIONS (cont.)

HANSON, Deacon Gregory was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on January 25, 2026 by Bishop Vasily at Holy Trinity Cathedral, San Francisco, CA. He is assigned as Associate Priest at Holy Trinity Cathedral, San Francisco, CA. (Diocese of the West)

KRUEGER, Deacon Tikhon was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on May 23, 2026 by Metropolitan Tikhon at Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, South Canaan, PA. He is under the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon and on the roster of Stavropegial clergy. (Stavropegial)

NESCOTT, Subdeacon Alexander was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on May 3, 2026 by Archbishop Mark at Saint Herman of Alaska Church, Gradyville, PA. He is attached to Saint Herman of Alaska Church, Gradyville, PA. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

ASSIGNMENTS

ANDERSON, Deacon Alexander was released from his attachment to Saints Peter and Paul Church, Syracuse, NY, and was attached to Saint Nicholas Church, Auburn, NY, effective May 1, 2026. (Diocese of New York and New Jersey)

BIBERDORF, Archpriest Basil was appointed as Priest-in-Charge of Protection of the Holy Virgin Mary Mission, Clarksville, TN, effective March 12, 2026. (Diocese of the South)

GEORGE, Priest Thomas was released from his attachment to Holy Trinity Church, Overland Park, KS, and from the Diocese of the Midwest to the omophorion of Archbishop Melchisedek, effective May 1, 2026. Effective the same date, he was attached to Holy Trinity Church, State College, PA. (Archdiocese of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania)

KAMILOS, Priest Peter was relieved of his duties as Priest-in-Charge of Nativity of the Theotokos Orthodox Church, Chenega, AK, effective February 25, 2026. (Diocese of Sitka and Alaska)

KRUEGER, Priest Tikhon was released from his attachment at Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, South Canaan, PA to the omophorion of Bishop Vasily, effective May 30, 2026. Effective the same date, he was attached to Holy Transfiguration Cathedral, Denver, CO. (Diocese of the West)

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ASSIGNMENTS (cont.)

LOPEZ, Priest Sergio was released from his attachment at Three Hierarchs Chapel, Yonkers, NY to the omophorion of Archbishop Alexander, effective May 21, 2026. Effective the same date, he was assigned as Assistant Priest to Holy Cross Church, Kernersville, NC. (Diocese of the South)

REXFORD, Deacon John was released from his attachment at Three Hierarchs Chapel, Yonkers, NY to the omophorion of Archbishop Alexander, effective May 25, 2026. He is attached to Saint John of the Ladder Church, Greenville, SC. (Diocese of the South)

RIES, Priest Peter was assigned Priest-in-Charge of Saint Stephen the First Martyr Mission, Lima, OH, effective May 1, 2026. (Diocese of the Midwest)

SOLOMON, Priest Mark was released from his assignment as Rector of Saints Sergius and Herman of Valaam Orthodox Church, Nanwalek, AK and was released to the Omophorion of Bishop Vasily, effective May 1, 2026. Effective the same date, he was assigned Acting Rector of St Jacob of Alaska Mission, Bend, OR. (Diocese of the West)

SOOT, Archpriest Stephen was relieved of the responsibility as priest-in-charge at St Jacob of Alaska Mission, Bend, OR, effective May 1, 2026. (Diocese of the West)

SUSPENDED

BRADLEY, Archpriest Denis was suspended from all priestly functions, effective May 22, 2026. (Archdiocese of Washington)

NICOLAI, Archpriest Martin was suspended from all priestly functions, effective May 7, 2026. (Diocese of Sitka and Alaska)

DEATHS

WESNER, Protodeacon John reposed on May 15, 2026. (Diocese of the Midwest)

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PARISHES

Diocese of the South

New Mission, effective May 29, 2026

Saint Andrew the First-Called Orthodox Chapel

10 Azalea Road

Pinehurst, NC 28374

Contact: Hieromonk Andrew (Winters)

Approved for distribution:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Alessandro Margheritino".

//Signed September 16, 2026//

Archpriest Alessandro Margheritino

Chancellor of the OCA