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Services Schedule

Please see our [online calendar](#) for dates and times of Feast Day services.

Bulletin for Sunday, June 30, 2024

Welcome



Jesus Christ taught us to love and serve all people, regardless of their ethnicity or nationality. To understand that, we need to look no further than to the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). Every time we celebrate the Divine Liturgy, it is offered "on behalf

of all, and for all." As Orthodox Christians we stand against racism and bigotry. All human beings share one common identity as children of God. "There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatian 3:28)

Members of our Parish Council are:

Greg Jankura - Vice President
Susan Davis- President
Sharon Hanson - Member at Large
Luba Martins - Member at Large
Susan Egan - Treasurer
Dn Timothy Skuby - Secretary

Pastoral Care - General Information

Emergency Sick Calls can be made at any time. Please call Fr Steven at (860) 322-2906, when a family member is admitted to the hospital.

Anointing in Sickness: The Sacrament of Unction is available in Church, the hospital, or your home, for anyone who is sick and suffering, however severe.

Marriages and Baptisms require early planning, scheduling and selections of sponsors (crown bearers or godparents). See Father before booking dates and reception halls!

Funerals are celebrated for practicing Orthodox Christians. Please see Father for details. The Church opposes cremation; we cannot celebrate funerals for cremations.

Announcements

Your Grace, dear fathers, brothers and sisters,

Christ is in our midst!

I am happy to announce that we are now launching the Diaconal and Catechist Vocations Program here in the Diocese of New England! Thank you for your patience as we have been working out the details to prepare to begin the Program.

Attached you will find two forms. The first is a general application form: everyone enrolling in the Program must fill it out. The second is a special application form that is only for those who are interested in pursuing (or considering) ordination to the Holy Diaconate. It has specific questions

for potential ordinands, in preparation for an interview with His Grace Bishop Benedict to be scheduled at a later date on an individual basis.

For now, there are three action steps:

- 1) Reply to this email to state your intention to enroll in the Program
- 2) Fill out the application(s), sign, print, and mail
- 3) Enclose with your application the non-refundable \$200 registration fee in the form of check or money order, made out to the Diocese of New England, with "Vocations" in the memo line.

Mail application(s) and payment to:

Fr Mark Roosien
532 Norton Pkwy
New Haven, CT 06511

Our first 8-session course, on Orthodox Spirituality, is slated to begin on Saturday, July 13, on Zoom. Upon replying with your intention to enroll, you will receive the course information. The cost of each 8-session course is \$500. This payment should be made to the Diocese of New England when the course begins. NOTE: no one will be turned away for reasons of cost. Please contact me if you have any questions about payment.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions in general. You can email me or call at 312-961-6097.

Yours in Christ,
Fr Mark Roosien
Program Director
Acting Rector, Holy Ghost Church,
Bridgeport, CT

(The applications are included as attachments to this bulletin)

The following is a brief synopsis of the last Parish Council meeting held on 18 June 2024.

Financial Report for March: Income for the month of May totaled \$6,665 and expenses totaled \$8,889 resulting in a deficit of \$2,224 and a YTD deficit of \$4,201.

Formal Visit by His Grace, Bishop Benedict - We will be formally inviting His Grace Benedict on Sunday 6 October, which is the Feast of St. Innocent. As we do not have monies budgeted for this visit and expect the total honorarium for the visit to be between \$1,000 and \$1,200, we are soliciting our parishioners for any donations to help cover these costs.

Special Diocesan Assembly held on 15 June: At the Special Diocesan Assembly, attended by Father Steven (Clergy Delegate) and Father Deacon Timothy (Lay Delegate), the proposed resolution to authorize expenditure of up to \$650K for the Bishop's residence was passed by a large majority (50 to 2).

Building and Grounds Committee: Thank you to Greg and Michael Neiss for attending to the lawn mowing. We are still in need of assistance in weeding the gardens. Please consider donating your time to this much needed church grounds beautification project.

Prayers, Intercessions and Commemorations



Memory Eternal to all the departed faithful of this parish.

Pray for: All those confined to hospitals, nursing homes, and their own homes due to illness; for all those who serve in the armed forces; widows, orphans, prisoners, victims of violence, and

refugees;

- All those suffering chronic illness, financial hardship, loneliness, addictions, abuse, abandonment and despair; those who are homeless, those who are institutionalized, those who have no one to pray for them;
- All Orthodox seminarians & families; all Orthodox monks and nuns, and all those considering monastic life; all Orthodox missionaries and their families.
- All those who have perished due to hatred, intolerance and pestilence; all those departed this life in the hope of the Resurrection.

Please let Fr. Steven know via email if you have more names for which to pray.

- Departed: Joseph Anselmo, Joan Navarro, Doloris, Dennis, Galina
- Clergy and their families: Fr Sergej,
- Catechumen: Robert, Abbie, Matthew, Joseph, Mary, and Kevin

- Individuals and Families: Luba, Suzanne, Gail Galina, Evelyn, Rosemary, John, Daniel & Dayna, Kristen, Charles
- Birthdays and Name's Days this Month: Joan Skrobat, Sophia Brubaker, John Skrobat
- Anniversaries this Month: Malcolm and Anastasia Littlefield
- Expecting and Newborn: Lynn, David and their unborn child, Gregory and Elizabeth and their unborn son, Timothy
- Traveling: Michael, Lucy
- Sick and those in distress: Thomas, Sheri, Joanna, Joshua, Remy, Stormy, Scott

1st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. All Saints. "Seven Arrows". Synaxis of the Holy, Glorious and All-praised Twelve Apostles: Peter, Andrew, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James, the son of Alphæus, Jude, the brother of James, Simon the Zealot, and Matthias (1st c.). St. Peter, Prince of Ordinsk (Rostov—1290). Translation of the Relics of St. Sophróny, Bishop of Irkutsk (1918).

- Again we pray for those who have lost their lives because of the wars in Ukraine and in the Middle East: that the Lord our God may look upon them with mercy, and give them rest where there is neither sickness, or sorrow, but life everlasting.
- Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, for those who are suffering, wounded, grieving, or displaced because of the wars in Ukraine and in the Middle East.

- Again we pray for a cessation of the hostilities against Ukraine and the Middle East, and that reconciliation and peace will flourish there, we pray thee, hearken and have mercy.

Parish Calendar

St Alexis Parish

June 30 to July 8, 2024

Sunday, June 30

Malcolm & Anastasia's Anniversary
Synaxis of the Twelve Holy Apostles
9:30AM Divine Liturgy

Monday, July 1

Cosmas & Damian the Holy Unmercenaries

Tuesday, July 2

Deposition of the Precious Robe of the Theotokos in Blachernae
St. John Maximovich
8:30AM Matins

Wednesday, July 3

‡ Hyacinth the Martyr of Caesarea & Theodotos and Theodota the Martyrs
Sophia Brubaker
Joan Skrobat

Thursday, July 4

Christine Brubaker
Andrew of Crete Author of the Great Canon
8:30AM Matins

Friday, July 5

‡ Athanasius of Mount Athos

Saturday, July 6

Sisoies the Great

5:30PM Great Vespers

6:00PM General Confession

Sunday, July 7

2nd Sunday of Matthew

9:30AM Divine Liturgy

4:00PM [CT Deanery] Deanery Meeting
follow-ups

Monday, July 8

Sitka Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos

The Holy Great Martyr Procopius

Saints and Feasts

June 30

Synaxis of the Twelve Holy Apostles

The names of the Twelve Apostles are these: Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew, the First-called; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John, who was also the Evangelist and Theologian; Philip, and Bartholomew (see also June 11); Thomas, and Matthew the publican, who was also called Levi and was an Evangelist; James the son of Alphaeus, and Jude (also called Lebbeaus, and surnamed Thaddaeus), the brother of James, the Brother of God; Simon the Cananite ("the Zealot"), and Matthias, who was elected to fill the place of Judas the traitor (see Aug. 9).

July 01

Cosmas & Damian the Holy Unmercenaries

These Saints, who are different from those that are celebrated on the 1st of November, were from Rome. They were physicians, freely bestowing healing upon beasts and men, asking nothing from the healed other than that they confess and believe in Christ. They ended their life in martyrdom in the year 284, under the Emperors Carinus and Numerian.

July 02

John Maximovitch, Archbishop of Shanghai and San Francisco

The Holy Hierarch John Maximovitch was born in the Kharkov region in 1896, and reposed in Seattle in 1966. In 1921, during the Russian Civil War, his family fled to Belgrade, joining the ranks of Russian exiles in Serbia, where he later became a monk and was ordained priest. In 1934 he was made Bishop of Shanghai, where he served until the Communists came to power. Thereafter he ministered in Europe, serving as Bishop first in Paris then in Brussels, until he became Archbishop of San Francisco in 1962. Throughout his life he was revered as a strict ascetic, a devoted man of prayer, and a truly wondrous unmercenary healer of all manner of afflictions and woes. He served the Divine Liturgy daily, slept little more than an hour a day, and kept a strict fast until

the evening. It is doubtful that any one man gave so much protection and comfort as he to the Russian Orthodox people in exile after the Revolution of 1917; he was an unwearied and watchful shepherd of his sheep in China, the Philippines, Europe, and America. Through his missionary labors he also brought into the Church many who had not been "of this fold." Since his repose in 1966, he has been especially glorified by God through signs and miracles, and his body has remained incorrupt.

July 04

Andrew of Crete Author of the Great Canon

Saint Andrew was from Damascus; his parents' names were George and Gregoria. He became a cleric and secretary of Theodore and Patriarch of Jerusalem; from this, he is called "the Jerusalemite." He was present at the Sixth Ecumenical Council in Constantinople, which was convoked in 680 during the reign of Emperor Constantine IV (668-685). He became deacon of the Great church in Constantinople, that is, the Church of the Holy Wisdom of God, then Archbishop of Crete. He reposed in 720 or 723. Beside his other sacred writings, he also composed various hymns, among which is the famous Great Canon, which is chanted during Great Lent (see the Thursday of the Fifth Week of the Fast).

July 05

Athanasios of Mount Athos

Saint Athanasius had Trebizond for his homeland. He first entered the monastic life on the mountain called Kymaeos or Kyminas, which is in Mysia of Bithynia, then he went to Mount Athos and founded a large monastery, which is known as the Great Lavra. He became so renowned for his virtue that from Rome, Calabria, Georgia, and elsewhere, rulers, men of wealth and nobility, abbots, and even bishops came to him and were subject to him. When the time for his departure was at hand, God revealed to him how it would take place, so that he was able to instruct his spiritual children not to be troubled when it should come to pass. A new church was being built for the sake of the many who came to him, and only the dome had not been finished. Together with six of the brethren, the Saint went to the top of the church to help the workmen. The dome collapsed, and they fell. Five were killed at once, and the Saint died three hours later. His holy body remained incorrupt and he worked many miracles after his death. He reposed about the end of the tenth century.

July 05

Uncovering of the Holy Relics of Our Righteous Father Sergius of Radonezh

Our righteous Father Sergius was born in Rostov, north of Moscow, about the year 1314. Named Bartholomew in Baptism,

he was brought up in Radonezh, and at the death of his parents he withdrew to the wilderness to become a monk. It is notable that without having been trained in a monastery, he was of such a spiritual stature as to be able to take up the perilous eremitical life from the beginning, without falling into delusion or despondency. When he had endured with courage the deprivations of the solitary life, other monks began to come to him, for whom he was made abbot against his will. On the counsel of Philotheus, Patriarch of Constantinople, he organized his monks according to the cenobitic life, appointing duties to each. While Anthony and Theodosius of Kiev, and the other righteous Fathers before Sergius, had established their monasteries near to cities, Sergius was the leader and light of those who went far into the wilderness, and after his example the untrodden forests of northern Russia were settled with monks. When Grand Duke Demetrius Donskoy was about to go to battle against the invading Tartars, he first sought the blessing of Saint Sergius, through whose prayers he was triumphant. Saint Sergius was adorned with the highest virtues of Christ-like humility and burning love for God and neighbour, and received the gift of working wonders, of casting out demons, and of discretion for leading souls to salvation. When he served the Divine Liturgy, an Angel served with him visibly; he was also vouchsafed the visitation of the most holy Theotokos with the Apostles Peter and John. He was gathered to his Fathers on September 25, 1392. At the recovery of his holy relics on July 5, 1422, his body and garments were found fragrant and incorrupt. His life was written by the monks of Epiphanius,

who knew him.

July 06

Sisoës the Great

This Saint, great and renowned among the ascetics of Egypt, lived in the fourth century in Scete of Nitria. After the death of Saint Anthony the Great, he left Scete to live in Saint Anthony's cave; he said of this, "Thus in the cave of a lion, a fox makes his dwelling." When Sisoës was at the end of his long life of labours, as the Fathers were gathered about him, his face began to shine, and he said, "Behold, Abba Anthony is come"; then, "Behold, the choir of the Prophets is come"; his face shone yet more bright, and he said, "Behold, the choir of the Apostles is come." The light of his countenance increased, and he seemed to be talking with someone. The Fathers asked him of this; in his humility, he said he was asking the Angels for time to repent. Finally his face became as bright as the sun, so that the Fathers were filled with fear. He said, "Behold, the Lord is come, and He says, 'Bring Me the vessel of the desert,'" and as he gave up his soul into the hands of God, there was as it were a flash of lightning, and the whole dwelling was filled with a sweet fragrance.

Hymns of the Day



Tone 8 Troparion (Resurrection)

You descended from on high, O Merciful One!
You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//
O Lord, our Life and

Resurrection, glory to You!

Tone 4 Troparion (All Saints)

As with fine porphyry and royal purple,
Your Church has been adorned with Your martyrs' blood shed throughout all the world.

She cries to You, O Christ God:
"Send down Your bounties on Your people,//
grant peace to Your habitation and great mercy to our souls!"

Tone 8 Kontakion (All Saints)

The universe offers You the God-bearing Martyrs
as the first fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator.

By their prayers keep Your Church, Your habitation, in abiding peace//
through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps. 148:1)
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! (Ps. 32:1)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel and Epistle Readings

Epistle Reading

Prokeimenon. 4th Tone. Psalm 67.35,26.

God is wonderful among his saints.

Verse: Bless God in the congregations.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2.

Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that

is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Gospel Reading

The Reading is from Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30

The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

Wisdom of the Fathers

For in a contest there is much labor needed--and after the contest victory falls to some, to others disgrace. Is the palm ever given

or the crown granted before the course is finished? ... Therefore no one can receive a reward, unless he has striven lawfully; nor is the victory a glorious one, unless the contest also has been toilsome.

St. Ambrose of Milan

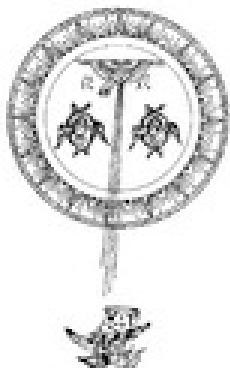
Chapter 15, Three Books on the Duties of the Clergy, 4th century

Moses... was himself saved by means of wood and water before the Law was given, when he was exposed to the Nile's currents, hidden away in an Ark (Exod. 2:3-10). And by means of wood and water he saved the people of Israel, revealing the Cross by the wood, Holy Baptism by water (Exod. 14:15-31). Paul, who had looked upon the mysteries, says openly, 'They were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud' (I Cor. 10:2). He also bears witness that, even before the events concerning the sea and his staff, Moses willingly endured Christ's Cross, 'Esteeming', he says, 'the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt' (Heb. 11:26). For the Cross is the reproach of Christ from the standpoint of foolish men. As Paul himself says of Christ, 'He endured the cross, despising the shame' (Heb. 12:2).

St. Gregory Palamas

Homilies Vol. 1, Homily Eleven para. 14; Saint Tikhon's Seminary Press pg. 123, 14th century

Beyond the Sermon



During the time of Christ's earthly ministry, He emphasized three main ways in serving the people. He went about the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease.

Christ came to save the whole of humanity, and for every individual, He came to serve the whole person — soul, body, and mind. He taught the people, stirring their minds toward God. He preached the Gospel, stirring their hearts toward repentance and hope in God. He also healed every disease, restoring health to the body, prefiguring the resurrection of the dead and life everlasting.

Every action of Jesus is driven by a deep, profound compassion for the people. He does not condemn them as sinners but loves them as lost sheep without a shepherd. He aims to provide rest for the weary, a home for the scattered, and security and love for those who are alone. The Greek word used to describe this compassion (*σπλαγγνίζομαι*) is derived from a word (*σπλάγγνα*), which signifies the seat of the feelings, affections, and the heart. In essence, it is a profound feeling that stirs one at the core of their being. Compassion

also means "to suffer with," which was demonstrated by Christ's sharing in our human nature and His death on the Cross. This is the kind of love and compassion the Lord has for us.

In His compassion, therefore, the Lord says that the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. The Son of God was sowing the seeds of eternal life, of freedom from sin and death, in the hearts of humanity. Now begins the work of harvesting, that is, bringing His people into the house of God, which is the Church. He says, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers. Just as a large field yields abundant fruit, the owner needs many laborers to harvest it. If the fields are even more bountiful, the owner needs to recruit more laborers to ensure no harvest is lost. In this metaphor, the field represents the world — the "called" — and the harvest, those who will receive His salvation, is the "chosen." It is the chosen who are gathered to be brought into the Kingdom of God. The field's owner is God the Father. The field was cultivated by the Prophets, especially Saint John the Baptist. And it is Jesus, the "Lord of the Harvest," who recruits the laborers — the Holy Apostles and their successors — for the reaping.

The tools of harvesting are the teaching of the New Law, the preaching of the Gospel, the healing of soul and body, and the transformation of the world through the Body and Blood of Christ. As the Lord Jesus was teaching, preaching, and healing, the Holy Apostles are now sent to do the same. This is because they are His representatives, His Body, and His servants

empowered by Christ to continue His ministry. They go out to do the Master's work to bring eternal life to all the world. They travel throughout the cities and villages, teaching the people about the Kingdom of Heaven, preaching the coming of the Messiah, expelling evil spirits, and healing every sickness and every disease. The Lord chooses 12 Apostles for this work out of His many disciples. This is significant because they represent the fulfillment of the 12 patriarchs and 12 tribes of Israel. In the Old Testament, God called Abraham and promised to give him as many descendants as the stars of the sky and the sand on the seashore. Abraham had 12 grandchildren, and the ancient nation of Israel developed from them.

In the Old Testament, the 12 tribes were the people of God prepared for the coming of the Messiah. Now He has come, and He sanctifies the universe, calling peoples of every tribe, tongue, and nation to be His people. As the ancient Jewish people grew out of the 12 patriarchs, the Church grows from the ministry of Christ through His 12 Holy Apostles. In Christ, they are the foundations of the Church — the New Israel. The wall of the heavenly New Jerusalem has 12 foundations, and on them are the names of the 12 Holy Apostles of Christ.

The Holy Apostles are listed in groups of two because they traveled in twos. The Lord told them to begin their ministry with the Jewish people. They were the origin of the ancient people of God, and now they are the beginning point of the preaching

of the Gospel, which goes into the whole world. They are the lost sheep, as we are. As Jesus said, we are like sheep, weary and scattered, having no shepherd. Because of this, His abundant mercy and compassion are given to us. Jesus commissions them to preach that the Kingdom of Heaven has arrived in Christ the Messiah. As the Lord has come in His incarnation, ministry, death, and resurrection, He will come again with glory on the last day. In this way, the Kingdom is both here and yet to come. In the Church's life, we already begin to experience the Kingdom, especially in the Divine Liturgy and Holy Communion, as with the other Holy Sacraments.

At the same time, with hearts filled with expectation, we wait for the final, full coming of the Kingdom, where there will be no more death, sorrow, or pain. As the Lord sends out the Holy Apostles, the power of the Holy Spirit confirms their preaching is of God. Saint John Chrysostom says, "Moses and the Prophets spoke of temporal promises of an earthly land. The Holy Apostles proclaimed the Kingdom of Heaven and all that this implies. Not only does the loftiness of their message characterize them as greater, but so does the lowly nature of their obedience . . . They immediately became heralds of the coming Kingdom." They heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, and cast out demons because the Lord's commission is divine. This continues the work of Christ in the Church today. The Church is a hospital for humankind. Therefore, its ministry includes miracles, healing of all kinds, deliverances from evil influences, and everything the Lord empowers the Church to do. This

Spirit-powered ministry comes from the Holy Apostles to their successors, the Bishops. From the hierarchy, the ministry spreads to the clergy and all the people of God. The Lord is the same yesterday, today, and forever, so His work through His people does not change or cease.

We are the people of God and are the fulfillment of the ancient 12 tribes of Israel. The Church continues to preach the Gospel, teach of Christ and His Kingdom, and heal the sick in soul and body. This ministry continues to be given to us, as governed by Christ through the Church's hierarchy. As we have freely received forgiveness and eternal life, we also freely serve the Lord and become channels of His love and compassion. We, too, have a calling to open our hearts to Him and to the world. It is up to us to receive the call and to serve. When we do, the Lord blesses us abundantly, and through us, the whole world is blessed.



Diocese of New England Diaconal and Catechist Vocations Program
General Application Form

I. General information

Name _____
Last First: Baptized (Given) Middle

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Citizenship _____ If naturalized USA or Canadian citizen, please give date and court
of naturalization _____

1. Please attach to this application copies of the following documents. If you cannot provide any of the requested documents, please provide an explanation on a separate paper.

- Birth certificate
- Baptismal and/or chrismation certificate
- List of parish memberships and names of pastors throughout your lifetime, including current parish membership and rector's name
- Transcripts of college and graduate education
- Resume of work experience (minimum last seven years)

2. Please include the following letters of recommendation in this application or sent in separately:

- Your parish priest
- Your father confessor (if different from your parish priest)



Diocese of New England Diaconal and Catechist Vocations Program
Special Additional Application for Potential Diaconal Candidates

I. General information

Name _____
Last First: Baptized (Given) Middle

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Citizenship _____ If naturalized USA or Canadian citizen, please give date and court
of naturalization _____

Please attach to this application copies of the following documents. If you cannot provide any of the requested documents, please provide an explanation on a separate paper.

- Marriage certificate
- Wife's baptismal and/or chrismation certificate (if married)
- Children's baptismal certificates (if applicable)
- Military Discharge (if applicable)
- Certificates of Ordinations (if applicable, from non-Orthodox denominations)
- Record of health examination completed within the last year signed by your doctor

II. Health

Do you have any disability or illness which might prevent you from fulfilling diaconal duties within the Church, should you be ordained? Circle Yes No If "Yes," please explain: