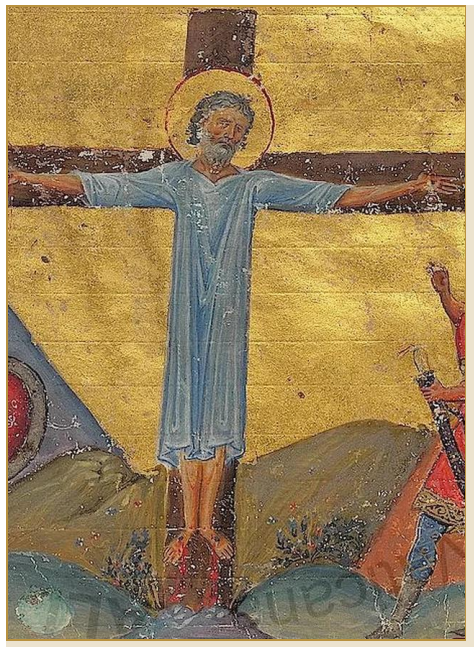




APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION

from St. Andrew, the First-Called, through the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, to the present time

in the line of

THE MOST REVEREND

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1. SAINT ANDREW, THE FIRST-CALLED, APOSTLE AND MARTYR^{CO}

called by Christ about A.D. 30

named in Scripture: the first to follow Christ, who brought his brother Simon Peter to Him (John 1:40–42); named among the Twelve (Matthew 10:2)

This line of apostolic succession extends from the Apostle Andrew, about A.D. 30, to the present day, a span of 1,996 years as of 2026.

The succession from St. Andrew to Germanus V, Ecumenical Patriarch, follows the list of bishops and patriarchs kept by the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople: the same list by which the Ecumenical Patriarchate traces its own apostolic succession to St. Andrew, the First-Called.

Consecrations to the office of bishop were made, one to the next, through the churches named below.

Some bishops in this line are also honored as saints. The marks beside their names concern holiness of life only. They do not bear on the validity of any consecration: every bishop listed holds his place in the succession equally, whether or not he is honored as a saint.

St. Saint: one whom a Church publicly honors as having lived a life of heroic holiness and as now being with God, and whose memory it keeps in its calendar. In the early Church saints were recognized by the acclaim of the faithful and their bishops; later, by formal canonization in the Roman Catholic Church and glorification in the Eastern Orthodox Church.

- Bl.** Blessed: in the Roman Catholic Church, one who has been beatified, the formal step that precedes canonization as a saint.
- C** Honored as a saint or blessed by the Roman Catholic Church.
- O** Honored as a saint by the Eastern Orthodox Church.
- CO** Honored as a saint by both the Roman Catholic and the Eastern Orthodox Churches.
- Red** Martyr: one who gave his life for the faith.

The Churches do not always agree on who is a saint. One may honor a person whom another does not, and the marks show which Church honors each.

CONSTANTINOPLE

The see of Byzantium, later Constantinople, which holds St. Andrew the First-Called as its founder. The bishops and patriarchs from St. Stachys, whom St. Andrew ordained, to Germanus V, in whose patriarchate Kristofor Kisi was consecrated a bishop of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in 1916.

2. St. Stachys ^{CO}	38
3. Onesimus	54
4. Polycarp I	69
5. Plutarch	89
6. Sedecion	105
7. Diogenes	114
8. Eleutherius	129
9. Felix	136
10. Polycarp II	141
11. Athenodorus	144
12. Euzeis	148
13. Laurence	154
14. Alypius	166
15. Pertinax	169
16. Olympianus	187
17. Mark I	198
18. Philadelphus	211
19. Cyriacus I	214

20. Castinus	230
21. Eugenius I	237
22. Titus	242
23. Dometius	272
24. Rufinus I	284
25. Probus	293
26. St. Metrophanes ^{CO}	306
27. St. Alexander ^{CO}	314
28. St. Paul I ^{CO} Martyr	337
29. Eusebius	339
30. Macedonius I	342
31. Eudoxius	360
32. Evagrius	370
33. Demophilus	370
34. St. Gregory of Nazianzus ^{CO}	379
35. St. Nectarius ^{CO}	381
36. St. John Chrysostom ^{CO}	398
37. Arsacius	404
38. St. Atticus ^{CO}	406
39. Sisinnius I	426
40. Nestorius	428
41. Maximian	431
42. St. Proclus ^{CO}	434
43. St. Flavian ^{CO} Martyr	446
44. St. Anatolius ^{CO}	449

45. St. Gennadius I ^{CO}	458
46. Acacius	472
47. Fravitta	489
48. Euphemius	490
49. Macedonius II	496
50. Timothy I	511
51. John II	518
52. Epiphanius	520
53. Anthimus I	535
54. St. Menas ^{CO}	536
55. St. Eutychius ^{CO}	552
56. John III	565
57. St. John IV ^{CO}	582
58. Cyriacus II	596
59. Thomas I	607
60. Sergius I	610
61. Pyrrhus	638
62. Paul II	641
63. Peter	654
64. Thomas II	667
65. John V	669
66. Constantine I	675
67. Theodore I	677
68. George I	679
69. Paul III	688
70. Callinicus I	693
71. Cyrus	706
72. John VI	712
73. St. Germanus I ^{CO}	715
74. Anastasius	730
75. Constantine II	754
76. Nicetas I	766
77. St. Paul IV ^{CO}	780
78. St. Tarasius ^{CO}	784

79. St. Nicephorus I ^{CO}	806
80. Theodotus I	815
81. Anthony I	821
82. John VII	837
83. St. Methodius I ^{CO}	843
84. St. Ignatius ^{CO}	847
85. St. Photius ^O	858
86. Stephen I	886
87. Anthony II	893
88. St. Nicholas I ^{CO}	901
89. Euthymius I	907
90. Stephen II	925
91. Tryphon	928
92. Theophylact	933
93. Polyeuctus	956
94. Basil I	970
95. Anthony III	974
96. Nicholas II	984
97. Sisinnius II	996
98. St. Sergius II ^{CO}	1001
99. St. Eustathius ^{CO}	1019
100. Alexius Stoudites	1025
101. Michael I Cerularius	1043
102. St. Constantine III ^O	1059
103. St. John VIII Xiphilinos ^O	1064
104. St. Cosmas I ^O	1075
105. Eustratius Garidas	1081
106. Nicholas III Grammatikos	1084
107. John IX	1111
108. St. Leo ^O	1134
109. St. Michael II ^O	1143
110. Cosmas II	1146
111. Nicholas IV	1147
112. Theodotus II	1151

113. Neophytus I	1154	147. Philotheus	1353
114. Constantine IV	1154	148. Macarius	1377
115. Luke Chrysoberges	1157	149. Nilus	1380
116. Michael III	1170	150. Antony IV	1389
117. Chariton	1178	151. St. Callistus II [○]	1397
118. Theodosius I	1179	152. Matthew I	1397
119. Basil II Kamateros	1183	153. Euthymius II	1410
120. Nicetas II Mountanes	1186	154. Joseph II	1416
121. Dositheus	1189	155. Metrophanes II	1440
122. Leontius	1189	156. Gregory III	1445
123. George II Xiphilinos	1191	157. Athanasius II	1450
124. John X Kamateros	1198	158. Gennadius II Scholarios	1454
125. Michael IV Autoreianos	1208	159. Isidore II	1456
126. Theodore II	1213	160. Joasaph I	1462
127. Maximus II	1216	161. Mark II	1466
128. Manuel I	1217	162. Symeon I	1466
129. Germanus II	1223	163. St. Dionysius I [○]	1466
130. Methodius II	1240	164. Raphael I	1475
131. Manuel II	1243	165. St. Maximus III [○]	1476
132. St. Arsenius [○]	1254	166. St. Nephon II [○]	1486
133. Nicephorus II	1260	167. Maximus IV	1491
134. Germanus III	1265	168. Joachim I	1498
135. St. Joseph I [○]	1266	169. Pachomius I	1503
136. John XI	1275	170. Theoleptus I	1513
137. Gregory II	1283	171. St. Jeremias I [○]	1522
138. St. Athanasius I [○]	1289	172. Joannicius I	1524
139. John XII	1294	173. Dionysius II	1546
140. Nephon I	1310	174. Joasaph II	1556
141. John XIII	1315	175. Metrophanes III	1565
142. Gerasimus I	1320	176. Jeremias II	1572
143. Isaias	1323	177. Pachomius II	1584
144. John XIV	1334	178. Theoleptus II	1585
145. Isidore I	1347	179. Matthew II	1596
146. St. Callistus I [○]	1350	180. Gabriel I	1596

181. Theophanes I	1596
182. Meletius I	1597
183. Neophytus II	1602
184. Raphael II	1603
185. Cyril I Lucaris	1612
186. Timothy II	1612
187. Gregory IV	1623
188. Anthimus II	1623
189. Cyril II Kontares	1633
190. Athanasius III Patellaros	1634
191. Neophytus III	1636
192. Parthenius I	1639
193. Parthenius II	1644
194. Joannicius II	1646
195. Cyril III	1652
196. Paisius I	1652
197. St. Parthenius III ^O <i>Martyr</i>	1656
198. Gabriel II	1657
199. Parthenius IV	1657
200. Dionysius III	1662
201. Clement	1667
202. Methodius III	1668
203. Dionysius IV	1671
204. Gerasimus II	1673
205. Athanasius IV	1679
206. James	1679
207. Callinicus II	1688
208. Neophytus IV	1688
209. Gabriel III	1702
210. Neophytus V	1707
211. Cyprianus	1707
212. Athanasius V	1709
213. Cyril IV	1711
214. Cosmas III	1714

215. Jeremias III	1716
216. Callinicus III	1726
217. Paisius II	1726
218. Seraphim I	1733
219. Neophytus VI	1734
220. Cyril V	1748
221. Callinicus IV	1757
222. Seraphim II	1757
223. Joannicius III	1761
224. Samuel	1763
225. Meletius II	1768
226. Theodosius II	1769
227. Sophronius II	1774
228. Gabriel IV	1780
229. Procopius	1785
230. Neophytus VII	1789
231. Gerasimus III	1794
232. St. Gregory V ^O <i>Martyr</i>	1797
233. Callinicus V	1801
234. Jeremias IV	1809
235. Cyril VI	1813
236. Eugenius II	1821
237. Anthimus III	1822
238. Chrysanthus	1824
239. Agathangelus	1826
240. Constantius I	1830
241. Constantius II	1834
242. Gregory VI	1835
243. Anthimus IV	1840
244. Anthimus V	1841
245. Germanus IV	1842
246. Meletius III	1845
247. Anthimus VI	1845
248. Cyril VII	1855

249. Joachim II	1860
250. Sophronius III	1863
251. Joachim III	1878
252. Joachim IV	1884
253. Dionysius V	1887
254. Neophytus VIII	1891
255. Anthimus VII	1895
256. Constantine V	1897
257. Germanus V	1913

ALBANIA AND AMERICA

From Kristofor Kisi, consecrated at Constantinople in 1916 and later Archbishop of Albania, each bishop consecrated by the one listed before him. With Bishop Hierotheos, exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Kisi consecrated Theofan (Fan) Noli at Korçë in 1923.

258. Kristofor Kisi	1916
259. Theofan (Fan) Noli	1923
260. William Henry Francis Brothers	1934
261. Joseph John Skureth	1966
262. Nils Bertil Alexander Persson	1989
263. Samuel Guido, Jr.	2004

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HOLY ORDERS

Ordination

August 17, 2008, by the laying on of hands, at St. Paul's Lutheran Orthodox Chapel, Palmerton, Pennsylvania.

Consecration to the Holy Order of Bishop

April 20, 2013, by the laying on of hands during the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, at St. Paul's Lutheran Orthodox Chapel, meeting that day at American Legion Post 16, Slatington, Pennsylvania.

Principal consecrator

The Most Reverend Samuel Guido, Jr.

Co-consecrators

Bishop Bradley A. Varvil

Bishop Michael Byus

Bishop James Thompson

The certificates of ordination and consecration, with photographs of the consecration, are presented on the [About](#)

SERVICE

Consecrated to the Holy Order of Bishop on April 20, 2013, within the Lutheran Orthodox Church, Inc., in which he subsequently served as Archbishop of the Diocese of Western North Carolina. Bishop Byers is no longer affiliated with that body.

Doctor of Divinity (*honoris causa*), conferred by the Lutheran Orthodox Church, Inc., April 20, 2013.

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The crucifixion of St. Andrew, miniature from the Menologion of Basil II, Constantinople, about A.D. 1000, Vatican Library (Vat. gr. 1613). Via [Wikimedia Commons](#), public domain; cropped and resized from the original.