



APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION

from St. Andrew, the First-Called, to the present time

in the line of

THE MOST REVEREND

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Bishop to the Nations, under Apostolic Commission



I. 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 St. Vladimir, Metropolitan of Moscow, follows the lists of bishops kept by the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople and the Russian Orthodox Church: the same lists by which the Eastern Orthodox Church 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 patriarchs from St. Stachys, whom St. Andrew ordained, to Nicholas II Chrysoberges, in whose time the first metropolitan of Kiev was sent to the newly baptized people of Rus'.

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. Euzois	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

KIEV

The metropolitans of Kiev and all Rus', the first of them sent from Constantinople, to St. Peter, who moved the metropolitan see to Moscow.

97. St. Michael ^O	988
98. Leontius	992
99. John I	c. 1008
100. Theopemptus	1037
101. St. Hilarion ^O	1051
102. Ephraim	1055
103. George	1062
104. John II	1077
105. John III	1089
106. Nicholas	1097
107. Nicephorus I	1104
108. Nicetas	1122

109. Michael II	1130
110. Clement	1147
111. Constantine I	1156
112. Theodore	1161
113. John IV	1164
114. Constantine II	1167
115. Nicephorus II	1182
116. Matthew	1201
117. Cyril I	1224
118. Joseph	1236
119. Cyril II	1247
120. Maximus	1283
121. St. Peter ^O	1308

MOSCOW

The metropolitans and patriarchs of Moscow, and, from the eighteenth century, when the Church of Russia was governed by the Holy Synod, the archbishops and metropolitans of Moscow, to St. Vladimir.

122. Theognostus	1328
123. St. Alexius ^O	1354
124. St. Cyprian ^O	1381
125. St. Photius ^O	1408
126. Isidore	1437
127. St. Jonah ^O	1448
128. Theodosius	1461
129. Philip I	1464
130. Gerontius	1473
131. Zosimus	1490
132. Simon	1495
133. Barlaam	1511
134. Daniel	1522
135. Joasaph	1539
136. St. Macarius ^O	1542
137. Athanasius	1564

138. St. Philip II ^O <i>Martyr</i>	1566
139. Cyril	1568
140. Anthony	1572
141. Dionysius	1581
142. St. Job ^O	1587
143. St. Hermogenes ^O <i>Martyr</i>	1606
144. Philaret	1619
145. Joasaph I	1634
146. Joseph	1642
147. Nikon	1652
148. Joasaph II	1667
149. Pitirim	1672
150. Joachim	1674
151. Adrian	1690
152. Joseph (Volchansky)	1742
153. Platon (Malinovsky)	1748
154. Timothy (Shcherbatsky)	1757
155. Ambrose (Zertis-Kamensky)	1768
156. Platon (Levshin)	1775
157. Augustine (Vinogradsky)	1818
158. Seraphim (Glagolevsky)	1819
159. St. Philaret (Drozdov) ^O	1821
160. St. Innocent (Veniaminov) ^O	1868
161. Macarius (Bulgakov)	1879
162. Joannicius (Rudnev)	1882
163. Leontius (Lebedinsky)	1891
164. Sergius (Lyapidevsky)	1893
165. St. Vladimir (Bogoyavlensky) ^O <i>Martyr</i>	1898

AMERICA

From Evdokim, consecrated at Moscow in 1904 and later Archbishop of the Aleutians and North America, each bishop consecrated by the one listed before him.

166. Evdokim (Meschersky)	1904
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167. Aftimios (Ofesh)	1917
168. Sophronios (Bishara)	1928
169. John Chrysostom (More-Moreno)	1933

170. Perry Nikolaus Cedarholm	1949
171. Nils Bertil Alexander Persson	1971
172. Samuel Guido, Jr.	2004

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2013



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 the Bishop](#) page.

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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