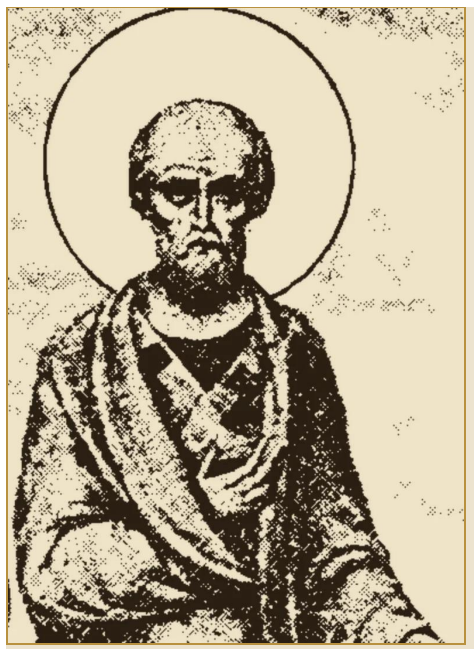




APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION

*from St. Evodius, Apostle of the Seventy, through the Patriarchates
of Antioch and Moscow, to the present time*

in the line of

THE MOST REVEREND

GARLAND F. BYERS, JR., J.D., D.D.

Bishop to the Nations, under Apostolic Commission



1. SAINT EVODIUS, APOSTLE OF THE SEVENTY^{CO}

sent by Christ among the Seventy about A.D. 30 (Luke 10:1)

first bishop of Antioch after St. Peter, about A.D. 53

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

The succession from St. Evodius to Gregory IV, Patriarch of Antioch, follows the list of the patriarchs of Antioch kept by the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch: the same list by which the Orthodox Church of Antioch traces its own apostolic succession to St. Peter, first bishop of Antioch, whom St. Evodius succeeded.

St. Evodius is honored as an apostle of the Seventy by the Eastern Orthodox Church, which keeps his feast on September 7 and numbers him among the Seventy Apostles honored together on January 4.

The Roman Catholic Church honors him as St. Evodius, bishop of Antioch, on May 6. The historian Eusebius, about A.D. 325, recorded him as the first bishop of Antioch after St. Peter, and the Apostolic Constitutions, about A.D. 380, record that St. Peter appointed him.

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.

ANTIOCH

The see of Antioch, where “the disciples were called Christians first” (Acts 11:26), founded by St. Peter before he went to Rome. The bishops and patriarchs of Antioch from St. Ignatius, who succeeded St. Evodius, to Cyril V, as the Church of Antioch keeps their list.

2. St. Ignatius ^{CO} <i>Martyr</i>	68
3. Heron I	100
4. Cornelius	127
5. Heron II	151
6. St. Theophilus ^{CO}	169
7. Maximus I	188
8. St. Serapion ^{CO}	191
9. St. Asclepiades ^{CO}	212
10. Philetus	218
11. Zebinus	232
12. St. Babylas ^{CO} <i>Martyr</i>	240
13. Fabius	253
14. Demetrian	256
15. Amphilochius	263
16. Paul of Samosata	267

17. Domnus I	270
18. Timaeus	273
19. Cyril	277
20. Tyrannion	299
21. Vitalius	308
22. St. Philogonius ^{CO}	314
23. Paulinus	324
24. St. Eustathius ^{CO}	325
25. Eulalius	332
26. Euphronius	333
27. Flacillus	334
28. Stephen I	341
29. Leontius	345
30. Eudoxius	350
31. St. Meletius ^{CO}	354
32. Anianus	357
33. Euzoius	360
34. Dorotheus	370
35. Paulinus II	371
36. Vitalius II	376

37. St. Flavian I ^{CO}	384	71. George II	690
38. Porphyrius	404	72. Alexander II	695
39. Alexander	408	73. Stephen IV	742
40. Theodotus	418	74. Theophylact	748
41. John I	427	75. Theodore	767
42. Domnus II	443	76. John IV	797
43. Maximus II	450	77. Job	810
44. Basil	459	78. Nicholas	826
45. Acacius	459	79. Simeon	834
46. Martyrius	461	80. Elias	840
47. Peter the Fuller	465	81. Theodosius	852
48. Julian	466	82. Nicholas II	860
49. John II	475	83. Michael	879
50. Stephen II	490	84. Zacharias	890
51. Stephen III	493	85. George III	902
52. Calandion	495	86. Job II	917
53. John Codonatus	495	87. Eustratius	939
54. Palladius	497	88. Christopher	960
55. Flavian II	505	89. Theodore II	966
56. Severus	513	90. Agapius	977
57. Paul II	518	91. John V	995
58. Euphrasius	521	92. Nicholas III	1000
59. St. Ephraim ^O	526	93. Elias II	1003
60. Domnus III	546	94. George Lascaris	1010
61. St. Anastasius I the Sinaite ^{CO}	561	95. Macarius the Virtuous	1015
62. St. Gregory ^{CO}	571	96. Eleutherius	1023
63. St. Anastasius II ^{CO} <i>Martyr</i>	599	97. Peter III	1028
64. Gregory II	610	98. John VI	1051
65. Anastasius III	620	99. Aemilian	1062
66. Macedonius	628	100. Theodosius II	1075
67. George I	640	101. Nicephorus	1084
68. Macarius	656	102. John VII	1090
69. Theophanes	681	103. John IX	1155
70. Sebastian	687	104. Euthymius	1159

105. Macarius II	1164
106. Athanasius	1166
107. Theodosius III	1180
108. Elias III	1182
109. Christopher II	1184
110. Theodore IV (Balsamon)	1185
111. Joachim	1199
112. Dorotheus	1219
113. Simeon II	1245
114. Euthymius II	1268
115. Theodosius IV	1269
116. Theodosius V	1276
117. Arsenius	1285
118. Dionysius	1293
119. Mark	1308
120. Ignatius II	1342
121. Pachomius	1386
122. Nilus	1393
123. Michael III	1401
124. Pachomius II	1410
125. Joachim II	1411
126. Mark III	1426
127. Dorotheus II	1436
128. Michael IV	1454
129. Mark IV	1476
130. Joachim III	1476
131. Gregory III	1483
132. Dorotheus III	1497
133. Michael V	1523
134. Dorotheus IV	1541
135. Joachim IV	1543
136. Michael VI	1577
137. Joachim V	1581
138. Joachim VI	1593

139. Dorotheus V	1604
140. Athanasius III (Dabbas)	1611
141. Ignatius III (Attayah)	1619
142. Euthymius III	1635
143. Euthymius IV	1636
144. Macarius III (Zaim)	1648
145. Neophytos I	1674
146. Athanasius IV (Dabbas)	1686
147. Cyril V (Zaim)	1694

THE ORTHODOX PATRIARCHATE

From 1724, the Greek Orthodox Patriarchs of Antioch, from Sylvester to Gregory IV, who in 1913, while visiting Russia, consecrated Alexy (Simansky) bishop in the Cathedral of St. Sophia at Novgorod.

148. Sylvester	1724
149. Philemon	1766
150. Daniel	1767
151. Euthymius	1792
152. Seraphim	1813
153. Methodius	1823
154. Hierotheos	1850
155. Gerasimos	1885
156. Spyridon	1892
157. Meletius II (Doumani)	1899
158. Gregory IV (Haddad)	1906

MOSCOW AND AMERICA

From Alexy, later Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, each bishop consecrated by the one listed before him.

159. Alexy (Simansky), later Patriarch Alexy I of Moscow	1913
160. John (Wendland)	1958
161. Joseph John Skureth	1966
162. Nils Bertil Alexander Persson	1989

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SHARED SUCCESSION WITH THE PATRIARCH OF MOSCOW

The present Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, Patriarch Kirill, and Bishop Byers share the same line of apostolic succession from St. Evodius down to Patriarch Alexy I of Moscow (consecrated 1913 by Patriarch Gregory IV of Antioch; Patriarch of Moscow 1945–1970). By his own hands Patriarch Alexy I consecrated the bishops from whom both lines descend: in the line of Patriarch Kirill, Metropolitan Nikodim (Rotov), in 1960; in the line of Bishop Byers, Metropolitan John (Wendland), in 1958.



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.



St. Evodius, from the image of the Holy Apostles Onesiphorus and Evodius, in the Russian *Lives of the Saints* (Moscow, 1903–1911), for the feast of September 7. Via [Wikimedia Commons](#), public domain; cropped, toned, and resized from the original.