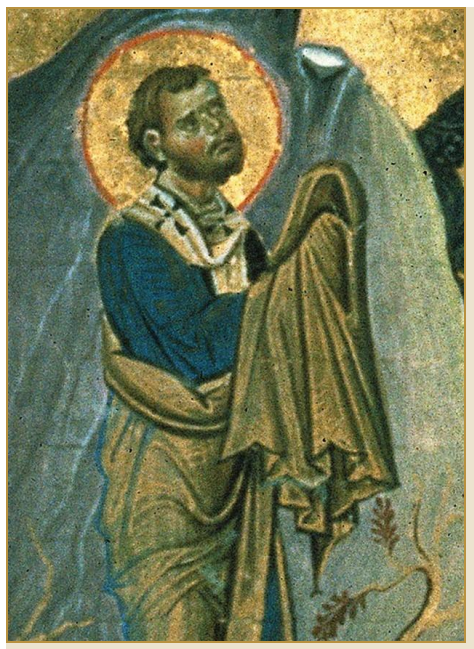




# APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION

*from St. Stachys, Apostle of the Seventy, through the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, to the present time*

in the line of

THE MOST REVEREND

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*Bishop to the Nations, under Apostolic Commission*



## 1. SAINT STACHYS, APOSTLE OF THE SEVENTY<sup>CO</sup>

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

*named in Scripture: greeted by St. Paul as “Stachys my beloved” (Romans 16:9)*

*first bishop of Byzantium, A.D. 38*

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

*The succession from St. Stachys 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.*

*St. Stachys, whom St. Paul greets as “Stachys my beloved” (Romans 16:9), is honored as an apostle of the Seventy by the Eastern Orthodox Church, which keeps his feast on October 31, with the Apostles Amplias and Urban, and numbers him among the Seventy Apostles honored together on January 4. The Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople holds him as the first bishop of Byzantium, set over that church by St. Andrew, and places him at the head of its list of bishops.*

*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. Onesimus, who succeeded St. Stachys, to Germanus V, in whose patriarchate Kristofor Kisi was consecrated a bishop of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in 1916.*

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| 2. Onesimus     | 54  |
| 3. Polycarp I   | 69  |
| 4. Plutarch     | 89  |
| 5. Sedecion     | 105 |
| 6. Diogenes     | 114 |
| 7. Eleutherius  | 129 |
| 8. Felix        | 136 |
| 9. Polycarp II  | 141 |
| 10. Athenodorus | 144 |
| 11. Euzois      | 148 |
| 12. Laurence    | 154 |
| 13. Alypius     | 166 |
| 14. Pertinax    | 169 |
| 15. Olympianus  | 187 |

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|--------------------------------------------|-----|
| 16. Mark I                                 | 198 |
| 17. Philadelphus                           | 211 |
| 18. Cyriacus I                             | 214 |
| 19. Castinus                               | 230 |
| 20. Eugenius I                             | 237 |
| 21. Titus                                  | 242 |
| 22. Dometius                               | 272 |
| 23. Rufinus I                              | 284 |
| 24. Probus                                 | 293 |
| 25. St. Metrophanes <sup>CO</sup>          | 306 |
| 26. St. Alexander <sup>CO</sup>            | 314 |
| 27. St. Paul I <sup>CO</sup> <i>Martyr</i> | 337 |
| 28. Eusebius                               | 339 |
| 29. Macedonius I                           | 342 |
| 30. Eudoxius                               | 360 |
| 31. Evagrius                               | 370 |
| 32. Demophilus                             | 370 |
| 33. St. Gregory of Nazianzus <sup>CO</sup> | 379 |
| 34. St. Nectarius <sup>CO</sup>            | 381 |
| 35. St. John Chrysostom <sup>CO</sup>      | 398 |

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| 36. Arsacius                                | 404 |
| 37. St. Atticus <sup>CO</sup>               | 406 |
| 38. Sisinnius I                             | 426 |
| 39. Nestorius                               | 428 |
| 40. Maximian                                | 431 |
| 41. St. Proclus <sup>CO</sup>               | 434 |
| 42. St. Flavian <sup>CO</sup> <i>Martyr</i> | 446 |
| 43. St. Anatolius <sup>CO</sup>             | 449 |
| 44. St. Gennadius I <sup>CO</sup>           | 458 |
| 45. Acacius                                 | 472 |
| 46. Fravitta                                | 489 |
| 47. Euphemius                               | 490 |
| 48. Macedonius II                           | 496 |
| 49. Timothy I                               | 511 |
| 50. John II                                 | 518 |
| 51. Epiphanius                              | 520 |
| 52. Anthimus I                              | 535 |
| 53. St. Menas <sup>CO</sup>                 | 536 |
| 54. St. Eutychius <sup>CO</sup>             | 552 |
| 55. John III                                | 565 |
| 56. St. John IV <sup>CO</sup>               | 582 |
| 57. Cyriacus II                             | 596 |
| 58. Thomas I                                | 607 |
| 59. Sergius I                               | 610 |
| 60. Pyrrhus                                 | 638 |
| 61. Paul II                                 | 641 |
| 62. Peter                                   | 654 |
| 63. Thomas II                               | 667 |
| 64. John V                                  | 669 |
| 65. Constantine I                           | 675 |
| 66. Theodore I                              | 677 |
| 67. George I                                | 679 |
| 68. Paul III                                | 688 |
| 69. Callinicus I                            | 693 |

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|--------------------------------------------|------|
| 70. Cyrus                                  | 706  |
| 71. John VI                                | 712  |
| 72. St. Germanus I <sup>CO</sup>           | 715  |
| 73. Anastasius                             | 730  |
| 74. Constantine II                         | 754  |
| 75. Nicetas I                              | 766  |
| 76. St. Paul IV <sup>CO</sup>              | 780  |
| 77. St. Tarasius <sup>CO</sup>             | 784  |
| 78. St. Nicephorus I <sup>CO</sup>         | 806  |
| 79. Theodotus I                            | 815  |
| 80. Anthony I                              | 821  |
| 81. John VII                               | 837  |
| 82. St. Methodius I <sup>CO</sup>          | 843  |
| 83. St. Ignatius <sup>CO</sup>             | 847  |
| 84. St. Photius <sup>O</sup>               | 858  |
| 85. Stephen I                              | 886  |
| 86. Anthony II                             | 893  |
| 87. St. Nicholas I <sup>CO</sup>           | 901  |
| 88. Euthymius I                            | 907  |
| 89. Stephen II                             | 925  |
| 90. Tryphon                                | 928  |
| 91. Theophylact                            | 933  |
| 92. Polyeuctus                             | 956  |
| 93. Basil I                                | 970  |
| 94. Anthony III                            | 974  |
| 95. Nicholas II                            | 984  |
| 96. Sisinnius II                           | 996  |
| 97. St. Sergius II <sup>CO</sup>           | 1001 |
| 98. St. Eustathius <sup>CO</sup>           | 1019 |
| 99. Alexius Stoudites                      | 1025 |
| 100. Michael I Cerularius                  | 1043 |
| 101. St. Constantine III <sup>O</sup>      | 1059 |
| 102. St. John VIII Xiphilinos <sup>O</sup> | 1064 |
| 103. St. Cosmas I <sup>O</sup>             | 1075 |

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| 104. Eustratius Garidas .....            | 1081 |
| 105. Nicholas III Grammatikos .....      | 1084 |
| 106. John IX .....                       | 1111 |
| 107. St. Leo <sup>○</sup> .....          | 1134 |
| 108. St. Michael II <sup>○</sup> .....   | 1143 |
| 109. Cosmas II .....                     | 1146 |
| 110. Nicholas IV .....                   | 1147 |
| 111. Theodotus II .....                  | 1151 |
| 112. Neophytus I .....                   | 1154 |
| 113. Constantine IV .....                | 1154 |
| 114. Luke Chrysoberges .....             | 1157 |
| 115. Michael III .....                   | 1170 |
| 116. Chariton .....                      | 1178 |
| 117. Theodosius I .....                  | 1179 |
| 118. Basil II Kamateros .....            | 1183 |
| 119. Nicetas II Mountanes .....          | 1186 |
| 120. Dositheus .....                     | 1189 |
| 121. Leontius .....                      | 1189 |
| 122. George II Xiphilinos .....          | 1191 |
| 123. John X Kamateros .....              | 1198 |
| 124. Michael IV Autoreianos .....        | 1208 |
| 125. Theodore II .....                   | 1213 |
| 126. Maximus II .....                    | 1216 |
| 127. Manuel I .....                      | 1217 |
| 128. Germanus II .....                   | 1223 |
| 129. Methodius II .....                  | 1240 |
| 130. Manuel II .....                     | 1243 |
| 131. St. Arsenius <sup>○</sup> .....     | 1254 |
| 132. Nicephorus II .....                 | 1260 |
| 133. Germanus III .....                  | 1265 |
| 134. St. Joseph I <sup>○</sup> .....     | 1266 |
| 135. John XI .....                       | 1275 |
| 136. Gregory II .....                    | 1283 |
| 137. St. Athanasius I <sup>○</sup> ..... | 1289 |

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| 138. John XII .....                      | 1294 |
| 139. Nephon I .....                      | 1310 |
| 140. John XIII .....                     | 1315 |
| 141. Gerasimus I .....                   | 1320 |
| 142. Isaias .....                        | 1323 |
| 143. John XIV .....                      | 1334 |
| 144. Isidore I .....                     | 1347 |
| 145. St. Callistus I <sup>○</sup> .....  | 1350 |
| 146. Philotheus .....                    | 1353 |
| 147. Macarius .....                      | 1377 |
| 148. Nilus .....                         | 1380 |
| 149. Antony IV .....                     | 1389 |
| 150. St. Callistus II <sup>○</sup> ..... | 1397 |
| 151. Matthew I .....                     | 1397 |
| 152. Euthymius II .....                  | 1410 |
| 153. Joseph II .....                     | 1416 |
| 154. Metrophanes II .....                | 1440 |
| 155. Gregory III .....                   | 1445 |
| 156. Athanasius II .....                 | 1450 |
| 157. Gennadius II Scholarios .....       | 1454 |
| 158. Isidore II .....                    | 1456 |
| 159. Joasaph I .....                     | 1462 |
| 160. Mark II .....                       | 1466 |
| 161. Symeon I .....                      | 1466 |
| 162. St. Dionysius I <sup>○</sup> .....  | 1466 |
| 163. Raphael I .....                     | 1475 |
| 164. St. Maximus III <sup>○</sup> .....  | 1476 |
| 165. St. Nephon II <sup>○</sup> .....    | 1486 |
| 166. Maximus IV .....                    | 1491 |
| 167. Joachim I .....                     | 1498 |
| 168. Pachomius I .....                   | 1503 |
| 169. Theoleptus I .....                  | 1513 |
| 170. St. Jeremias I <sup>○</sup> .....   | 1522 |
| 171. Joannicius I .....                  | 1524 |

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| 172. Dionysius II                                  | 1546 | 206. Callinicus II                            | 1688 |
| 173. Joasaph II                                    | 1556 | 207. Neophytus IV                             | 1688 |
| 174. Metrophanes III                               | 1565 | 208. Gabriel III                              | 1702 |
| 175. Jeremias II                                   | 1572 | 209. Neophytus V                              | 1707 |
| 176. Pachomius II                                  | 1584 | 210. Cyprianus                                | 1707 |
| 177. Theoleptus II                                 | 1585 | 211. Athanasius V                             | 1709 |
| 178. Matthew II                                    | 1596 | 212. Cyril IV                                 | 1711 |
| 179. Gabriel I                                     | 1596 | 213. Cosmas III                               | 1714 |
| 180. Theophanes I                                  | 1596 | 214. Jeremias III                             | 1716 |
| 181. Meletius I                                    | 1597 | 215. Callinicus III                           | 1726 |
| 182. Neophytus II                                  | 1602 | 216. Paisius II                               | 1726 |
| 183. Raphael II                                    | 1603 | 217. Seraphim I                               | 1733 |
| 184. Cyril I Lucaris                               | 1612 | 218. Neophytus VI                             | 1734 |
| 185. Timothy II                                    | 1612 | 219. Cyril V                                  | 1748 |
| 186. Gregory IV                                    | 1623 | 220. Callinicus IV                            | 1757 |
| 187. Anthimus II                                   | 1623 | 221. Seraphim II                              | 1757 |
| 188. Cyril II Kontares                             | 1633 | 222. Joannicius III                           | 1761 |
| 189. Athanasius III Patellaros                     | 1634 | 223. Samuel                                   | 1763 |
| 190. Neophytus III                                 | 1636 | 224. Meletius II                              | 1768 |
| 191. Parthenius I                                  | 1639 | 225. Theodosius II                            | 1769 |
| 192. Parthenius II                                 | 1644 | 226. Sophronius II                            | 1774 |
| 193. Joannicius II                                 | 1646 | 227. Gabriel IV                               | 1780 |
| 194. Cyril III                                     | 1652 | 228. Procopius                                | 1785 |
| 195. Paisius I                                     | 1652 | 229. Neophytus VII                            | 1789 |
| 196. St. Parthenius III <sup>O</sup> <i>Martyr</i> | 1656 | 230. Gerasimus III                            | 1794 |
| 197. Gabriel II                                    | 1657 | 231. St. Gregory V <sup>O</sup> <i>Martyr</i> | 1797 |
| 198. Parthenius IV                                 | 1657 | 232. Callinicus V                             | 1801 |
| 199. Dionysius III                                 | 1662 | 233. Jeremias IV                              | 1809 |
| 200. Clement                                       | 1667 | 234. Cyril VI                                 | 1813 |
| 201. Methodius III                                 | 1668 | 235. Eugenius II                              | 1821 |
| 202. Dionysius IV                                  | 1671 | 236. Anthimus III                             | 1822 |
| 203. Gerasimus II                                  | 1673 | 237. Chrysanthus                              | 1824 |
| 204. Athanasius IV                                 | 1679 | 238. Agathangelus                             | 1826 |
| 205. James                                         | 1679 | 239. Constantius I                            | 1830 |

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| 240. Constantius II ..... | 1834 |
| 241. Gregory VI .....     | 1835 |
| 242. Anthimus IV .....    | 1840 |
| 243. Anthimus V .....     | 1841 |
| 244. Germanus IV .....    | 1842 |
| 245. Meletius III .....   | 1845 |
| 246. Anthimus VI .....    | 1845 |
| 247. Cyril VII .....      | 1855 |
| 248. Joachim II .....     | 1860 |
| 249. Sophronius III ..... | 1863 |
| 250. Joachim III .....    | 1878 |
| 251. Joachim IV .....     | 1884 |
| 252. Dionysius V .....    | 1887 |
| 253. Neophytus VIII ..... | 1891 |
| 254. Anthimus VII .....   | 1895 |

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| 255. Constantine V ..... | 1897 |
| 256. 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.*

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| 257. Kristofor Kisi .....                 | 1916 |
| 258. Theofan (Fan) Noli .....             | 1923 |
| 259. William Henry Francis Brothers ..... | 1934 |
| 260. Joseph John Skureth .....            | 1966 |
| 261. Nils Bertil Alexander Persson .....  | 1989 |
| 262. Samuel Guido, Jr. ....               | 2004 |

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## GARLAND F. BYERS, JR.

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*

## 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.

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.*



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