

Fr. Odisseys Drossos Installed at St. Nectarios in Roslindale, MA

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On January 24th, 2021, His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios visited the St. Nectarios parish of Roslindale, MA and installed Fr. Odisseys Drossos as presiding priest. During his address, His Eminence conveyed to Fr. Odisseys his love and respect for the historic community of St. Nectarios together with the many hardworking individuals who cross generational lines to support the church's work in conveying the Gospel to all people. His Eminence exhorted Fr. Odisseys that he is to be a missionary to the people who for one reason or another have strayed away from the community. In closing, Metropolitan Methodios asked the parish to welcome the new priest whom he knows well from his time at Hellenic College Holy Cross as a member of their own families.

Fr. Odisseys in turn offered his gratitude to God, St. Nectarios, and His Eminence for the path which led him to the community of St. Nectarios in Roslindale, MA. Despite serving in Canada for more than two decades, Fr. Odisseys reflected upon

his experience with the St. Nectarios parish from his years at seminary and commented on the impressive iconography project which the parish completed. The new presiding priest asked the community to welcome him, his wife Presvytera Maria, and their son Thomas as he enthusiastically begins his new role at the parish. At the conclusion of his remarks, Fr. Odisseys thanked His Eminence for his years of support and genuine care for his family.

After the liturgy, the heads of ministry held a social distanced welcome meeting for the new priest and his family.

Fr. Odisseys Drossos was born in Montreal, Quebec on September 18, 1967. Following graduation from Malcolm Campbell High School in 1984, he earned a Bachelor of Liberal Arts Degree in Pre-Theology from Hellenic College in Brookline, MA, USA in 1990 and earned a Masters of Divinity from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, MA, USA in 1993.

During his seven years at Hellenic College/Holy Cross, Fr. Odisseys was a member of the Byzantine Choir, "Romanos o Melodos". He served as Chanting Leader in the Chapel and Teaching Assistant to the Professor of Byzantine Music.

After graduation, Fr. Odisseys served as the Pastoral Assistant at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Oak Lawn, IL, USA under the direction of Archimandrite Fr. Gabriel Karambis. While in the Chicago area, he met his wife Maria Kalyvas, and was married on February 5, 1995.

He was ordained to the Diaconate on July 17, 1995 at the Annunciation Church in Montreal, Quebec and ordained to the Priesthood on July 18, 1995 at Saints Panteleimon, Anna and Paraskevi Greek Orthodox Church in Markham, Ontario where he served as Parish Priest till August 31, 2019. Fr. Odisseys is serving St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Vancouver, British Columbia from September 1, 2019 till the present.

On March 7, 2005, His Eminence Metropolitan Sotirios elevated Fr. Odisseys to the Office of Oikonomos, (good steward).

On July 26, 2017, His Eminence Metropolitan Sotirios elevated Fr. Odisseys to the Office of Protopresbyter.

In addition to his pastoral duties at St. Panteleimon Greek Orthodox Church in Markham, he has served as editor/producer of the weekly Archdiocesan TV program, as well as the Director of Social Services and one of the founding Directors of the Summer Camp Metamorphosis programs for the Greek Orthodox

Metropolis (Archdiocese) of Toronto. He also has served as the Professor (Instructor) of Byzantine Music at the Patriarchal Toronto Orthodox Theological Academy as well as the Byzantine School of Music and the Chaplain of the Metamorphosis Greek Orthodox Day School here in Toronto.

On December 30, 2006, Fr. Odis & Maria became the proud parents of a healthy baby boy: Thomas Tsambikos Drossos.

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