



Восточно-Американская Епархія Русской Православной Церкви Заграницей
Eastern American Diocese of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia

*Oath Sworn by the Candidate
for Ordination to the Holy Diaconate*

I, the undersigned, who am being called to the service of the Church of Christ in the rank of deacon, in accordance with the resolution of His Eminence, the Most Reverend HILARION, the ruling hierarch of the Diocese of Eastern America & New York, dated _____, and who am to be ordained to the rank of deacon by _____, do vow and promise by Almighty God, before His Holy Gospel and the life-creating Cross, that I desire, and will strive in every way, to remain loyal and obedient to the Synod of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, to my lawful archpastors, Metropolitan HILARION and his successors, and to remain in obedience to the rector of my parish. I promise to carry out my responsibilities in accordance with the canons of the Church, the Typicon, and the prescriptions and instructions of the diocesan authorities, in perfect obedience to them, and to comport myself reverently, honorably, temperately, without avarice, being aware that the misdeeds of a minister of the Church rightly incur greater punishment. I promise to lead a pious, sober life, far removed from vainglorious worldly pursuits, in the spirit of humble-mindedness and meekness, and to lead others to piety by a good example. I likewise promise to keep in mind, in every aspect of my ministry, not my own honor or profit, but the glory of God, the good of the Holy Church, and the salvation of my neighbors. In all of this, may the Lord God help me with His grace and through the supplications of the all-pure Theotokos and all the saints.

In confirmation of this my oath, I kiss the words and Cross of my Savior.

The signatory of this oath, _____, was confessed by me and administered this oath. During the examination of his conscience, no impediments to his ordination to the Holy Diaconate were found.
