



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

*Oath Sworn by a Clergyman being received into the Ranks of the  
Clergy of the Diocese of Eastern America & New York of the  
Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia*

I, the undersigned, who am now being called to the sacred ministry within the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, do swear an oath by Almighty God, before His Holy Cross and Gospel, that I desire, and will do my utmost, to conduct my ministry according to the will of God, the canons of the Church, and the instructions of my ecclesiastical authorities, to whom I will unfailingly maintain loyalty and obedience until death; to perform the liturgical services with diligence and piety, according to the prescriptions of the Typicon, without altering anything arbitrarily; to uphold the doctrines of the Faith, and to instruct others in the precepts of the Holy Orthodox Church and the teachings of the Holy Fathers; to protect from heresies and schisms the souls that will be entrusted to me, and to enlighten and bring to the path of Truth those who will fall into error; to lead a life which is pious, sober, far removed from sinful, worldly habits, in the spirit of humility, wisdom, meekness, and to bring others to piety by my example; to be mindful in all aspects of my labor not of my personal dignity or profit, but the glory of God, the good of the Church, and the salvation of my neighbors. In all of this, may the Lord God help me by His grace, through the supplications of the Mother of God and of all the saints.

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

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