

Ordination of David Johnson to the Holy Diaconate



On Sunday, 14 June 2026, His Grace Bishop Maximos of Melitene visited the Cathedral of the Holy Apostle Andrew in Birmingham, where he presided at the Orthros and subsequently celebrated the Divine Liturgy.

Concelebrating with His Grace Bishop Mximos, were the V. Revd Archimandrite Christodoulos Kokliotis, Dean of the Cathedral, the V. Revd Archimandrite Vissarion Kokliotis, and the Revd Fr Aimilianos Epameinondas.

During the Divine Liturgy, His Grace Bishop Maximos ordained Subdeacon David Johnson to the Holy Diaconate. Deacon David, a married man, was received into the Orthodox Church in 1983 and was ordained to the Subdiaconate in 2017 by the late Archbishop Gregorios of Thyateira and Great Britain.

Addressing the faithful and the ordinand, Bishop Maximos spoke of the sacredness and responsibility of ordained ministry. Reflecting on the ministry of service entrusted to the clergy, His Grace emphasised the spirit of sacrifice, dedication,

and love required of those who minister to the People of God. He encouraged the newly ordained

Deacon to remain steadfast in his calling and to look always to our Lord Jesus Christ as the source of strength, hope, and guidance throughout his ministry.

Before the dismissal, His Grace also tonsured Mr Christopher Johnson, son of the newly ordained Deacon, as a Reader of the Holy Church.

Following the Divine Liturgy, members of the Philoptochos Society of the Cathedral presented Deacon David with a commemorative gift to mark the occasion of his ordination. The celebrations concluded with a festive luncheon hosted by the Cathedral community, during which clergy and faithful had the opportunity to offer their congratulations and prayerful good wishes to the newly ordained Deacon and his family.

Axios! Worthy!

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