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Ordination of Rev. Deacon Michael Makredes



The faithful from Saint George Greek Orthodox Church in Fresno, CA witnessed the ordination of Michael Makredes to the Holy Diaconate by His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco, on Sunday, August 28, 2022. Also participating in the service were His Grace Bishop Ioannis of Phocaea, Metropolis Chancellor; Rev. Father James Pappas, proistamenos from Saint George; Rev. Father Christian Burkhard, Assistant Priest from Saint George; Rev. Deacon Justin Bosl from Resurrection Greek Orthodox Church in Castro Valley, CA, and Rev. Deacon Evangelos Karapoulios from the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Long Beach, CA.

Deacon Michael is a 2021 graduate of Diaconate program at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, MA. He was born in Minot, ND, to the late Rev. Father Michael and Presvytera Jennie Makredes, and had the opportunity to live in many different cities where his father was assigned to serve. Deacon Michael has lived in Fresno for 50 years, and has been involved in the community of Saint George ever since, including serving on the Parish Council, singing in the choir, and volunteering for the Greek Food Festival. Deacon Michael studied at the University of Missouri and California State University-Fresno where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Zoology. His professional career transitioned to banking and he was with Wells Fargo for 33 years. After he retired, he worked part-time at Saint Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center in Dunlap, CA, focusing on enhancing their marketing efforts.

Deacon Michael is married to Diakonissa Phyllis (Kouvitis), and they are the parents of Constantine (Voula), Michael (Tiffany), and Christopher. They are also the proud grandparents of Michael and James, who bring them immense joy!

AXIOS to Deacon Michael!

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