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## MMMBOP DRUMMER ORDAINED TO THE ORTHODOX DIACONATE



One of the members of the multi-platinum selling band Hanson was ordained to the diaconate earlier this month.

Hanson, comprised of brothers Isaac, Taylor, and Zac Hanson, are best known for their 1997 hit MMBop, from the album *Middle of Nowhere*, which has sold 10 million copies worldwide. The band also enjoyed other hits with songs like *Where's the Love?* and *This Time Around*.



Influenced by their aunt, who was a nun in Greece and now serves as abbess of St. Nina Georgian Orthodox Monastery in Union Bridge, Maryland, two of the brothers, Isaac and Zac, became Orthodox more than a decade ago.

And on February 5, Zac, the youngest brother, was ordained to the diaconate by His Grace Bishop Saba, reports the Georgian Orthodox Diocese of North America.



The service was celebrated at St. Nina Monastery with his aunt Abbess Aemiliane in attendance.

Deacon Mercurios, as he is named in the Church, is appointed to serve at the Holy Monastery of St. James the Apostle in Oklahoma.

The diocesan report notes that he is married with five children.

The report concludes: “On behalf of our Holy Diocese, we congratulate Father Mercurios on his ordination as a Deacon and wish him spiritual courage and physical strength to fulfill this high service! Worthy! Ἄξιος!”

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