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## **Ordination to the Holy Deaconate and a Memorial Service for Emperor Constantinos Palaiologos in Toronto, Canada**



On the evening of Monday, May 29, 2023, at the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas in Toronto, the ordination to the Holy Deaconate of Theological Academy graduate, Triantafyllos Tzitzikas, took place.

The Divine Liturgy and ordination was presided over by Archbishop Sotirios of Canada; Bishop Athenagoras of Patara; together with the participation of 17 priests.

The newly ordained Deacon, who was given the name Seraphim, spoke movingly while Archbishop Sotirios responded fatherly. Approximately 180 faithful attended; following the Liturgy, a dinner was served for everyone in the adjacent Metropolitan Cultural Centre. Warm compliments to the Community President Mrs. A. Sotiropoulos, and her colleagues for the excellent organisation.

In attendance was the President of the Philoptochos Sisterhood of Canada, Zoe Veroutis, together with many former Presidents, the President of the Philoptochos Sisterhood of the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas, Georgia Orfanakos-Haramis, as

well as the President of the Greek Community of Toronto, Betty Skoutakis.

The Holy Archdiocese and Archbishop Sotirios are extremely pleased because, in the last ecclesiastical year, five graduates and students of our Theological Academy have been ordained, including Fr. Evdokimos Mathioudakis, Fr. Evangelos Anastasiadis, Fr. Christianos Vella, Fr. Evangelos Athanassoulas and Deacon Seraphim Tzitzikas.

Deacon Seraphim will be ordained to the Holy Priesthood in the village of Gerakarou of Lagada-Thessaloniki in July so that his parents, relatives, and friends can attend.

Archbishop Sotirios gave the newly ordained Deacon the name Seraphim and appointed him to celebrate his name day on December 4, the feast day of St. Seraphim of Phanarion and Neochorion, and also on November 8 on the feast day of the Archangels. He wished the newly ordained Deacon to continue to lead a pure, clean, and angelic life. Axios!!!

It should also be noted that at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, a memorial service was conducted for Emperor Constantinos Palaiologos and the victims of the Fall of Constantinople on May 29, 1453.

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