

## Georgios Ntallas ordained to the Holy Diaconate in London



On Saturday, 23rd December 2023, Georgios Ntallas was ordained to the Holy Diaconate at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Divine Wisdom in Bayswater. His Eminence Archbishop Nikitas presided during Matins and celebrated the Divine Liturgy.

Amongst those concelebrating was the V. Rev. Archimandrite Nephon Tsimalis, Chancellor, the V. Rev. Archimandrite of the Oecumenical Throne Theonals Bakalis, Archdeacon Dr. George Tsourous and Deacon Gregory Palamas Florides. His Grace Bishop Iakovos of Claudiopolis joined prayerfully in the altar.

Deacon Georgios expressed his profound gratitude to His Eminence Archbishop Nikitas for the honour and blessing of being ordained to the diaconate, the initial rank of the Holy Priesthood in the Orthodox Church. In the days leading to his ordination, Deacon Georgios contemplated the life of St. Stephanos, the First Martyr, drawing inspiration from his devotion and resilience beyond secular

comforts. He emphasised his commitment to his duties, deeply inspired by the Crucified Christ, and noted that the sight and presence of Christ's holy body and precious blood during the Divine Liturgy will continually remind him of his significant responsibilities.

He extended his heartfelt thanks to the clergy, especially Fr Nephon Tsimalis, Chancellor of the Holy Archdiocese; Archdeacon George Tsourous; and Fr Konstantinos Mamouris, for their love, patience, and understanding. Special gratitude was also conveyed to Fr Theonas for his trust and spiritual guidance. Additionally, Deacon Georgios acknowledged the unwavering support of his spouse, Evangelia, praising her discreet support, patience, love, and sacrifices. He dedicated this significant day to her, in recognition of her enduring support and acceptance of his spiritual path.

In his response, His Eminence Archbishop Nikitas spoke to the newly ordained Deacon Georgios, commending the humility he has observed in him since their first meeting. Drawing a parallel with Christ's calling of humble fishermen to discipleship, His Eminence reflected on how Georgios, too, was called to join the clergy and serve in Christ's Church. Archbishop Nikitas advised Deacon Georgios to remain steadfast and resilient in his diaconate, undeterred by any future challenges. With his humility and love, Deacon Georgios is well-positioned to contribute to the work of the Church in this land.

The ordination concluded with a reception and fellowship in the Cathedral's crypt.



































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