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Announcement of the Election of Father Deacon Matthew to the Holy Priesthood

“You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you...” John 15:16

Beloved in Christ,

*With gratitude to Almighty God and with the blessing of our Holy Synod, I announce to you today the election of **Father Deacon Matthew** to the **Holy Priesthood** of Christ’s Church.*

Many of you have known Father Deacon Matthew for decades. Since 1997, he has served this community with humility, steadiness, and a heart formed by prayer. His ministry among us has been marked by quiet faithfulness — at the altar, in the parish, and in the lives of the faithful whom he has supported with patience and love.

After prayerful consideration, consultation with my brothers in the Synod, and reflection on his years of proven service, it is

clear that the Church now calls him to this next step in his ministry.

Therefore, with joy, I inform you that he will be ordained to the Holy Priesthood on a date to be set in November 2026, here in our parish, surrounded by the clergy and faithful whom he has served for so long.

I ask all of you — especially the new families who join us today — to keep Father Deacon Matthew in your prayers as he prepares to receive the dignity and Grace of the Holy Order of the Priesthood. May the Lord strengthen him, illumine him, and grant him many years of fruitful service in His vineyard.

To God be all glory, honor and Worship both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

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