

The Nebraska Exarchate has its roots from a 1992 decree of the Greek Metropolitan Timotheos and the bishops of the Holy Synod of Genuine Orthodox Christians from Greece.

SYNODAL BISHOPRIC

- 1. Archbishop Christopher (Contageorge) was consecrated on the 10th of February 1934 by Archbishop Aftimios (Ofiesh) of the Russian Patriarchal Church, Archbishop Sophronios (Bashira) of the Syrian Orthodox Church, and Metropolitan Theophan (Fan Noli) of Albania.**
- 2. Archbishop Arsenios (Saltas) was consecrated on the 25th of August 1934 by Archbishop Christopher and Bishop Nicholas.**
- 3. Bishop Joseph (Klimovich) was consecrated in 1935 by Archbishop Nicholas, Archbishop Arsenios and Archbishop Fedchenkoff of the Moscow Patriarchate.**
- 4. Archbishop Konstantine (Jaroshevich) was consecrated in 1949 by Archbishop Christopher, Archbishop Arsenios and Metropolitan Theophan.**
- 5. Metropolitan Nicholas (Bohatyretz) of the Autocephalous Ukrainian Church was consecrated on the 14th of October 1950 by Archbishop Joseph, Archbishop Konstantine and Metropolitan Joseph (Zielonka) of the Syrian Patriarchate of Antioch.**
- 6. Bishop Peter (Zuravetsky) was consecrated on the 15th of October 1950 by Archbishop Joseph, Archbishop Konstantine and Metropolitan Nicholas.**
- 7. Archbishop Joachim (Souris) was consecrated on the 2nd of June 1951 by Archbishop Joseph, Bishop Peter and Metropolitan Joseph.**
- 8. On the 10th of April 1982, Archbishop Joachim along with six other Greek Bishops of his Synod, the Holy Synod of True Orthodox Christians (Old Calendar, G.O.X.), consecrated Bishop Andreas (Novak) and elevated him to Metropolitan to lead the Synod in North America.**
- 9. In 1987, Metropolitan Andreas received into his Metropolis Bishop Philip (Caine) appointing him Bishop of Pennsylvania.**
- 10. In March 1988, Metropolitan Damaskinos, as President of the Synod in Greece, notified in writing Metropolitan Andreas of the election to the Episcopate of Archimandrite Haralampos (Young). Bishop Haralampos was consecrated on the 11th of June 1988 by Metropolitan Andreas, Bishop Philip and with the blessing and seal of Metropolitan Damaskinos on behalf of the Holy Synod.**

CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES

11. On the 4th of January 1985, Bishop Timotheos (Athanassiou) was consecrated by Archbishop Joakim, Metropolitan Damaskinos and two other bishops of the Holy Synod, and assigned Exarch Metropolitan of Montreal, Canada and the United States. Metropolitan Timotheos also received official recognition for his position from the Ministry of Justice of Quebec, Canada (22 JUL 87); and patriarchal greetings from Jerusalem (Prot. No. 496, 22 Oct 91).

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12. In December 1993, Metropolitan Timotheos announced, both in writing and via telephone, the election of Hegumen Michael Seraphim (Melchizedek) to the episcopate. On the 3rd of January 1994, Hegumen Melchizedek was consecrated by the Metropolitans Timotheos (Athanassiou) and Timotheos (Mavias) in Athens, Greece, at the Church of St. Photini, as well as with the blessing and seal of Bishop Haralampos on behalf of the American Synod. Bishop Melchizedek subsequently was assigned to oversee an American Eparchy.

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13. Following Bishop Melchizedek's retirement from the Synod in 2007, the American Synod eventually dissolved.

14. After a study Sabbatical over several years, Bishop Melchizedek was assigned as *Exarch of Nebraska* by Patriarch Nicholas, whose canonical succession has been recognized by Patriarch Nicholas VI of the Alexandrian Patriarchate.