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The following is from the desk of Bishop Michael:

Heartfelt congratulations and prayerful best wishes are extended to the following clergy of our Diocesan Family:

Igumen Christopher Calin, elevated to the rank and dignity of Archimandrite, on Pentecost Sunday, June 12th, in the Holy Virgin Protection Cathedral, New York City.

Father Boris Slootsky, awarded the Gold Cross, on Saturday, June 18th, in the Church of the Mother of God, Joy of All the Sorrowful, Mays Landing NJ.

Father Thomas Langdon, graduated from Saint Tikhon's Seminary on May 28th, *summa cum laude*, with distinction in Theology and Spirituality, as the Valedictorian of his class.

Sub-Deacon Chandler David Poling, ordained to the Holy Diaconate, on Pentecost Sunday, June 12th, in the Holy Virgin Protection Cathedral, New York City.

Jacob Hando, graduate of the Saint Tikhon's Diaconate Program, tonsured a Reader and ordained to the Sub-diaconate on Sunday, June 5th, in Saints Peter and Paul Church, Manville NJ.

Charles Blase Gallagher, tonsured a Reader, on Saturday, June 18th, in the Church of the Mother of God ~ Joy of All the Sorrowful, Mays Landing NJ.

MAY GOD GRANT THEM ALL A PROSPEROUS AND PEACEFUL LIFE, GOOD HEALTH AND SALVATION, VISITATION AND GOOD HASTENING IN ALL THINGS, AND MAY HE PROTECT AND PRESERVE THEM FOR MANY BLESSED YEARS! "MNOGAYA LYETA!"

+ *Michael*

Bishop of New York
and the Diocese of New York and New Jersey

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