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"Welcome" to Father Vasil Dubee and Family

Father Vasil Dubee is the new pastor of Saint Innocent Mission in Oneonta NY. He was assigned to the mission parish by Archbishop Michael on December 1st. Father celebrated his first weekend of services at the Oneonta mission on the Feast of Saint Nicholas, Dec. 5-6. Father Vasil was received into the Orthodox Faith in 2004, having grown up within the Byzantine Catholic tradition in the Scranton PA area. Learning that their Eastern European ancestors had been baptized Orthodox before coming to the U.S., he, his parents, and siblings investigated Orthodoxy and ultimately found their spiritual home at Saint Michael Orthodox Church in Jermyn PA.

He attended Saint Tikhon's Seminary graduating in 2009, and worked for the Seminary as its physical plant supervisor after graduation. He married Matushka Lesya, a native of Ukraine, in 2010; they welcomed their daughter Veronika into the world in 2013. Father was ordained to the Holy Diaconate in 2014 and to the Holy Priesthood in November 2015 by His Eminence, Archbishop MARK.

Received under the omophorion of Archbishop MICHAEL in late 2015, he served as a supply priest in the New York State Deanery while awaiting assignment to his first parish. Having celebrated the feasts of the Nativity and Theophany at Saint Innocent Mission, Father says he and his family feel very welcomed by the parishioners and very optimistic about growing the life of the parish.

> *"There are a lot of young families in the parish, and with all of the college and community outreach opportunities around us, with God's help we have a lot of potential to grow. I am truly blessed and grateful to be here!"*

May God grant
Father Vasil, Matushka Lesya, and Veronika
many blessed years of service
in His Holy Church!
"Mnogaya Lyeta!"

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