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Father Peter Heers is an American Orthodox faith. Raised in an Episcopal minister's family, he encountered the Orthodox Church at the same time his father, an Episcopal minister, was received into the Western Rite Antiochian Orthodox Vicariate.

After his conversion, Father Peter traveled to Greece to visit the holy sites, particularly the Holy Mountain of Athos, where his encounters with various spiritual fathers blessed him to follow the path of the priesthood.

He is pastor of the Prophet Elias Orthodox community in Petrokerasa, Greece.

Father Peter is the founder of Uncut Mountain Press (uncutmountain.com), the publisher of numerous mission-oriented patristic books.

Father Peter and his Greek-born Presvytera have three children.



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Born in 1961, Hieromonk Damascene is an American convert to Orthodox Christianity who was brought to the Orthodox Faith by another such convert: Hieromonk Seraphim Rose of Platina.

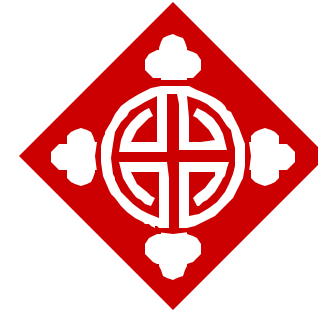
While a student at the University of California at Santa Cruz, Father Damascene received his initial spiritual formation from Father Seraphim. Having continued his studies at the University of California at Berkeley for a year following Father Seraphim's repose, in 1983 he joined the Saint Herman of Alaska Brotherhood in Platina, CA.

In 1995, Father Damascene was ordained as a priest by His Eminence Metropolitan John of the Russian Orthodox Church (Moscow Patriarchate), in St. Petersburg, Russia.

In 2000 Father Damascene was instrumental in bringing the Saint Herman of Alaska Brotherhood into the Serbian Orthodox Church. He and the entire Brotherhood were received by His Grace Bishop Jovan of Western America. At that time Father Damascene was appointed by Bishop Jovan as the Deputy Abbot of the Saint Herman of Alaska Monastery.

From 1985 to the present, Father Damascene has been the editor of the international periodical The Orthodox Word. During that time he has edited books of Orthodox Christian hagiography, theology, and spirituality, all of which have been published by the Saint Herman of Alaska Brotherhood. The year 1999 saw the publication of Fr. Damascene's second book, Christ the Eternal Tao: a book which shows how certain elements of ancient Chinese philosophy can be seen as a foreshadowing of the revelation of Jesus Christ.

During the last twenty years, much of his time has been devoted to giving lectures in the United States, Australia, China, Russia and the Netherlands. In universities, churches, bookstores, and community centers, he has lectured on Eastern Orthodox spirituality and theology.



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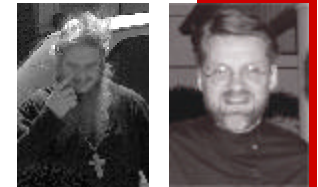


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Father James Corazza is a leading authority on the life and work of Saint John Maximovich, and his mission among the faithful of China.

Hieromonk James encountered the Orthodox faith in his college years in California, and along with a circle of friends, was received into the Russian Orthodox Church. In later years, this college circle took on leading roles in two of the well-known monasteries in California, Saint Herman's at Platina, CA, and Saint John the Wonderworker, while Father James went on to pastorally serve the faithful in the San Francisco area.

Father James is currently Rector of the Old Russian Cathedral in San Francisco, where Saint John served as bishop, and where his orphans from China attended. He also serves as assistant at the New Russian Cathedral in the same city, where the incorrupt relics of Saint John Maximovich are located.



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Born in Pskov, Father Dionisy graduated from the Moscow Theological Seminary. He served as Director of the Study Group of Orthodox Affairs in China (Department for External Church Relations Moscow Patriarchate), and as Director of the Orthodox Brotherhood of Apostles Saints Peter and Paul in Hong Kong.

After his ordination to the priesthood in 1992, Father Dionisy assumed responsibility for Chinese Affairs within the Moscow Patriarchate, and

visited to China since 1997. He moved to Hong Kong in 2003, from which he serves parishes in Beijing, Shenzhen, and Guangzhou.

He served as a visiting scholar at the Institute of Sino-Christian Studies in Hong Kong, and has been the editor of the "Kitajskij Blagovestnik" magazine since 1998.

He is married with two sons.



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In 1998, Peter moved his Taiwanese wife and three children from San Diego, California to Rugby, a small town (pop. 35) on the Cumberland Plateau in northern Tennessee. This is where they still live and where they have established a hobby farm that includes a Chinese vegetable garden, groves of bamboo, flocks of chickens, turkeys and ducks, and a herd of goats.

Peter translates Chinese into English for a living, and has a home office on his property.

In 2003, God led Peter to the Orthodox Church, and in 2004, his family was received into the Orthodox Church at St. Anne Orthodox Church in Oak Ridge, a little over an hour from Rugby.

Peter is currently Chairman of the OFASC Commission on Translation, in which capacity he works with Chinese translators and proofreaders in China and other countries.



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Father John Whiteford is pastor of St. Jonah Orthodox Church, in Spring, Texas. He was born in Riverside, California in 1966, and lived in Grand Terrace, California. After living in Kentucky, he returned to Houston, Texas in 1978.

Father John was raised in the Church of the Nazarene, and began studying Orthodoxy while studying Theology at Southern Nazarene University in Oklahoma.

He was baptized at St. Benedict Orthodox Church in Oklahoma City in 1990.

In 1995 Father John wrote an article entitled *Sola Scriptura: In the Vanity of Their Minds*, for the Christian Activist, which laid out many of the theological reasons for his conversion.

He was ordained a priest in the Russian Church Abroad in 2001. Father John is married to Wendy Woo, and has two daughters.

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Nelson Mitrophan Chin is Orthodox convert from non-denominational Evangelicalism. He graduated from Boston University with a B.A. in Geography and East Asian Studies, and has worked as a systems administrator in various Internet startups. During college he participated in missions in Taiwan, Macau and Paraguay.

Mitrophan first encountered the Orthodox Church on the Internet, and read the early Church Fathers online. Later, he visited the Holy Land in 1999/2000. He was received into Holy Orthodoxy at Pascha, 2001. He and his wife Michelle were married in 2002. They have been blessed with two sons.

Mitrophan completed the three year Saint Stephen's Theology Course in 2006. He has spearheaded the Chinese Orthodox Translation Project (<http://prologue.orthodox.cn>) as one of his continuing ministry projects. He currently serves as the President and Clerk for the Orthodox Fellowship of All Saints of China



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A sixth-generation Canadian, Father Geoffrey was raised an Anglican. While working in various levels of government service, he completed theological studies. It was during this period that Father Geoffrey became reacquainted with the Orthodox faith of his ancestors, and became Orthodox in 1997.

Father Geoffrey worked as a religion and philosophy teacher, and head of department. He has served for many years as Chaplain of the Orthodox Christian Fellowship at McMaster University.

He is founder of All Saints of North America Orthodox Church in Hamilton, the first English-language mission of its kind in the most populous area of Canada. The parish has made special efforts to catalogue and feature the history and contemporary life of North American Orthodox Christians on their website (asna.ca) and in their journal, at OrthodoxCanada.com.

Father Geoffrey is married to his Hong Kong born matushka, Linda, and they have one daughter.



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Protodeacon James attended Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh (BS Electrical Engineering), and Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration (MBA).

He serves under the omophorion of His Eminence, Archbishop Job of Chicago (OCA) and is currently serving at St. George Serbian Orthodox Church in Canton, Ohio. Protodeacon James was ordained to the diaconate in 1997. He and his family moved to China in 2002 when his secular job required an assignment in Beijing, and from 2005 served the Russian Consulate in Shanghai and developed an outreach to a small Orthodox community of Chinese nationals. In January of 2008, the family relocated back to Canton, Ohio.

In his secular job, Protodeacon James is an executive of the Timken Company where he has been employed for 26 years.