



Orthodox Church in America
DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST

Wednesday, 12 November 2025
Saint John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria
№. 149

ARCHPASTORAL DECREE
concerning the canonical establishment of the
Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Church in Saint James, Missouri

By means of this Archpastoral Decree, I establish the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Church as a parish of the Diocese of the Midwest, located at 14092 Annunciation Hill Saint James, Missouri 65559.

The Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Church is placed under the pastoral care of Priest Joel Wilson. Father Joel is hereby appointed Rector, assuming all responsibilities normally associated with those of a parish rector, including proper arrangement of the temple, the cycle of services to be celebrated there, and the scheduling of other priests who can serve the Divine Liturgy, whenever this may be needed.

It is my prayer that this holy church and the community that prays and learns therein will grow, flourish, and become a light on the hill, enlightening the world with the Divine Teaching of the Gospel. May our Most Holy Lady, the Virgin Mary and Birth-Giver of God, intercede for all before the Throne of the All Holy Trinity.

Given in Chicago, Illinois
on this 12th day of November, A.D. 2025

DANIEL
Archbishop of Chicago and the Midwest

CC: Archpriest Alessandro Margheritino, *OCA Chancellor*
Archpriest Herman Kincaid, *Diocesan Chancellor*
Priest Esteban Vázquez, *Diocesan Vice-Chancellor*
Archpriest Timothy Sawchak, *Kansas City District Dean*
Priest Joel Wilson, *Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Church Rector*
Matushka Brenda Mikitish, *OCA Chancery Data Administrator*