

# His Eminence ++Archbishop Dr. Stephen Michael, Several of the Apostolic Lines of Office

Herein are several of the priestly lines that are recognized in Orthodox circles of Christendom (East and West). These lines connect in direct succession down from the Holy Apostles, in a consecration ceremony of anointing and the laying on of hands.

As a visiting Bishop to a foreign jurisdiction it is customary that a reconsecration is performed, to confirm the validity of the sacraments within those congregations.

While some believe these consecrations are not necessary, several Universities worldwide consider these as a requirement for anyone acting in priestly service. The English church, and many other churches that are not under Rome's structure, decided to retain the Episcopal succession. This covers all international recognitions, as it says the English church has "retained its Episcopacy, but not as from Pope Gregory, who sent Augustine the monk hither, but from Joseph of Arimathea". This is together with a wider re-establishment and recognition within the Eastern Orthodox Church (The True Orthodox Church, that escaped the Bolshevik massacres by living in the catacombs, AKA Catacomb church. In agreement with the canons of the original Russian church, to keep Sabbath on Saturday.)

**[Special Note on the Sabbath:**The Apostles' Didascalia has been considered canonical in most of the Orthodox world, and in it the Sabbath is Saturday and it is called a day of rest and worship. In the Stoglav, an official manuscript of the Russian Orthodox Church, dated in the year 1556, and containing materials from the Moscow Council during the reign of Ivan IV (1531-1584), has a chapter on the Sabbath:

"By the Authority of Peter and Paul, we command to the people to work during the week. But on Subota (Sabbath) and on Nedelja (Sunday) let them worship in the Church and pray, and let them learn something for the sake of good faith. The Subota is the image of the whole creation, while the Nedelja is the day of the resurrection." Read more in the book published by ++ H.E. Abp. Dr. Stephen Michael, "[Honouring the Sabbath in the Orthodox Church](#)".]

**++ H.E. Abp. Dr. Stephen Michael (Nott-Brunswick) was consecrated on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 as Archbishop of Glastonbury, Primace of the Culdees' Church** by three Orthodox Archbishops of valid apostolic succession in right standing within our communion.

## THE APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION LINES



**Orthodox Culdean Genealogy  
(Arimathea Glastonbury Line)**

+ John Nott  
Last Sovereign Cleric of  
Glastonbury, (petty king of the  
Hwicce), Who chartered it to  
His successors on the 21<sup>st</sup> of  
November 1556,  
endowing His successor

+ John Nott,  
Serjeant(Feudal Lord) of  
Wethersfield, Who in 1639  
chartered to His successors the  
Perpetual "Fundamental  
Orders of Connecticut", with  
all rights intact, and chartered  
the creation of the new  
Glastonbury City in 1653, and  
raised it's Militia, endowed

**The Original American  
Episcopal Succession**

+ William Falconar  
Bishop of Moray  
on the 21st of  
September, 1768,  
consecrated

+ Rober Kilgour  
nonjuring Bishop of  
Aberdeen,  
Who on the 14th of  
November, 1784,  
consecrated

+ Samuel Seabury  
Bishop of Connecticut,  
Who on the 17th of  
September, 1792,  
consecrated

**Anglican Orthodox Communion  
(the later UK-Americas line)**

+ Hugh George de Wilmott-  
Newman, Archbishop of  
Glastonbury,  
Who in 1946 consecrated

+ Wallace David de Ortega  
Maxey, Bishop in England and at  
Los Angeles,  
Who in 1984 consecrated

+ C. David Luther, Bishop of  
Altoona,  
Who in 1984 consecrated

+ Richard James Ingram, Bishop  
of Hobart,  
Who in 1988, consecrated

**Russian Orthodox Church  
(True Catacomb Church)**

+ Leontii Lebedinskii  
Archbishop of Moscow,  
Who in 1897,  
consecrated

+ Antonii  
Khrapovshy(Khrapovitsky)  
Bishop of Ufa, Volhyna  
and Zhitomir, Who in  
1905, consecrated

+ Dimitri II (Sambikin)  
Archbishop of Kazan and  
Sviyazhsk, Who in 1907,  
consecrated

+ Andrew Hieromartyr

<p>+ John Nott II Judge of Hartford/Wethersfield Court, Firstborn feudal heir (petty king of the Hwicce), Who endowed</p> <p>+ John Nott Firstborn feudal heir (petty king of the Hwicce), Who endowed</p> <p>+ Thomas Nott Firstborn feudal heir (petty king of the Hwicce), Who endowed</p> <p>+ Benjamin Nott Firstborn feudal heir (petty king of the Hwicce), Who endowed</p> <p>+ Benjamin Nott Firstborn feudal heir (petty king of the Hwicce), Who endowed</p> <p>+ John William Nott Firstborn feudal heir (petty king of the Hwicce), Who endowed</p> <p>+ Robert Byron Nott Firstborn feudal heir (petty king of the Hwicce), Who endowed</p> <p>+ George William Nott Firstborn feudal heir (petty king of the Hwicce), Who endowed</p> <p>+ George Nott-Brunswick (Brunswick Herzoglich cadet branch ) Firstborn feudal heir (petty king of the Hwicce), Who endowed</p> <p>+ Stephen Michael Nott- Brunswick</p>	<p>+ Thomas John Claggett Bishop of Maryland, Who on the 7th of May, 1797, consecrated</p> <p>+ Edward Bass Bishop of Massachusetts, Who on the 18th of October, 1797, consecrated</p> <p>+ Abraham Jarvis Bishop of Connecticut, Who on the 29th of May, 1811, consecrated</p> <p>+ A.V. Criswold Bishop of the Eastern Diocese, Who on the 31st of October, 1832, consecrated</p> <p>+ John Henry Hopkins Bishop of Vermont, Who on November, 1866, consecrated</p> <p>+ CD. Cummins Assistant Bishop of Kentucky, Who on the 14th of December, 1873, consecrated</p> <p>+ Charles Edward Cheney Bishop of Chicago, Who on the 24th of February, 1875, consecrated</p> <p>+ William Rufus Nicholson Bishop of New York City, Who on the 22nd of June, 1879, consecrated</p> <p>+ Alfred Spencer Richardson</p>	<p>+ Bishop Donald W. St. Peters, Bishop in Des Plaines, (Bishop at Portage 1989), Who in 1993 consecrated</p> <p>+ Peter A. Compton-Caputo, Bishop of Crownsville, Who in 1999 consecrated</p> <p>+ Norman Sydney Dutton, Presiding Archbishop of the Anglican Independent Communion, Who in 2005 consecrated</p> <p>+ Frank Peachey, Bishop in Anglia(AIC), Who in 2006 consecrated</p> <p>+ Ricardo Lorite de Lima, (Primate Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Brazil), Who in 2008 consecrated</p> <p>+ Ydenir Prudenciano Machado, Bishop of Sau Paulo, Who in 2009 consecrated</p> <p>+ Bishop Frederic P. Burckle, Bishop of Lile, Who in 2010 consecrated</p> <p>+ Peter Becker, Bishop of Berlin, Who in 2015 consecrated</p> <p>+ Stephen Michael (Nott- Brunswick), Archbishop of the Netherlands and Low Countries</p>	<p>Bishop of Mamadysh, Who in 1923, consecrated</p> <p>+ Habakkuk (Borovkoff) Hieromartyr Bishop of Ufa, Who in 1927, consecrated</p> <p>+ Amphilochius (Shibanov) Bishop of Tyumen, Who in 1994, consecrated</p> <p>+ Ambrose von Sievers Bishop of Gothia, Who in 2015, consecrated</p> <p>+ Stephen Michael (Nott- Brunswick) Archbishop of Glastonbury</p>
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<p>Firstborn feudal heir (petty king of the Hwicce), Landlord of the Culdees' Church at Garden Grove, Who endowed</p> <p>+ Stephen Michael Nott-Brunswick II Firstborn feudal heir (petty king of the Hwicce)</p>	<p>Bishop of Philadelphia, Who on the 4th of May, 1890, consecrated</p> <p>+ Leon Chechemain of Malatia, Who was Bishop of Malatia(from 1879) as Bishop at Dublin and Glendalough, Who on the 2nd of November, 1897, consecrated</p> <p>+ Andrew Charles Albert McLaglen Bishop of Clermont, Who on the 4th of June, 1922, consecrated</p> <p>+ Herbert James Monzani-Herd Archbishop of Selsey, Who on the 13th of June, 1943, consecrated</p> <p>+ William Bernard Crow Bishop of Santa Sophia, Who on the 10th of April, 1944, consecrated</p> <p>+ Hugh George de Willmott Newman Archbishop of Glastonbury, Who on the 2nd, of January, 1927, consecrated</p> <p>+ Wallace Davis de Ortega Maxey Bishop in England and at Los Angeles, Who on the 7th of April, 1957, consecrated</p> <p>+ Lowell Paul Wadle Archbishop of Laguna Beach, Who on the 22nd of June, 1957, consecrated</p>		
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+ Herman Adrian Spruit  
Bishop of Mountain  
View,  
Who on the 23rd of  
April, 1989, consecrated

+ Timothy Michael  
Barker  
Bishop of Phoenix,  
Who on the 28th of July,  
1991, consecrated

+ Michael Rivers Milner  
Jr.  
Bishop of Clearwater,  
Who on the 26th of  
February, 1995,  
consecrated

+ Michael D. Owen  
Bishop of Oklahoma City,  
Who on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of  
October, 1995,  
consecrated

+ Russel McClanahan  
Bishop of Tallahassee,  
Who on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April,  
2008, consecrated

+ Bishop of Sao Paulo,  
Ydenir Machado  
Who on the 29th of  
June, 2009, consecrated

+ Bishop Frederic P.  
Burckle  
Bishop of Lile,  
Who on the 21<sup>st</sup> of  
October, 2010,  
consecrated

+ Peter Becker  
Bishop of Berlin (with co-  
consecrator Archbishop  
Hammacher),  
Who on the 7<sup>th</sup> of  
February, 2015,  
consecrated

+ Stephen Michael  
(Nott-Brunswick)

Bishop of Rotterdam, and Archbishop for the AOCC Archdiocese of the Netherlands and Low countries.		
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The inspirational life testimony of ++Stephen is a larger topic, however here are the main ministry events in the Orthodox Church of the Culdees in as chronological headings only.

**In the year of our Lord, 1990**, at the age of 12, +Stephen first came under the **tutelage** of +Bishop Pastor Leroy Crouch, at the Culdees Church in Garden Grove California, while his Parents were the Landlords of the property.

**In the year of our Lord, 2000**, after 10 years active as a layman in the Culdean church, and three years of a concentrated study +Stephen was officially anointed and ordained as a **Priest** and **Evangelist** by +Bishop Lesley Boyle.

**In the year of our Lord, 2003**, +Stephen became a **Chaplain** for several local community organizations, performing weddings, baptisms, and communion.

**In the year of our Lord, 2003**, He was made **Manager** of the Celts Roots Bookshop by Dr. Warren Johnson. From 2002 +Stephen was recognized as a **Scholar** by Dr. Johnson and other board members of the American Institute of Theology who published his works on Exegetical Theology into the advanced courseware of the Western Division seminary.

**In the year of our Lord, 2003**, +Bishop Wesley Perkins and +Bishop Lesley Boyle consecrated Stephen as a **Bishop of the church**, having oversight of multiple assemblies throughout Orange County, San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

**In the year of our Lord, 2007**, the Order of the Culdees, the Orthodox Syro-Chaldean Rite Mission, Federation of Jesus Abbeys, recognized +Stephen as an **Abbot of the Culdees at Zuid-Holland**, where he served as a co-writer in their international newsletter. Pilgrimage events hosted by +Stephen in Europe and Glastonbury England were published in their newsletter from 2007 until 2013, which named +Stephen the Abbot. From 2013, the cooperation ended. However during that period it was independently published by at least four separate organizations' newsletters that **+Abbot Stephen** has reclaimed back the Ecclesiastical rights to rebuild Glastonbury.

**In the year of our Lord, 2009**, +Bishop Wesley Perkins and +Bishop Lesley Boyle ordained +Bishop Stephen as **Bishop at the Netherlands**, and jointly signed a **letter of reference** for his eventual election as Archbishop for the BENELUX jurisdiction. **Ordination Certificate** was also recieved.

**In the year of our Lord, 2010**, Stephen Michael became **Lord Prior of Glastonbury**, and it was confirmed by the Culdean Clerics at Glastonbury. Procession to the Tor, prayers of consecration was administered. Installment of the church banner at the Tor was photographed and published in several newsletters. A meeting of about 30 persons applauded at this event that was called "reclaiming Glastonbury", and this meeting was also photographed and published.

**In the year of our Lord, 2013**, the Archbishop of Berlin, and the Chancellor of the American Orthodox Catholic Church, and other Bishops, recognized the status of the

Culdean church, our seniority, precedence among Western Churches and full autonomy. They also gave permission for us to minister to their churches. This was an official **letter of recognition and communion** between the OCC and AOCC, with a **reference letter** of our good cooperation in ministry for more than five years.

**In the year of our Lord, 2015**, +Stephen was consecrated as Archbishop by three Archbishops. The Archbishop of Berlin, +Peter Becker (primary consecrating Bishop) and the Archbishop +Blake Allan Hammacher (assisting Bishop), did canonically consecrate +Stephen as **Archbishop of the AOCC Archdiocese of the Netherlands and lowlands (Benelux) with a document stating the conditions of full autonomy** of the Orthodox Culdean Church. The assisting Archbishop +Ambrose von Sievers, Catacomb Church of True Orthodox Christians, provided a certificate of reintegration with the Orthodox Church, and formally recognized **+Archbishop Stephen Michael to be the Primace of the Culdee's church, and the Archbishop of Glastonbury**. As part of this Archbishop consecration there was awarded a Doctorate of Divinity(DD).

**In the year of our Lord, 2017**, +Stephen earned his Doctorate of Theology(DT) Degree from Saint Peter & Paul College and University Instituti Sancti Pauli. As is customary in the Culdees (Scottish) church, we use the style instead of "His Eminence Archbishop", just as "Primace" for **++ Dr. Stephen Michael Nott-Brunswick, DD, DT**.