

Archimandrite Jeremy Davis

Father Jeremy grew up in Wichita, Kansas. Throughout his early life, he and his family were active members of Evangelical Protestant churches. During his high-school years, he felt a calling to professional Christian ministry and subsequently enrolled as a Religion and History major at Friends University in Wichita to prepare for this vocation.

Studying at Friends University opened his eyes to the breadth and depth of Christian tradition. As the greater potential of Christian life grew more and more intriguing, he became dissatisfied with Evangelical Protestantism and began to investigate alternatives. In his final



year of college, he attended Divine Liturgy at St. George Cathedral in Wichita, at the suggestion of a friend. Although he knew next to nothing about Orthodoxy, he was left in wordless wonder by the experience of its rich theology and genuine spirituality, as they came to life in the piety and love of this parish community. After a period of catechism, he was chrismated on Holy Saturday in 1998.

He attended St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary from 2001 to 2004, earning his Master of Divinity degree. In August 2004, he traveled to Australia for a yearlong mission in the Antiochian Archdiocese of Sydney. He taught and counseled youth and young adults across the Australian Archdiocese, helping them to understand Orthodoxy's relevance to their modern, "New World" lives.

After returning to Wichita and St. George Cathedral, he was ordained by His Grace Bishop BASIL to the holy diaconate on January 1, 2006, and to the holy priesthood on July 16, 2006. He served as Second Priest of St. Elijah Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, from August 2006 to March 2016. He then served as Proistamenos (Pastor) of Holy Ascension Church in Norman, Oklahoma, from March 2016 through August 2021. He was elevated to the rank of Archimandrite by His Grace Bishop BASIL on March 19, 2017.

In the Diocese of Wichita, he also served as Spiritual Advisor of the Fellowship of St. John the Divine and its successor, the Diocese Council, from 2007 to 2021. In this capacity, he chaired the

diocesan Investment Committee, another committee that developed DOWAMA's Dean of Chapels program, and a task force studying youth and young-adult ministry in the diocese.

On September 1, 2021, Father Jeremy began serving as Hierarchical Assistant at the Archdiocese Headquarters in Englewood, New Jersey, and on October 31, 2021, he was appointed Protosyn-gellos of the Archdiocese; he continues in these roles today. He is also the author of *Welcoming Gifts: Sacrifice in the Bible and Christian Life* (Ancient Faith, 2022), the children's book *The Cellarer's Celery* (Ancient Faith, 2021), and the Ancient Faith blog *Rethinking Sacrifice*.