

## **Very Rev. Timothy G. Bakakos - BIOGRAPHY**

The Very Rev. Fr. Timothy G. Bakakos, son of the late Demosthenes and late Antonia Bakakos, was born in Chicago, Illinois in October of 1952, and is the second of four sons. Father Timothy, along with his siblings, was raised and spent his childhood and teen years at the Assumption Church of Chicago, where he attended the Sunday Church School and Greek School programs, as well as serving as an altar boy, and was a member of the Cub and Boy Scout programs of the Parish. Father Timothy is a product of the Chicago Public School System, where he attended Lane Technical High School for three years before moving with his family to Park Ridge, finally completing high school at Maine Township High School South.

In September of 1970, after being nurtured by his Parish Priests, the Rev. Theodore Thalassinos, the Very Rev. Kallistos Samaras (the late Bishop Kallistos of Zelon of blessed memory), and the Rev. Demetrios Treantafeles, he entered Hellenic College/Holy Cross School of Theology in Brookline, Massachusetts. In 1972, with the blessing of His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos, the late Archbishop of North and South and South America, he left for Greece where he attended Pierce College in Agia Paraskeve and also attended classes at the University of Athens. Returning to Hellenic College in 1973, Father Timothy received his Bachelor of Science Degree in 1975, and entered Holy Cross School of Theology, receiving the Degree of Masters of Divinity in June of 1978.

Returning to Chicago upon graduation, Father Timothy accepted a position with the City of Chicago as Northwest Director for the Department of Human Services located near the Holy Trinity Parish, where his office dealt with assisting members of Greek American and Orthodox Church Communities secure adequate housing, employment, emergency food, financial aid, and other social service needs from the City of Chicago. Two years later, on September 14, 1980, Father Timothy was ordained into the Holy Diaconate at the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church by the late Bishop Iakovos of Apameia (the late Metropolitan Iakovos of Chicago). On October 5, 1980, Father Timothy was ordained to the Holy Priesthood at the Assumption Church of Chicago, again by the late Bishop Iakovos of Apameia (the late Metropolitan Iakovos of Chicago).

During Father Timothy's thirty nine years of priestly ministry, he has served the following Parishes (all within the Metropolis of Chicago):

- 1980 – 1985 - Proistamenos of Saint Elias the Prophet Church in Dubuque Iowa,
- 1985 – 1997 – Proistamenos of Saint Sophia Church in Elgin Illinois,
- 1997 – 2006 – Proistamenos of Saint Nicholas Church on Oak Lawn Illinois,
- 2006 – Present – Proistamenos of the Assumption (Panagia) Church in Chicago Illinois.

In addition, listed are other notes:

- Bestowed with the rank of Archimandrite in 1984 by His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos of blessed memory.
- 1987 – 1997 - Served as Staff Chaplain for Illinois Department of Mental Health at the Elgin Mental Health Center in Elgin Illinois.
- 1991 – 1993 – Assisted in the fundraising and construction of a \$1.2 million Community Center and Church Offices at Saint Sophia Church in Elgin Illinois.

- 2003 - 2004 – Assisted the Parish in a \$1.5 million fundraising project for iconography at the Saint Nicholas Church in Oak Lawn Illinois
- 2010 – 2011 – Assisted the Parish in a two hundred thousand fundraising project to renovate the Saint Catherine Chapel at the Assumption Church in Chicago.

In addition to his local parish responsibilities and duties, Father Timothy also served as president of the Metropolis Clergy Syndesmos from 1999 through 2004, the National Clergy Benefits Committee (ABC) of the Archdiocese from 1997 through 2006, and from 1997 through 2014, was a Metropolis of Chicago Clergy representative to the Archdiocesan Presbyters Council (APC) for the Clergy of our Holy Archdiocese of America. He also served several terms as a member of the Metropolis of Chicago Board, and presently serves as a member of the Metropolis of Chicago Spiritual Court, and is also the Spiritual Advisor to the Metropolis of CBishop Iakovos Scholarship Fund.