

KEN JAMES STAVREVSKY
ARCHPRIEST, ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA
CHAPLAIN, LIEUTENANT COLONEL, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE (Retired)

Very Reverend Ken James Stavrevsky was ordained to the priesthood in the Orthodox Church in America (OCA) on 16 December 1978. He served as pastor of Saints Constantine and Helen Church in Colorado Springs, Colorado from June 1979 to February 1982, where he was commissioned as a chaplain in the United States Air Force Reserve on 15 March 1981. He entered active duty in the Air Force on 22 February 1982. During his military career, he served principally in the capacity of “Orthodox Chaplain” with associated duties and responsibilities consistent with the mission of the Chaplain Service. In addition to providing pastoral care for Orthodox personnel, his broader role as a chaplain included: pastoral counseling, religious/moral education, visitation ministry, providing for the free exercise of religion for military members and families, and advising military commanders in matters of religious accommodation and moral issues during the planning and conduct of war. Chaplain Stavrevsky retired from active duty in the United States Air Force on 1 April 2002, having served with distinction for 20 years and 4 months. Following his military retirement, he was attached to the Orthodox Church in America, Diocese of Washington DC, and Saint Luke Orthodox Church in McLean, Virginia. Father Stavrevsky also served as interim pastor in several parishes, for varying lengths of time, including: Saint Mark Orthodox Church (OCA; Bethesda, Maryland), Saint George Bulgarian Orthodox Church (OCA; Potomac, Maryland), and Saint Thomas the Apostle Orthodox Church (American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese; Waldorf, Maryland). In addition to his pastoral work, from September 2002 to December 2003 he was an adjunct professor of English at the College of Southern Maryland. He was appointed as pastor of Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church in Rochester, New York on 1 January 2004. Father Stavrevsky enjoys writing and public speaking; he has lectured, written, and presented papers in the fields of ethics and character development; his poetry has been published in “Connections” and “Potomac Review.”

EDUCATION (*Professional Military Education italicized*):

- 1975 Bachelor of arts degree (philosophy major), Iona College, New Rochelle, New York
- 1979 Master of divinity degree, St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary, Crestwood, New York
- 1981 *Air Force Officer Orientation Course, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Alabama*
- 1981 *Air Force Chaplain Orientation Course, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Alabama*
- 1985 *Academic Instructor School, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Alabama*
- 1986 *Squadron Officer School, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Alabama*
- 1995 Post-graduate studies in ethics (32 credits), Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts
- 1995 *Air Force Chaplain Intermediate Course, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Alabama*
- 1997 *Air Command and Staff College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Alabama*

MILITARY ASSIGNMENTS:

1. February 1982 - September 1986, Orthodox Chaplain to Basic Military Training School, Technical Training School, and Defense Language Institute, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
2. October 1986 - October 1987, Air Staff Training (ASTRA) Officer, HQ USAF/HC, Office of the Chief of Chaplains, Washington DC
3. October 1987 - October 1990, Orthodox Chaplain, Clark Air Base, Republic of the Philippines
4. November 1990 - August 1994, Orthodox Chaplain, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska
5. September 1994 - May 1995, graduate studies in ethics (AFIT), Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts
6. June 1995 - April 1997, Orthodox Chaplain, 10th Air Base Wing, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado
7. May 1997 - May 1998, Director of Spirituality, Center for Character Development, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado
8. May 1998 - June 2000, Education and Training Officer, Office of the Chief of the Chaplain Service; HQ USAF/HC, Washington DC
9. June 2000 – March 2002, Professional Programs Officer, Office of the Chief of the Chaplain Service; HQ USAF/HC, Washington DC

DEPLOYMENTS

March - July 1996, OPERATION PROVIDE COMFORT, 123 days, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey with pastoral visitation to Military Coordination Center, Zakho, Iraq

MAJOR MILITARY AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

National Defense Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Ribbon with one oak leaf cluster

Humanitarian Service Medal with one device

Overseas Tour Ribbon

Longevity Ribbon with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Training Ribbon with one oak leaf cluster

Foreign Decoration

Bronze Cross Medal, Armed Forces of the Philippines (1990)

1997 Robert P. Taylor Award: “Best Chaplain Readiness Team Leader”
READINESS CHALLENGE VI, Chaplain Service team leader, USAF Academy

EFFECTIVE DATES OF MILITARY SERVICE AND PROMOTION:

Commissioned (USAF Reserve)	15 March 1981
1st Lieutenant	15 March 1981
Entered Active Duty USAF	22 February 1982
Captain	28 February 1983
Major	1 April 1990
Lieutenant Colonel	1 March 1998
Retired Active Duty USAF	1 April 2002

ECCLESIASTICAL AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

---- Awarded the Nabedrennik (liturgical shield)

---- Awarded the Skufia (priestly headwear)

---- Awarded the Kamilavka (liturgical headwear)

1991 Awarded the priestly honor of wearing the Gold Cross by the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America

1994 Elevated to the priestly title of "Archpriest" by the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America

1998 Awarded the priestly honor of wearing the Palitza (honorary "sword of the Spirit") by the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America

2003 Awarded the priestly honor of wearing the Jeweled Cross by the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America

2005 Elected to the Board of Directors of Orthodox Charitable and Educational Foundation (parent organization of Saint Andrew's Camp and Religious Center, Cleveland NY)

2010 Appointed to the Council of Presbyters of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey; Orthodox Church in America

2010 Appointed as Director of Communications of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey; Orthodox Church in America

2010 Elected and Appointed as member of the Diocesan Council (Secretary) of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey; Orthodox Church in America

(Current as of 1 January 2011)