

## Deacon Anthony Stokes

Rev. Dn. Anthony (Dax) Stokes has been the choir director at St. Maximus the Confessor Orthodox Church in Denton, Texas, since its very first service in July 2001.

He is very active as a church choir director, conducting choirs in services and concert throughout the United States and Russia, and also serves as an ordained deacon in the Orthodox Church in America.

In addition to presenting on the topics of liturgics and Orthodox Church music, he is also the founder of the OCA Diocese of the South Liturgical Music Committee, as well as serving as the Music Director of the St. Kassiani Chorale, a Pan-Orthodox choir in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area.

In 2017, Dn. Anthony was a featured speaker at the 26th Annual Russian Orthodox Church Musicians Conference in Los Angeles, where he gave presentations on liturgical books and reading, in addition to conducting the conference choir in rehearsals and services.

Outside of the Church, he has taught music appreciation and music history classes at the college level for over 13 years, with half of that time spent teaching online. As an orchestral conductor, he has led performances with several orchestras, musical theater, and opera companies in the North Texas area. Principal conducting teachers include Vladimir Gorbik from Moscow, and the late Anshel Brusilow