

PRESIDING BISHOP-ELECT, BP. JOSHUA BEECHAM, BRIEF BIO

Personal Information

- Born in 1956 in Pekin, Illinois, USA
- Brought to the Lord in 1973 through Billy Graham's ministry
- Joined the Baptist Church
- Married to Kathy Coombs from 1976 to present day
- Led by the Holy Spirit to the EOC in the late 1970's
- 2 sons, Luke and Jonathan, 3 biological grandchildren and a grandfather to 3 others.

Educational Information

- Attended Moody Bible School, St. Athanasius Academy of Orthodox Theology, Parkland College, Governor's State University, and St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary

Ministry and Career Information

- Baptist Youth director
- Youth for Christ Campus Life Counselor
- Ordained to the priesthood in 1980
- Priest at St. James EOC in Tolono, IL, USA; temporary priest for Holy Redeemer Charismatic Episcopal Church to help with new start up; senior priest and overseer at St. Paul EOC since 2001
- Consecrated a bishop in 2008
- Separate career outside of church work – Registered Respiratory Therapist – retired.

Written Works, and Projects

- Spearheaded the EOC Common Liturgy Development
- Created 4 additional chapters for the EOC Catechism
- Created the hybrid Western/Eastern EOC Lectionary
- Designed the EOC brochure for Synod Approval
- Created more than 20 informational booklets and articles

Life & Ministry Verse

"Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go." Joshua 1:6-7