

Very Reverend Father Anania Tsaturyan

Fr. Anania Apegha Tsaturyan (baptismal name Aram) was born on July 1, 1984 into a clergy family in the city of Ashtarak in the Aragadzotn state, Republic of Armenia.

From 1991-2001 he studied at the city's Nersess Ashtaraktsi public school no. 1 and in 1993 he began his humble participation in the liturgical services at St. Mariane Church. He received his ordination to the sub-diaconate from Archbishop Navasard Kjoyan in Oshakan's St. Mesrop Church on July 12, 1997.

In 2002 he was accepted to the Gevorgyan Theological Seminary and on December 25, 2006, on the feast of St. Stephen the Protodeacon, he was ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Ararat Kaltakjian

Fr. Anania subsequently graduated from Gevorgyan Theological Seminary, and in July of the same year, with the blessing and order of His Holiness Karekin II, the Catholicos of All Armenians, he was appointed as executive secretary of the "Etchmiadzin" monthly editorial office.

On November 20, 2008 he defended his thesis entitled "The Religio-ecclesiastical Vocabulary of Middle Armenian".

Per order of the Catholicos he was appointed executive secretary of the Gevorgyan Theological Seminary on July 28, 2009.

On December 13, 2009 he was ordained and anointed a celibate priest by Bishop Vertanes Abrahamyan.

By order of the Catholicos, Fr. Anania was appointed as His Holiness' staff bearer on February 15, 2010 and on November 15 of the following year also assumed the role of Head of Protocol for the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin.

On June 28, 2015 he departed for Italy where he spent an initial three months in the city of Arezzo studying the Italian language, and in October of the same year began studying at the Grigorian Pontifical College.

Returning to Armenia in February of 2016, he was appointed as Abbot of the Monastery of St. Kayane on February 22, and beginning in March he organized the monastic life of the nuns and continues to this day to serve as their spiritual father.

On December 22, 2016 Fr. Anania was assigned to the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern).