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The Rev. Dr. Kenneth R. Waldron

Class of 1924

The Rev. Father Kenneth Waldron, ordained an Episcopal priest, was chaplain at Middletown Psychiatric Center in Middletown, N.Y. He also donated services as assistant priest at Grace Episcopal Church in Middletown.

In addition to his Episcopal priesthood, he was ordained a priest of the Eastern Orthodox Church. He held the rank of Arch-priest, or Proto-Presbyter, giving him the title of "Very Reverend" for life. He was one of the very few holding valid orders in both the Eastern Orthodox and Episcopal Churches.

He was ordained a priest at the Church of St. John the Divine in Sharon, Pa., in 1928. Following were pastoral assignments at Lake Shore Missions in North Girard (now Lake City), Pa., Painesville, Ohio; Bellevue and McKees Rocks, Pa. While serving the latter two parishes, he also was chaplain at Duxmont State Hospital from 1945 to 1949.

Prior to his position at Middletown, he was rector at Trinity Church in Mount Vernon, N.Y. He led weekly therapy sessions for alcoholic patients at the hospital. In 1971 he was named Professional Mental Health Chaplain. Waldron was listed in *Who's Who*, *Academy of Science and Religion* and published articles in various church and mental health publications. He was involved with numerous civic, community and religious activities including the National Commission on Relations of Episcopal and Orthodox churches, NAACP and Middletown Human Relations Committee.

He passed away Aug. 16, 1989.

Additional degrees: M.A., B.D., S.T.M., Kenyon College; Honorary Doctor of Divinity, Grove City College

Additional study: University of Wisconsin; Yale School of Alcoholic Studies; Mendota State Hospital; Madison General Hospital; University of Pittsburgh; Western Pennsylvania Psychiatric Hospital

