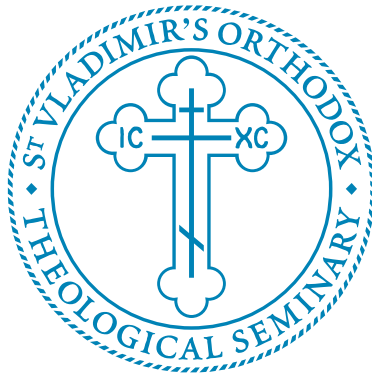


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OF

*St Vladimir's  
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SATURDAY  
MAY 19, 2012  
2:00 PM

St Vladimir's Seminary  
575 Scarsdale Road, Yonkers, NY

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2012

# *Commencement Exercises*

Prayer of Supplication in Three Hierarchs Chapel

Processional: “Christ is Risen”

Opening Prayer: “Troparion for the Three Hierarchs”

Opening of the Commencement Exercises

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Jonah, *President of the Board of Trustees*

Welcoming Remarks

Very Rev. Dr. John Behr, *Dean*

Commencement Address

The Right Rev. Dr. Alexander [Golitzin]

Conferral of Degrees to the Class of 2012

The Saint Basil the Great Award for Academic Achievement

The Rev. Dn. Jason Ketz

Valedictory Address

The Rev. Gerasim [Eliel]

Introduction to the Alumni Association

Mr. Gregory Abdalah, *Alumni Associate President*

Salutatory Address

Mr. Harrison Russin

Commencement Chorale

Exapostilarion of Pascha: “In The Flesh Thou Didst Fall Asleep”

by Alexander Glazunov (1865–1936)

Concluding Remarks

The Very Rev. Dr. Chad Hatfield, *Chancellor*

Closing of the Commencement Exercises

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Jonah, *President of the Board of Trustees*

Closing prayer: “It is truly meet”

Recessional: “Shine, Shine”

Commencement Reception

# *Commencement Speaker*

*His Grace The Rt. Rev. Dr. Alexander [Golitzin]*

BISHOP OF TOLEDO AND THE BULGARIAN DIOCESE OF THE ORTHODOX  
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Raised at St. Innocent Church in Tarzana, California, Bishop Alexander received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of California at Berkeley and a Master of Divinity degree from St. Vladimir's Seminary. He spent seven years pursuing doctoral studies at Oxford University in England under His Eminence Metropolitan Kallistos [Ware]. During this time he also spent two years in Greece, including one year at Simonos Petras Monastery on Mount Athos. After receiving his Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1980, Bishop Alexander returned to the United States. He was ordained to the diaconate in January 1982 and to the priesthood two years later; in 1986, he was tonsured to monastic orders.

From 1989 to 2012, Bishop Alexander taught within the Theology Department at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, while attached to Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church in Milwaukee. On May 5, 2012 he was consecrated Bishop of Toledo and the Bulgarian Diocese during a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at St. George Orthodox Cathedral in Rossford, Ohio.

## *Valedictorian & Salutatorian*

The valedictorian, who is selected from among graduating M.Div. students, delivers the commencement address on behalf of the graduating class. The salutatorian, an M.Div. middler who is completing his or her second academic year at St Vladimir's as a full-time student, offers words of congratulation to the graduating class on behalf of those who will be remaining at the seminary. The valedictorian and salutatorian are selected by the faculty on the basis of the student's excellent performance in all aspects of seminary life, including academic work, participation in chapel services, and completion of community service assignments.

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