# FAST FACTS

## What
A graduate theological school

## Founded
1938

## Degrees Offered
Master of Divinity, Master of Arts, and Master of Theology

## Accreditation
Chartered and approved by the Board of Regents of the New York Department of Education

Accredited member of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) in the United States and Canada

## Faith
Orthodox Christian

## Mission
1) To prepare professionally trained and educated clergy and church leaders
2) To be a center of study and research in Orthodox Christian theology, history, and culture

## Governance
A Board of Trustees, consisting of bishops, clergy, and laity who reflect the pan-Orthodox nature of the seminary

## Ecclesiastical Affiliation
The Orthodox Church in America (OCA)

## Student Body
50-75 full and part-time students annually

## Personnel
9 full-time faculty, 15 part-time faculty, and 18 full-time staff

## Campus
18 buildings, including the Three Hierarchs Chapel, 3 dormitories, 35 married-student apartments, and 8 faculty homes, encompassing 12 acres

## Library Holdings
140,000 titles including a collection of rare books “I am aware of the library holdings and consider its contents to be perhaps the finest collection of Eastern literature in the western hemisphere.” - James H. Billington, 13th Librarian of Congress

## Operating Budget
Over $4 million

## Tuition
$5,256 per semester (full-time up to 18 credits)

## Alumni
Over 1,800 alumni including more than 43 hierarchs; more than 900 clergy; more than 900 laypersons, both men and women

## SVS Press
The largest publisher of Orthodox Christian books in the English language
St. Vladimir’s Seminary serves the Orthodox Church and society through theological education and the ministries of its graduates.

With a firm commitment to the structural unity of the Orthodox Church in North America and to inter-Orthodox cooperation on all levels of church life, the seminary accomplishes this mission through:

• Graduate programs for candidates for Holy Orders
• Graduate programs for scholars and lay workers
• In-depth theological research and reflection
• Rich resources acquired by our library
• Lectures, symposia, workshops, and retreats on our seminary campus and in other venues
• Publications by SVS Press, including scholarly and popular books, and music and lecture CDs
• *St. Vladimir’s Theological Quarterly*, a peer-reviewed academic journal
• Communication with our alumni and constituency through Web 2.0 venues, such as Facebook and Twitter
• Commitment to maintaining an inter-Orthodox and international student body and Board of Trustees
• Participation of faculty and students in inter-Orthodox and inter-church movements
• Participation in community programs and affairs on local, state, national, and international levels
Christian Education
**Contact:** Dr. Albert Rossi for religious education within the family, adult education.

Church History & Canon Law
**Contact:** Rev. Dr. Alexander Rentel or John H. Erickson for canon law questions; history of Christianity in general and history of the Orthodox Church in particular.
**Contact:** V. Rev. Dr. John Behr for the historical development of Orthodox doctrine.

Ecclesiology & Liturgics
**Contact:** Dr. Paul Meyendorff for hierarchical and jurisdictional organization; liturgical studies.
**Contact:** Dr. Paul Meyendorff or Rev. Dr. Alexander Rentel for feasts, holy days, and the sacraments.

Ecumenism
**Contact:** Dr. Peter C. Bouteneff or Rev. John H. Erickson for Orthodoxy and the ecumenical movement; Orthodoxy and the World Council of Churches.
**Contact:** V. Rev. Dr. Chad Hatfield for issues related to Orthodox-Anglican dialogue.
**Contact:** Dr. Paul Meyendorff for issues related to Orthodox-Roman Catholic dialogue.

Ethical & Social Issues
**Contact:** V. Rev. Dr. John Breck for Orthodoxy and ethics: war, gender, marriage, divorce, family, same-sex unions, homosexuality.
**Contact:** Dr. Albert Rossi for issues relating to child sexual abuse; Orthodox Church policies on pedophilia, same-sex unions.
**Contact:** Dr. Peter C. Bouteneff for issues concerning the relationship between the Church and popular culture, religious themes in film.

Liturgical Music & Art
**Contact:** Dr. Nicholas Reeves & Dr. David Drillock for queries about Orthodox liturgical music.
**Contact:** Dr. Richard P. Schneider for liturgical art, architecture, and iconography.

Orthodoxy & Current Events
**Contact:** Rev. Dr. Alexander Rentel for events affecting the Orthodox churches in North America and abroad.

Orthodox Dogma & Theology
**Contact:** V. Rev. Dr John Behr or Dr. Peter C. Bouteneff, or V. Rev. Hopko for the development of Orthodox doctrine, Orthodox Tradition, the Orthodox stance on current theological trends.

Pastoral Issues
**Contact:** V. Rev. Dr. Harry Pappas or Dr. Albert Rossi for issues relating to addiction, family, marriage, divorce, counseling, Orthodoxy and psychotherapy, the old and aging, sickness, and death.

Scripture
**Contact:** Dr. John Barnet or V. Rev. Dr Paul Nadim Tarazi for questions related to scriptural studies.

Spirituality & Spiritual Formation
**Contact:** Dr. Álbert Rössi or V. Rev. Hopko for issues relating to prayer, the Jesus Prayer, fasting, sacramental confession, and the Orthodox spiritual life.

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