



ST VLADIMIR'S ORTHODOX THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



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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

8 full-time faculty, 15 part-time faculty,
and 10 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 42
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

WHAT WE DO

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:



Three Hierarchs Chapel

- 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

TALKING POINTS

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: *V. Rev. Steven J. Belonick* or *Dr. Albert Rossi* for issues relating to prayer, the Jesus Prayer, fasting, sacramental confession, and the Orthodox spiritual life.

See our Faculty page for contact information

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UPCOMING EVENTS

*29th Annual Father Alexander Memorial Lecture
with Margaret Barker, D.D. presenting:*

“Our Great High Priest: The Church as the New Temple”

Sunday, January 29, 2012

See “Upcoming Events” on our Home Page: www.svots.edu

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