

2011 COMMENCEMENT  
OF

*St Vladimir's  
Orthodox Theological Seminary*



SATURDAY  
MAY 21, 2011  
2:00 PM

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

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2011

## *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

The Very Rev. Dr. John Behr, *Dean of the Seminary*

Conferral of Honorary Degree

Commencement Address

Professor Emeritus David Drillock

Conferral of Degrees to the Class of 2011

The Saint Basil the Great Award for Academic Achievement

Mr. Andrew Smith and Monk Kilian (Sprecher)

Valedictory Address

Mr. Michael John Soroka

Introduction into the Alumni Association

The Very Rev. David Barr, *Alumni Association President*

Salutatory Address

The Rev. Dn. David Wooten

Concluding Remarks

The Very Rev. Dr. Chad Hatfield, *Chancellor of the Seminary (CEO)*

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

David Drillock

PROFESSOR OF LITURGICAL MUSIC, EMERITUS

From his early years Professor David Drillock exhibited exceptional talent in the areas of mathematics and music, and he multiplied those talents considerably during his tenure at St. Vladimir's Seminary. Professor Drillock's long—even epic—tenure at St. Vladimir's Seminary began after he earned his Master of Divinity degree from our school in 1963, and from that point until his retirement in 2004, he applied his mathematical and organizational skills first as Secretary of the school, then as Provost, and then as Chief Financial Officer. Simultaneously, he acted, initially, as Lecturer in Liturgical Music and then, subsequently, as Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Professor of Music, as well as Director of Music at the seminary. Besides his degree from St. Vladimir's, he earned his B.A. from Columbia University in 1960, and his S.M.M. (Master of Sacred Music) from Union Theological Seminary in 1969.

Professor Drillock taught introductory courses on the fundamentals of music, basic Russian tonal systems, choral conducting and advanced choral conducting, rubrics, liturgical singing, and the history of Russian Church music to generations of seminarians. Delving deep within the traditions of Znamenny, Kievan, Byzantine, Carpathian, Serbian, and Bulgarian chant, and the great tradition of Russian musical choral composition, he co-edited two editions of *The Divine Liturgy*, *The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts*, *Holy Week I and II*, and *Pascha: The Resurrection of Christ*. His music books are credited as foundational publications that have served to provide sound, well-prepared liturgical musical adaptations in the English language to parish choirs throughout the world.

He has served as General Editor of the journal *Orthodox Church Music* and has written extensively in other journals on the themes of music and worship, and early Slavic translation and musical adaptation of Byzantine liturgical hymnody. Always energetic, Professor Drillock also is credited with directing and producing nine remarkable liturgical music CDs featuring the choirs of St. Vladimir's Seminary and the combined Orthodox seminaries in North America.

A man of enormous heart and immense talent, Professor Drillock is one of the most outstanding musical resources, not only for St. Vladimir's Seminary but also for the whole Orthodox Church.

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(Commendation for community service)

*Race and the Socially Poor: A Response of Orthodox Christianity  
in America*

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*Dialectic vs. Dogmatic: A Lonerganian Analysis of  
a Twelfth Century Debate*

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*The Mental Battlement: Foundationalist Epistemology and  
the Works of Seraphim Rose*

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*Radiant as the Sun: An Analysis of the Oration and Canon of  
the Transfiguration by St. John of Damascus*

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*An Oral History of St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Parish - Milwaukee,  
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*Ecclesiology in Diaspora*



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*Teaching the Whole Child: An Examination of Education  
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