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SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018, 2:30 PM

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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

*Please silence all mobile phones
and other electronic devices.*

During the Procession: Troparion of Ascension

Opening of the Commencement Exercises

The Most Blessed Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Welcoming Remarks

The Very Rev. Dr. Chad Hatfield, President

Conferral of Honorary Degrees

The Very Rev. Dr. J. Sergius Halvorsen, Faculty Secretary

David H. Bradshaw, Ph.D.

Doctor of Divinity (D.D.)

The Rev. Pdn. Peter Danilchick

Doctor of Humane Letters (D.H.L.)

The Very Rev. Mitered Archpriest Sergei Glagolev

Doctor of Sacred Music (D.S.M.)

Commencement Address

David H. Bradshaw, Ph.D.

Chair of the Department of Philosophy at the University of Kentucky

Conferral of Degrees on the Graduates of the Class of 2018

Dr. John A. Barnet, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Valedictory Address

Mr. Dimitrios S. Nikiforos

Introduction to the Alumni Association

The Very Rev. David Barr

Conferral of the St. Macrina Award

Mr. Angelo Niquila

President of the Student Council

Salutatory Address

Mr. Timothy Aznavourian

St. Vladimirs' Women's Chorale

"Lord, Now Let Thy Servant" by Fr. Sergei Glagolev

Closing Remarks

The Most Blessed Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Closing prayer: "It is truly meet"

Recessional: Troparion of Ascension

A reception follows.



THE CLASS OF 2018

CANDIDATES FOR THE MASTER OF DIVINITY DEGREE

The Rev. Isaac DANEVICIUS

The Rev. Dn. Daniel GREESON (*summa cum laude*; commendation for thesis;
commendation for service to the community)
*The Task of Embodying God-manhood: The Apocalyptic Theology of
St. Maria of Paris*
Dr. Peter Bouteneff, advisor

The Rev. Andrew HONORE

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Liturgy, Reading, and Ascesis in Saint Maximus the Confessor's Mystagogy
The Very Rev. Dr. Sergius Halvorsen, advisor

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Painted Midrash: The Reception of Scripture in the Dura-Europos Iconography
Prof. Richard Schneider, advisor

The Rev. Christopher MOORE (*summa cum laude*)
*Cultural Awareness and Exchange: Rethinking Inculturation in Orthodox
Mission for the 21st Century*
The Rev. Dr. Gregory Edwards, advisor

Mr. Dimitrios S. NIKIFOROS (*summa cum laude; commendation for thesis*)
*The Influence of the Greco-Roman Legal Thought on the Development of the
Methodological Principle of Οικονομία in Byzantine Canon Law: The Local
Cappadocian Traditions of Gregory Thaumaturgos*
The Very Rev. Dr. Alexander Rentel, advisor

Mr. Seraphim O'KEEFE (*magna cum laude*)
*By Means of Means and by Virtue of Virtue: The Human Being as the Image of
God in St. Gregory of Nyssa's On the Making of Man*
The Very Rev. Dr. John Behr, advisor

The Rev. Jeremiah PHILLIPS

The Rev. Dn. Gregory POTTER (*commendation for service to the community*)

Mr. Christopher RAKOWSKI
[Degree awarded in September 2017]
*The Sputnik Psalomshchika: Its Part in the Renewal of East-Slavic Church-
Singing in Early Twentieth-Century Russia*
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*The Recensions of "On Watchfulness and Holiness": A Reading with Respect to
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The Noetic Anthropology of Gregory of Nyssa in De Hominis Opificio
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Sound is the Ear and Silence is the Mouth: A Mystical Glimpse into the Lives of Martha and Mary as Symbols of Christian Discipleship
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Loving the Word: Philological Activity in the Selections of Origen on Genesis
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*Falling Towards Christ: Human Fallenness in Maximus the Confessor and Its
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*Defeating Demons and Astonishing Angels: Pascha As Spectacle in the Early
Paschal Tradition*

The Very Rev. Dr. John Behr, advisor

THE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

David Bradshaw, Ph.D., is a professor in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Kentucky, and a member of St. Athanasius Orthodox Church in Nicholasville, KY.

Professor Bradshaw earned his doctorate at the University of Texas, Austin, and he currently specializes in ancient and medieval philosophy, philosophy of religion, and the interactions of theology and philosophy.

Professor Bradshaw is a contributor to *Turning East: Contemporary Philosophers and the Ancient Christian Faith* (SVS Press, 2012). He is also the author of *Aristotle East and West: Metaphysics and the Division of Christendom*, which focuses on a comparative history of philosophical thought in the two halves of Christendom, East and West, and which won the Morris D. Forkosch prize, sponsored by the *Journal of the History of Ideas*. Additionally, he is the editor of *Philosophical Theology and the Christian Tradition: Russian and Western Perspectives and Ethics and the Challenge of Secularism: Russian and Western Perspectives*.

His current research focuses on the ways that ancient Greek philosophy shaped medieval philosophy and religious thought, and how these, in turn, contributed to the formation of modernity. Most of his work to date has been on the philosophical roots of the division between the Greek-speaking (eastern) and Latin-speaking (western) branches of Christianity.

Over the next few years his hope is to explore more fully the implications of Eastern Christian thought for contemporary philosophy of religion, and ultimately to use this work (both historical and contemporary) as a basis for a new analysis of precisely why modern philosophy rejected traditional religious belief, including in what respects that development was and was not justified.

THE VALEDICTORIAN AND 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 each 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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