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Equipping the Saints

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I am the vine; you are the branches.

WITH YOUR HELP, we equip the Saints

ST. GREGORY NAZIANZUS IS CREDITED WITH SAYING:

It is necessary, first of all, to purify oneself, and only then purify others; to gain wisdom and then instill wisdom; to become the light and then illumine.

These words reflect our vocation as a seminary of the Orthodox Church. We exist “. . . for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ” (Eph. 4:12). Life at St. Vladimir’s Seminary is not the same as life lived in a graduate school setting. This is a place of trial and tears as the process of purification works through a daily routine of chapel, class, and service to others. The academic demands here are rigorous, but book knowledge is only part of the gaining of “wisdom” that is necessary to teach others, to proclaim the gospel through holy living, and to become a beacon of “light,” which is the desire of every Christian heart. During the purifying three-year sojourn at St. Vladimir’s, trials become burdens made light (as promised by the Lord), and tears become signs of joy instead of sorrow.

Our vocation as a seminary is to provide the means for “equipping” our future parish priests; our school, hospital, and military chaplains; our scholars and monastics; and a multitude of our other alumni who together “build up” the Body of Christ. We have been offering and improving this vocational training for 75 years. With your help we will continue what is surely the most essential ministry of service offered to the faithful of the Church.

In this fresh Annual Report you will see the record of an amazing year of activities that highlight our common life here. Please note the emphasis on our new “Fully Paid Tuition” initiative (see page 4). This plan reflects our institutional and pastoral commitment to make it possible for our graduates to enter a life of service to Christ and His People without carrying the heavy load of tuition debt. As a seminary we have assumed the financial risk that this

plan carries, but we have been gratified by the tangible response that signifies that our donors and supporters are willing to stand with us in addressing and correcting a serious problem. I thank you, and certainly our seminarians and their families thank you!

On a final note, many celebrations will mark our 75th Anniversary Year (1938–2013), making the coming year an extra special one. With this Annual Report we are officially announcing our Diamond Jubilee theme: “Engaging the world with Orthodox Christianity since 1938” (see page 17).

The first event on the Jubilee calendar is the 30th Annual Father Alexander Schmemmann Memorial Lecture, Friday, January 18, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Metropolitan Philip Auditorium of the John G. Rangos Family Building. Dr. Peter Brown, Princeton University’s Philip and Beulah Rollins Professor of History, Emeritus, will deliver a free and public lecture titled “Constantine, Eusebius, and the Future of Christianity.” The last event on the calendar will be a Grand Banquet Thursday, November 7, 2013, at the Glen Island Harbour Club, New Rochelle, New York. Please watch our Website for the announcement of other events in your area: www.svots.edu.

As we continue to strive as a seminary to gain purity, wisdom, and light, we thank you for sojourning with us over these many years. With your help, many sorrows have turned to joy, and many burdens have become light.



The Very Rev. Dr. Chad Hatfield (PHOTO: Dn. Ryan Tellalian)

Fr. Chad Hatfield

THE VERY REV. DR. CHAD HATFIELD
CHANCELLOR/CEO



The Very Rev. Dr. John Behr (PHOTO: Dn. Ryan Tellalian)

PROVIDING THE equipment

OUR READERS WILL NOTE THAT THE CORE OF this year’s Annual Report concentrates on what we faculty at St. Vladimir’s Seminary refer to as the “New Curriculum.” Because of our venerable 75-year history, I thought it beneficial to explain the need for something “new,” in light of all that we cherish as our heritage.

The “New Curriculum” was introduced when Fr. Chad Hatfield and I assumed leadership of St.

Vladimir’s Seminary seven years ago (as Chancellor/CEO and Dean, respectively). It was itself the product of a long period of intense reflection involving many parties—bishops, alumni, trustees, faculty, students, parishoners, and educators—in what was called “The Good Pastor Project.” The project was launched and implemented as a response to changing demographics and realities of the modern world: on the one hand, a student body that included many more converts, who had journeyed through prayer, inquiry, and reading into the Orthodox Church, and so whose knowledge of the Church and her theology was perhaps great but whose life experience in the Church was short; and, on the other hand, increasing challenges presented to us by a world changing at an ever more rapid rate on so many different levels.

So rapid is this rate, that even the “New Curriculum” is no longer new! Over the past seven years, the faculty at St. Vladimir’s Seminary have continued to work diligently and responsibly to make sure that our program, as a whole and in its individual elements, provides the best response to the vicissitudes of 21st century life.

As you will read in the accompanying pieces in this Annual Report (pages 5–7), many elements have been refined or newly introduced: required Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE); extended fieldwork to all three years of the Master of Divinity program (now including Prison Ministry); Palliative Care sessions by our new visiting faculty member Dr. Daniel Hinshaw, whose work in this field throughout the Orthodox world is remarkable and ground-breaking; Missiology, with our own experienced missionary, Fr. Chad Hatfield; and continuing work on developing the Music Program and the Liturgical Arts Program.

Closest to my own heart and involvement is our renewed attention to training in preaching and scriptural studies. Father Sergius Halvorsen is our newly appointed Assistant Professor of Homiletics and Rhetoric; his is the only such position at any Orthodox seminary in North America. And, after a couple of decades of teaching the Fathers of the Church and their reading of Scripture, it is a great joy for me to be able to teach the Scriptures themselves, through an introductory course in Old Testament.

What I have found particularly rewarding and pleasant in my position as the head of the faculty is that all these developments have come from genuinely open and collegial discussions amongst the faculty themselves, in consultation with the bishops of each jurisdiction and other priests, alumni, and educators. Far from following a top-down dictate or a personal agenda, we work together in regular Faculty Council meetings to oversee the programs of the Seminary and the students. In extended (and convivial) evening faculty seminars, all sorts of matters pertaining to the life and work of the Seminary—in service of the Church and for the salvation of the world—are discussed, reflected upon prayerfully, and examined, leading to concrete steps to make our course offerings the best that they can be. Any major decisive new steps are then taken to the Board of Trustees for further discussion, evaluation, and refinement.

The work of the Seminary is never finished; it continues as a work in progress. Yet, collaborative and conciliar processes, with the involvement of all those I have mentioned, ensure that this work is indeed the work of the Church, the work of all the people of God.

Fr. John Behr

THE VERY REV. DR. JOHN BEHR
DEAN

The cover image of our Annual Report FY2012 features Captain Sean Levine, chaplain, 117th Infantry Battalion, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, as he prepares for Paschal services in Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan; read his reflection as a SVOTS alumnus on page 8 of the Annual Report. (PHOTO: Spc. Jennifer Spradlin, 16th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, Department of Defense)

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If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me, you can do nothing.

JOHN 15:5

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



FROM LEFT: Dean Fr. John Behr, newly elected Executive Chair Alex Machaskee, past Executive Chair Anne Glynn Mackoul, and Chancellor/CEO Fr. Chad Hatfield. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)

Trustee Alex Machaskee Elected as New Executive Chair

AFTER FIVE YEARS OF LAUDABLE SERVICE AS EXECUTIVE CHAIR OF THE SEMINARY’S BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ANNE GLYNN MACKOUL STEPPED down from that position at the annual meeting of the Board, held November 16–18, 2011. Alex Machaskee, past Chair of the Board’s Communications Committee, was then elected by his fellow trustees as the new Executive Chair.

Mrs. Glynn Mackoul was the Seminary’s first-ever Executive Chair, a position created in 2006. She acted as the liaison between the seminary administration and the Board of Trustees, effectively cultivating efficient and meaningful governance by the Board and supporting the leadership and management responsibilities of the Dean and Chancellor.

Remarking upon his new position, Mr. Machaskee said, “I intend to listen carefully to the various constituencies of St. Vlad’s, for example, the students, faculty, staff, alumni, donors, and obviously, the Dean and Chancellor, in an effort to continue St. Vlad’s as the premier Orthodox theological seminary in the world.

“The work of the committees and support of the Board of Trustees are the cornerstones upon which we will build toward a glorious celebration of the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of St. Vladimir’s Seminary on November 7, 2013,” he concluded.

Mr. Machaskee—retired Publisher, President, and CEO of *The Plain Dealer* (Ohio’s largest newspaper)—now serves as President of Alex Machaskee & Associates, LLC, a firm based in Cleveland that specializes in Media/Public Relations, Strategic Planning, International Relations, and Marketing and Event Promotion.

Attorney Michael Bress Retires as Trustee Emeritus

Following 12 years of outstanding service to the Board of Trustees and the Seminary, Attorney Michael Bress was honored at a celebratory dinner in November 2011, with the bestowal of the title “Trustee Emeritus,” and presentations of a gramata acknowledging his board contributions and a beautiful icon of the Holy and Great Prince Vladimir, patron of the Seminary.

In reflecting upon his tenure as a trustee, Mr. Bress remarked, “Through the years I developed a great admiration for St. Vladimir’s, from my exposure to the publications of its press, contacts with priests who are alumni, contact with faculty at lectures and retreats, in my local parish, and especially from all I heard of its contributions to the development of Orthodoxy in America in the last 60 or 70 years. I accepted an invitation to join the Board, hoping to make some contribution to the support of this fine institution. I have not been disappointed. Seeing the institution up close and the work that has to be done to keep it going has enhanced the general appreciation I had for St. Vladimir’s.”



Chancellor/CEO Fr. Chad Hatfield, presenting an icon of the Holy and Great Prince Vladimir to Trustee Emeritus Michael Bress. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)

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FINANCIAL AID FOR SEMINARIANS



St. Vladimir’s Seminary is committed to supporting its students with tuition aid through grants and scholarships. (PHOTO: Dn. Ryan Tellalan)

Fully Paid Tuition Plan Implemented

IN FEBRUARY 2012, OUR SEMINARY DEAN, THE VERY REV. DR. JOHN BEHR, ANNOUNCED, “IT IS NOW POSSIBLE FOR STUDENTS TO COME TO St. Vladimir’s with their tuition fully funded,” as he unfolded a new plan designed to help seminarians cover the cost of their education.

Effective for Academic Year 2012–2013, the Seminary instituted a “matching grant” program for students seeking either a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) or Master of Arts (M.A.) degree in theology. The plan, which was initiated by the Board of Trustees in November 2011, is simple: the Seminary will provide 50% of total tuition costs in outright grants, and up to 25% more in dollar-for-dollar matching funds to qualifying students, that is, students who meet the need-based criteria set by the Seminary. The other 25% of tuition will be paid through matching funds donated by ecclesial sources, such as dioceses, parishes, parish organizations, and parish aid and scholarship funds.

“In this manner,” explained Fr. John, “the tuition for all our students will be potentially fully funded. Additionally, these funds will be available to incoming *and* returning students.”

Seminary Chancellor/CEO, The Very Rev. Dr. Chad Hatfield, further noted the import of the new plan, saying, “Just as we built the Married Student Lakeside Housing complex on our campus to create a close-knit community and to offer our students and their families affordable rental space, we’ve taken a leap of faith in creating this new plan to help students leave here debt free and ready to work in God’s vineyard.”

Both the Dean and the Chancellor emphasized that the Seminary’s commitment to pay at least 50%—and up to 75%—of the total annual tuition costs per qualifying student represents a substantial increase over what the Seminary has contributed to student tuition in previous years.

“When people ask, ‘How is St. Vladimir’s doing this?’,” Fr. Chad reflects, “I respond simply: ‘With your help!’”

To learn more about the Seminary’s Fully Paid Tuition Plan, visit www.svots.edu/content/svots-implements-fully-paid-tuition-plan, or contact Protodeacon Joseph Matusiak, director of Admissions and Alumni Relations, at jmatusiak@svots.edu, or 914-961-8313 x328.

Dean’s Fellowships Offer Free Tuition to Master of Theology Candidates

Covering 100% of tuition in outright grant monies, Dean’s Fellowships are awarded to full-time candidates for the Master of Theology (Th.M.) degree who show promise of success in future academic work and/or of significant service to the Church. Successful candidates typically have a GPA of at least 3.5 in their first theological degree, and upon admission and granting of the Dean’s Fellowship, they are assigned a one-year research and teaching assistantship with a member of the seminary faculty.



St. Vladimir’s Seminary is committed to helping seminarians graduate without tuition debt. Scholarship aid helps keep tuition costs low. (PHOTOS: Leanne Parrott)

Special Scholarships Support Serbian, Malankara, & Monastic Students

St. Vladimir’s Seminary offers students of Serbian and Indian descent special opportunities to earn a Master’s degree with very little financial burden. As well, the Seminary has made special provision for monastic students with high promise for service to the Church.

In 2010, our school established *The St. Sava of Serbia Scholarship Fund*, which pays up to 100% of tuition—and room, board, and books—for Orthodox Christian men and women of Serbian ancestry who demonstrate need, strong academic performance, and the promise of significant service to the Church. *The St. Sava Scholarship Fund* is fed by several smaller scholarships, including: *The Brian and Marilyn Gerich Scholarship Fund*; *The Petar L. and Olga Gerich Family Scholarship Fund*; *The Frank Joity Memorial Scholarship Fund*; *The Bishop Nicolai Velimirovich Serbian Scholarship Fund*; and *The Mitchell and Violet Zunic Scholarship Fund*.

In 2010, our school likewise established *The Malankara Orthodox Scholarship Fund*, for both entering and returning students, granting six awards of up to 75% of tuition in grant and work-study to men and women of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church (MOSC) who demonstrate need, strong academic performance, and promise of significant service to the Church. Priority is given to men who are enrolled in the Master of Divinity (M.Div.) program and are preparing for ordination, but all students of Indian descent in the MOSC are eligible.

The St. Anthony the Great Scholarship, covering 100% of total eligible tuition, is awarded to Orthodox men and women of the monastic rank of “Rassaphore” who demonstrate need, strong academic performance, and promise of significant service to the Church.

To learn more about these and all of our scholarships for students, visit, or contact Protodeacon Joseph Matusiak, director of Admissions and Alumni Relations, at jmatusiak@svots.edu, or 914-961-8313 x328.

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FACULTY NOTES

“The Good Pastor” Curriculum

Since the installation of The Very Rev. Dr. John Behr as Dean and The Very Rev. Dr. Chad Hatfield as Chancellor/CEO (2007), faculty have been examining, reorganizing, and developing the curriculum to help seminarians face pastoral challenges presented by the 21st century. Recent changes made, especially within the Master of Divinity program, cap goals and objectives set by the faculty and approved by the Board of Trustees nearly a decade ago.

“This curriculum rebirth,” said Dr. John Barnet, associate dean for Academic Affairs, “in part, is a culmination of ‘The Good Pastor Project,’ one of the many clear initiatives of the Seminary’s *Strategic Plan SVS 2010*, which specifically encouraged pastoral education and practical training of students within their ecclesial circles and contexts.”

Fresh initiatives include Homiletics and Missiology courses, as well as the Seminary’s renewed Liturgical Arts and Music Programs. Faculty continue to work toward accreditation of Doctor of Ministry and Doctor of Philosophy programs.

We invite our readers to peruse the full curriculum in our Academic Catalog: www.svots.edu/academics/catalog, and to learn about our exceptional faculty at www.svots.edu/directory/faculty.



Third-year seminarians and mentors for their Parish Placement Field Experience pose with faculty and administration in The Bolch Courtyard. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)

Clinical Pastoral Education Now a Requirement



Seminary graduates Logan Johnson and Sarah Bracey-Johnson have headed off to prestigious CPE residency programs. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)

Clinical Pastoral Education began in 1925 as a form of theological education that takes place in clinical settings where ministry is being practiced: hospitals and health care facilities; hospices; psychiatric and community care facilities; geriatric and rehabilitation centers; and even parish-based settings. In the case of St. Vladimir’s seminarians, all CPE learning currently takes place in hospital settings, either during their “Middle” academic year or during their summer recesses.

SVOTS graduates who have chosen to earn one CPE unit during their seminary studies (even before it was required!) have had extraordinary success in being accepted to CPE residency programs, which will allow them eventually to become institutional chaplains. Venues have included: Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City; Veteran’s Administration Hospitals in the Bronx; Westchester County Medical Center; and St. John’s Riverside Hospital in Yonkers. In FY2012, the Seminary proudly acknowledged two graduating seminarians: Logan Johnson, who landed a residency at Cleveland Clinic (ranked fourth in the nation by *US News and World Report*); and Sarah Bracey-Johnson (no relation to Logan!), who entered a program at Carolinas Medical Center NorthEast in Concord, North Carolina.

Seminarians Experience World Behind Bars



Seminarian Monk James (LEFT) meets with mentor Fr. Nicholas Solak to prepare for his Prison Ministry Field Experience. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)

experience in corrections has been coupled with parish ministry,” he explained.

During FY2012, seminarians trained for their Prison Ministry Field Experience at the Westchester County Department of Correction’s Penitentiary Division. Students went to the facility for six visits (plus an extensive orientation) and met in campus seminars for six follow-up sessions. Prison visits took the format of Bible studies; Fr. Nicholas led and modeled the first study, and seminarians developed subsequent studies and led small group discussions.

The Prison Ministry Field Experience at St. Vladimir’s began as a glimmer in the mind of Trustee Attorney Eric Namee in 2009. Since then, it has blossomed into a collaborative effort between the Seminary and the Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM), particularly with the active and helpful participation of Chaplain Patrick Tutella, executive director at OCPM.

Horizons Widen for Field Experience

The Rev. Dr. David Mezynski, associate dean for Student Affairs, wants to widen the options for fieldwork for seminarians in their third year of study. As Director of Field Education, he is exploring four possibilities: 1) an accredited unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), in addition to the one now required for M.Div. candidates; 2) a parish-based CPE experience; 3) a short-term mission experience; or 4) a student-proposed fieldwork activity. Father David predicts that these options will be available by the time the 2012 incoming class begins their third year of studies.

“Our student base and demographic have broadened considerably over the past decades,” observed Fr. David, “and offering our incoming students innovative options that will best serve them in future ministry is a formative goal that St. Vladimir’s embraces.

“In the past, our parish placement assignments have been invaluable to seminarians headed toward priestly ministry,” he noted. “In fact, we’re strengthening those assignments with heightened mentorship objectives in mind; seminarians on track for ordination will still be required to work alongside a seasoned priest as part of their Field Experience.

“But, we have many students that would be benefit more from other fieldwork assignments,” he continued. “Tailoring our program where possible to the personal ministerial gifts brought to bear by our students is one exciting goal of the Field Experience Program,” he concluded.

FACULTY NOTES: “The Good Pastor” Curriculum *continued*

Intensive Missiology Electives Offered



Seminary graduate Ian Jones, on a missionary journey to Guatemala, joyfully poses with children of the Hogar Rafael Ayau Orphanage.

“Missiology” is one of those words that your spell checker will underscore in red,” quipped The Very Rev. Dr. Chad Hatfield, who not only is Chancellor/CEO at the Seminary but also its recently appointed Adjunct Professor of Missiology. His intensive courses emphasize the shrinking population of Orthodox Christian believers worldwide and the special challenges of spreading the gospel in the 21st century.

“At St. Vladimir’s Seminary,” noted Fr. Chad, “we recognize that our time to reach the world with the message of gospel as proclaimed within the Church is short, and we must act.

“We further understand,” he said, “that the average age in so many of our parishes is in the 70s range. As well, many of our church buildings are now found in neighborhoods that are no longer populated with ‘our people’; so how do we become evangelists in these places where the sign in front of our church reads ‘Russian’ or ‘Greek’?

“In short,” he reflected, “how do we become the ‘Orthodox Christian’ parish to people who speak Spanish at home and live across the street from our church? We are looking to equip our graduates to serve in these domestic situations where the time to bring new life to aging communities is running short.”

Father Chad also includes the situations of newly founded Orthodox Christian missions in his courses,

especially those in places where there has never been an Orthodox Church, and where, typically, less than 30 households make up the parish.

“We are eager to work with our bishops, to prepare ordinands for service in the mission field here at home,” he said. “SVOTS has a long history of sending graduates not only into foreign mission fields but also to the Orthodox churches in the Mother Diocese of America: Alaska. Through our developing Missiology Program we want to build upon this good foundation and prepare people for service in regions of the world where Orthodoxy is new or unknown altogether.

“We are also ready to prepare our graduates to serve in traditional Orthodox lands where our ‘American’ expertise in areas such as addiction ministries, catechetical instruction, and administration of hospitals, clinics, and schools is requested,” he continued.

“By talking about and doing ‘missiology,’” concluded Fr. Chad, “in a few years we may no longer have a word that is not part of our daily Orthodox Christian vocabulary.”

Dr. Daniel Hinshaw Appointed Visiting Professor of Palliative Care



Daniel Hinshaw, M.D., lectures on “Spiritual Issues in Suffering and Palliative Care,” at a pastoral seminar on campus. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)

In an effort to provide specialized training to seminarians regarding end-of-life pastoral care, Dr. Daniel B. Hinshaw was appointed Visiting Professor of Palliative Care in February 2012, by The Very Rev. Dr. John Behr, dean. Dr. Hinshaw will be teaching a two-week intensive course on palliative care in June 2013.

“Our seminary faculty is very impressed by all of Dr. Hinshaw’s work, nationally and internationally,” said Fr. John.

Dr. Hinshaw is Professor of Surgery at the University of Michigan Medical School, in the Section of General Surgery. He serves as an attending consultant physician on the inpatient palliative care consultation service at the VA Ann Arbor Health Care System and provides outpatient palliative care services at the University of Michigan Geriatrics Center. He completed a fellowship in Palliative Medicine at Cleveland Clinic, and his clinical research interests focus on care at the end of life, spiritual distress in advanced illnesses, and the use of complementary medicine in the relief of pain.

Dr. Hinshaw remarked, “I am deeply honored by this appointment. It provides a wonderful opportunity to align my clinical, teaching, and scholarly work more closely with the healing mission of the Orthodox Church.”

Music Program Includes Master Classes, Choral Concerts

“The musical environment at St. Vladimir’s is one of transition,” said Assistant Professor of Liturgical Music Dr. Nicholas Reeves. “New arrangements are being sung in Three Hierarchs Chapel, and new professors are instructing courses; all of these changes result from the theological, pastoral, and musical needs of our students.”

In particular, newly designed courses in the Music Program focus on intensive technical training. Dr. Reeves is teaching “Introduction to Vocal Production,” a remedial voice-training course that introduces students to phonation, rhythm, and pitch recognition; and “Vocal Instruction,” an advanced course that combines group and private lessons and that addresses problems of diction, pedagogy, and vocal technique. Matushka Robin Freeman, recently appointed Lecturer in Choral Conducting, in turn, is teaching both beginning and advanced classes in choral conducting.

Additionally, special lecturers are focusing on particular liturgical musical traditions. Receiving distinctive attention are students from the Byzantine and Syriac traditions.

Mariam Ceena Varghese, as Lecturer in Malayalam, is giving in-class instruction on the chant language of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, which is practiced by reading, chanting, and singing in the Malankara Chapel on the Seminary’s campus. Her courses familiarize students with the eight-mode music system of the West-Syriac Tradition.

“I am grateful to the Seminary for its commitment to pan-orthodoxy and for providing the atmosphere for the Malankara students to grow in their faith and traditions,” said Ms. Varghese. “The Seminary has made this possible by providing the Malankara Chapel, the Malankara Curriculum, and the Malankara Scholarship program.”

The Rev. Charles Baz, as Lecturer in Liturgical Music, is teaching Byzantine Liturgical Chant Theory and subsequent intensive courses in the Arabic language for liturgical use.

“Understanding the theory of Byzantine *Psaltika*,” said Fr. Charles, “is essential to comprehending and practicing this ancient form of liturgical chant. Students are presented with a thorough survey of the major Byzantine musical scales, how they are incorporated in chant, and how they are interrelated and made distinct by application.

Liturgical Arts Program Sets St. Vladimir’s Apart



Deacon Evan Freeman (LEFT) guides fellow students through exhibits at The Metropolitan Museum of Art; Th.M. studies at SVOTS led to his admission to the prestigious doctoral program in the History of Art, Yale University. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)

Continuing the Seminary’s legacy of well-trained chapel and traveling choirs, Hierodeacon Herman (Majkrzak), lecturer in Liturgical Music and director of Chapel Music at the Seminary, teaches both all-male and also mixed-voice ensembles. He remarked, “In the chapel, in the classroom, and on the road with the traveling choir, I strive to convey to my students how solemn and yet joyful is the task of liturgical singing, for it is nothing less than a foretaste of the kingdom of God and an image of the worship of the angels.”

This past year, Dr. Reeves introduced two more elements into the Music Program: Master Classes and major public concerts. These have augmented classroom instruction and the natural learning that takes place as seminarians conduct chapel services and participate in them as choir members.

Two Master Classes were held on campus in FY2012. The first, under the direction of Matushka Robin Freeman and with the participation of St. Vladimir’s Seminary Chorale, culminated in the premiere of a new setting of the *Parables* service to the Mother of God in the campus chapel. The second, under renowned Russian choral conductor, Vladimir Gorbik, attracted more than 40 participants from across the U.S. and internationally during a summer session.

Matushka Robin, along with Hierodeacon Herman, also conducted a public concert, “ORIENT: Sacred Song and Image,” in New York City, using the exquisitely trained voices of St. Vladimir’s Seminary Chorale. Matushka Robin, who

designed the program, paired iconographic images with traditional liturgical music; the concert was presented to a capacity crowd in the famous “Actor’s Chapel” in Manhattan.

In summing up his goals for the Music Program, Dr. Reeves said: “Practical experience, technical proficiency, and the rigors of academic life are worthwhile only if they lead us closer to our Lord Jesus Christ. Proper preparation for the services not only includes the organizing of musical scores and the sorting out of rubrics, but also the self-emptying of the musician by prayer, fasting, repentance, and forgiveness.”

St. Vladimir’s Seminary’s Liturgical Arts Program makes it unique among other major Orthodox Christian seminaries. The program offers a very full calendar in “iconology,” the field of study “grounded in Christ’s Incarnation” and referring to “the material world turned into theological vision,” according to Professor Richard Schneider, visiting professor of Liturgical Arts.

Each academic year, the Seminary offers a basic course—“Liturgical Art”—which introduces seminarians to the fundamentals of “visual reading,” that is, how to see and interpret objects with nuance and depth. Each year also, an advanced iconology course is offered: in Spring 2012 the topic was “The Iconology of Orthodox Architecture: Designing Buildings and Iconography for Liturgy”; in Spring 2013 the advanced course will be “Orthodox Iconology: Iconography within the Context of Worship.”

“As always,” noted Professor Schneider in speaking of his courses, “students will be encouraged to see Orthodox iconography as a living, creative art-language, which, upon observation, certainly has manifested itself in different ways in different cultures—instead of as a static, fossilized form.”

Seminarians enrolled in Liturgical Arts courses are privileged to visit outstanding related exhibits at museums in the Greater New York Metro area. This past year, classes viewed two special exhibits: “Transition to Christianity: Art of Late Antiquity, 3rd–7th Century AD” at the Onassis Cultural Center; and “Byzantium and Islam: Age of Transition” at The Metropolitan Museum of Art. Joining the group for a time was Dr. Helen C. Evans, the Mary and Michael Jaharis Curator of Byzantine Art, Department of Medieval Art and The Cloisters at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

ALUMNI NEWS

From: Priest Sean Levine
Date: April 2, 2012
Subject: **Reflections from an Army Chaplain**

Dear Fathers, Dr. Rossi, and Dr. Barnett,

I just finished filling out the alumni survey that will be used for strategic planning, and it reminded me to send this email of affirmation.

All of you witnessed a transformation in me that has continued to reverberate into my present life, priesthood, and chaplaincy, and each of you (and several others) played a part in facilitating that transformation. I, very literally, left SVOTS a different person than when I arrived (and my wife and kids were thrilled! And, me too). Having finished the survey, I am reminded of the great blessings bestowed upon me by my three years at SVOTS, and I would not trade one moment of that time for an earlier graduation. I am so pleased to recall how my life and attitude changed before ordination, and how I have continued to grow over the last nearly two years.

Every “dissatisfaction” that I experienced at SVOTS can be directly related to a character flaw in my own heart rather than to any deficiency in the Seminary. While I certainly encourage an on-going process of assessment in order to improve the Seminary’s offerings, the fact remains that I received all that I needed to enter into the Holy Priesthood and then to go on to grow into that role (which I am, of course, still doing). I came to SVOTS with an agenda, watched my agenda take significant revision, and then submitted to a process that postured me for the Priesthood. It was a life-changing experience for which I will forever be grateful. And it was perfectly timed: right after two long combat deployments.

As well, I can’t imagine trying to design a “program” that fits everyone; in fact, no one program can be the right program for anyone. Everyone will have some area of complaint at some point. I always complained that I was not given a clear vision of what I was supposed to be after three years at SVOTS. This was a shallow, one-dimensional vision of an Orthodox seminary. There is no mold into which all persons must fit neatly. What I received from SVOTS was as much about the context of the Seminary as it was about the content and organization of my classes, exams, practica, etc. For me, my interactions with Presbyteria Kerry Pappas and Dr. Rossi were every bit as important as my classroom experience. Confession with Fr. Steven Belonick (and on occasion with Fr. Chad Hatfield and Fr. John Behr), sitting in Dr. Barnett’s office hammering out the logic and details of my program, working through the balancing act of community service, study, worship/prayer/service in the chapel...all of that set the stage. Often, I was not aware of the work being done in me through all of it. I see it now, and I am so very grateful.

Serving as an Army Chaplain has presented MANY challenges, and it has been an adventure. I am especially thankful for my time as a priest at the Seminary; that did so much to set the stage for this institutional, untraditional ministry. I believe I am doing some good out here.

Thank you, thank you, thank you all for believing in me and for pouring your life into me and for giving me your best. Now that I get up every day and head into the world to offer what I can, I realize how hard it is to give yourself to others all the time. For those times when I lacked understanding, took things personally that I should not have, was unforgiving, sullen, demanding, arrogant, resentful, and proud, please forgive me. Seminary showed to me (and to others) many of my weaknesses, but this happened in a grace-filled context that helped move me toward repentance and healing. And I just wanted to say “thank you.”

Yours in Christ,
Priest Sean

E-mail from an Alumnus: Equipped as a Soldier in Christ



Priest and Army Chaplain, Fr. Sean Levine, SVOTS alumnus, prepares for Pascha in the field (PHOTO: Spc. Jennifer Spradlin, 16th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, Department of Defense).

The cover image of our Annual Report FY2012 features Captain Sean Levine, chaplain, 117th Infantry Battalion, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, as he prepares for Paschal services in Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan.

Father Sean, a 2010 graduate of St. Vladimir’s Seminary, serves not only as a “soldier” in Christ’s army (Phil 2:25; 2 Tim 2:4), but also as a military chaplain. In recent correspondence to his Alma Mater, he reflected upon the theological and practical training that he had received at the Seminary, which equipped him for his work as a priest and army chaplain.

It is our honor, with his permission, to share his words with our friends and supporters.

Seminary Alumnus Father John Leonard
Donates Rare Books to Library



Librarian Eleana Silk holds part of the rare collection donated by Fr. John Leonard, alumnus. (PHOTO: Dr. Evan Freeman)

A new, rare collection donated by SVOTS Alumnus Fr. John Leonard (M.Div. ’72, M.Th. ’73) has immensely enriched the seminary library. Librarian Eleana Silk, noting its exceptional value, said, “We have been anticipating receiving this donation for many years now. One of the greatest values of the collection is that Fr. John collected materials from a different geographic perspective during his many years in the Holy Land. His donation will bring many books from Europe and the Middle East that are not normally found in a North American library.”

Senior Advisor for Advancement Theodore C. Bazil, CRFM, in his letter of acknowledgement to Fr. Leonard, wrote:

I want to express profound thanks to you for your recent and most wonderful gift of approximately 3,000 volumes of your personal library to St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary. I know your nurtured collection represents over 50 years of carefully collected books that span a broad range of subjects. Your books are purposely eclectic and attest to your lifelong interest and reading in Eastern and Western theology, Christian art, literature, and biblical studies, as well as many other subjects. Over 900 titles alone comprise the Christian art and architecture section.

Your early life in the United States Foreign Service and later service as chaplain to the community of nuns in Nazareth for twenty-three years allowed you to add a rich component of books to our library on Islamic, Jewish, and biblical archeological studies. The collection attests to your mastery of languages. How many libraries can boast that they actually have a book in the Samaritan language? Your donation is an extremely important resource that will benefit this generation and future generations of students, readers, and researchers.

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MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD CHAIR
Revving Up to Celebrate 75 Years

By Gregory Abdalah



Gregory Abdalah, Alumni Association Board Chair

The Alumni Association of St. Vladimir’s exists primarily as a link between the Alumni and SVOTS, keeping its members connected to a global St. Vladimir’s community. We value and enjoy hearing from and spending time with our alumni. We hope to continue to build this community by keeping it up-to-date with life on campus, connecting old friends and classmates, and listening to our alumni’s ideas, concerns, and stories.

The Alumni Board had a very energetic and fruitful spring meeting in May 2012. We took on two very important projects: first, fundraising for the renovation of our women students’ quarters; and second, coming up with ways to celebrate the Seminary’s 75th Anniversary while building up the global seminary community.

To update housing for our female students, we have set a fundraising goal of \$50,000, which will provide funding for suites for women students on the second floor of the North Dorm (formerly called “the New Dorm”). Meanwhile, the former “Women’s Dorm” has now become a much-needed health and exercise facility for the entire student body. And, in celebration of the Seminary’s 75th Anniversary, we are hoping to have 75 alumni events across the country.

To that end, we are especially mindful that we need to update our means of networking, so I would ask all SVOTS alumni/ae to help us by doing a few things:

- send in their updated contact information to alumni@svots.edu, so that a correct listing may be made available in the new Alumni section on the SVOTS Website: www.svots.edu;
- consider planning and sponsoring regional alumni events; and
- connect often to the SVOTS Facebook Page, sending photos and articles about your regional events to alumni@svots.edu for Facebook posting!

The Alumni Association Board cannot do this alone. We need the help of all of our alumni. So, if any of our alumni would like more information on these projects or are able to support this work in any way, please contact me, Greg Abdalah: abdalah.g@gmail.com.

My own enthusiasm for SVOTS snowballs every time I step onto the campus. I hope I can spread that excitement to my fellow alums everywhere.

Mr. Abdalah, who succeeds The Rev. David Barr as Chair, currently serves as the Director of Youth and Family Ministries at St. George Orthodox Church, Worcester, Massachusetts. The 9-member Alumni Board now consists of: Mr. Abdalah, chair; Popodeia Michelle Jannakos, vice-chair; Khouria Stefanie Yazge, secretary; The Very Rev. Andrew Morbey; The Rev. Angelo Artemas; The Rev. Abraham (Abi) Chacko; The Rev. Theodore Paraskeropoulos; The Rev. Christopher Rocknage; and Vitaly Permiakov.



Chancellor/CEO Fr. Chad Hatfield, honoring out-going Alumni Association Chair Fr. David Barr, during the Board of Trustees dinner in November 2011.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS
New Graduates Engage the World

By Protodeacon Joseph Matusiak



Newly graduated Fr. David Wooten (left), pictured here with Chancellor/CEO Fr. Chad Hatfield, on a mission trip to Hogar Rafael Orphanage in Guatemala, now serves as priest at an all-Spanish language mission, Holy Apostles Church, Miami, Florida.

When Fr. John Behr was installed as our Dean in 2007, he challenged the faculty, staff, students, and alumni of St. Vladimir’s to “engage the world with Orthodox Christianity.” Our most recent graduating class definitely has taken up this call. Of our six graduating priests in May 2012, four have gone straight into the mission field, serving in existing or newly created missions in New York, South Carolina, Texas, and Florida.

Father David Wooten and his family left St. Vladimir’s to found Holy Apostles Mission in Miami, Florida. Holy Apostles is the only all-Spanish language parish (outside the Diocese of Mexico) in the Orthodox Church in America. On July 1, 2012, Fr. David chrismated more than 30 adults and children.

Father David Bozeman and his family moved to Waxahachie, Texas (outside of Dallas), to found St. Nektarios Mission. The mission is presently without a permanent home; instead, Fr. David and his family and their parish community worship in parishioners’ homes for daily vespers during the week and for the full cycle of services on the weekend.

Father David Poling and his family have stayed in the Yonkers area, but they travel each weekend to Oneonta, New York, where they serve St. Innocent Mission. St. Innocent’s is a community that has grown out of a group of faithful who have been worshipping at nearby Holy Myrrhbearers Monastery. In addition to regular services Fr. David has started a book study for the faithful and for students at the State University of New York, Oneonta.

Father James Bozeman and his family moved to Beaufort, South Carolina, seventy miles south of Charleston, to continue the work of the newly established St. James Mission. On July 1, 2012, under the leadership of Fr. James, the parish held its first Divine Liturgy at the Beaufort Arsenal Museum. Prior to that, the mission community had met in homes. While their borrowed space is only available to the community on Sunday mornings, the mission already has a full schedule of services.

Please join us in praying for all of our alumni, and especially those and their families who are serving missions throughout our Church.

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Members of the newly elected Alumni Association Board met on campus in May 2012 with seminary administration and staff: (from left) Fr. Angelo Artemas; Fr. John Behr, dean; Pdn. Joseph Matusiak, director of Alumni Relations; Mat. Robin Freeman, Annual Gifts officer; Gregory Abdalah; Khouria Stefanie Yazge; Fr. Christopher Rocknage; Fr. Abraham (Abi) Chacko; and Fr. Chad Hatfield, chancellor/CEO.

SNAPSHOTS

75 Days
IN CELEBRATION OF
75 Years

In celebration of our Diamond Jubilee Year, we invite our friends and supporters to view 75 images that reflect St. Vladimir's Seminary's community, on campus and in fields of ministry. Enjoy the photo journey!

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JULY
Through a generous \$75,000 bequest in July 2011 from the estate of Nona Bissland, in memory of Walter and Nona Grusha and John and Nona Bissland, the solar panels atop the Administration Building have been fully paid for. The grid produces immediate electric savings each year of \$5,000 to \$6,000, with savings increasing annually as the cost of electricity rises. Here, Chancellor/CEO Fr. Chad Hatfield displays one of the ray-catching panels. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)



AUGUST
The Feasts of Transfiguration and Dormition signal the renewal of our communal worship in Three Hierarchs Chapel, after a summer break. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)
View Dean Emeritus Fr. Thomas Hopko presenting an engraving tour of the chapel:
■ www.svots.edu/community/chapel/video



AUGUST
Chancellor/CEO Fr. Chad Hatfield enoints incoming seminarian Kyle Parrott at the Service of Intercession that initiated Orientation Week. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)
Listen to Fr. Chad's Orientation talks:
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AUGUST
Alumni and authors of the Popular Patristics Series (SVS Press) attended the XVI International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, England: (from left) Ian Jones, Dn. Michael Azar, Peder Solberg, His Grace Bishop Suriel, Fr. Joshua Lollar, Fr. John Behr, SVOTS dean, Fr. Benedict Churchill, director of SVS Press, Dr. Joost Van Rossum, Dr. Brandon Gallaher, and Dr. George Demacopoulos. (PHOTO Dn. Gregory Hatrak)
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SEPTEMBER
Dean Fr. John Behr presents the citation, and Chancellor/CEO Fr. Chad Hatfield looks on, as Metropolitan Kallistos (Ware), bishop of Diokleia and renowned churchman and scholar, receives an honorary doctorate from SVOTS. (PHOTO: Dn. Ryan Tellalian)



SEPTEMBER
Father Stephen Platt, general secretary of the Fellowship of Ss. Alban and Sergius, spoke at the North American Orthodox-Anglican gathering on our campus. (PHOTO: Dn. Ryan Tellalian)
Hear the presentations on Ancient Faith Radio:
■ www.ancientfaith.com/specials/2011_alban_and_sergius



SEPTEMBER
On the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Dean Fr. John Behr (center) presided at the Divine Liturgy and celebrated the 10th anniversary of his ordination to the Holy Priesthood. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)



SEPTEMBER
Hierodeacon Herman, chapel music director, was tonsured in Three Hierarchs Chapel into the monastic rank of "Small-Schema." Here, he receives the encouragement of his parents, The Rev. Albert and Karen Majkrzak. (PHOTO: Dn. Evan Freeman)



SEPTEMBER
Master gardener and Chancellor/CEO Fr. Chad Hatfield (PICTURED), has launched "Going Green" initiatives around campus, beginning with his own organic garden and including a student-led Ecology Group. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)



OCTOBER
His Grace Mar Alexios Mar Eusebius (CENTER) met with seminarians from the Melankara Orthodox Syrian Church; he is pictured here (FROM LEFT) with Dn. Anish Skariya, Dean Fr. John Behr, Chris Kurikose, Teji Abraham, Pradeep Hatcher, Anoop Thomas, Mariam Varghese, Chancellor/CEO Fr. Chad Hatfield, and Fr. Samji George. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)



OCTOBER
SVOTS alumni hold leadership positions in Orthodox churches throughout the world, such as Fr. John Jiliroa (M.Div. '80, D.Min. '05), chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America since Fall 2011; here, he participates in 2012 Commencement Exercises (LEFT), with Trustee Pdn. Peter M. Danilchick. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)



NOVEMBER
SVOTS alumni in charge of mission parishes posed with Director of Admissions and Alumni Relations Pdn. Joseph Matasiak (far right) at the 16th All-American Council of the Orthodox Church in America in Seattle/ Bellevue. (FROM LEFT) Fr. Richard Renee, St. Juvenaly Mission, Kallistia-Kona, HI; Fr. Cranbrook, BC; Fr. John Schmedel, St. Juvenaly Mission, Kallistia-Kona, HI; Fr. Christopher Foley, Holy Cross Mission, High Point, NC; and Fr. Robert Royer, Holy Resurrection Mission, Augusta, GA. (PHOTO: Dn. Gregory Hatrak)



NOVEMBER
On the Feast of the Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the Bodiless Powers, our community was privileged to host one of the foremost chamber ensembles in the world, *Cappella Romana*, under the direction of Alumnus Dr. Alexander Lingas (FAR RIGHT). (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)
Listen to Cappella Romana and seminarians sing the Troparion for the Synaxis of the Archangels:
■ www.youtube.com/watch?v=2KpOCU29mww



NOVEMBER
Our annual pre-Thanksgiving Dinner, whipped up with all the trimmings by the Seminary's rectory cook Chef Nat, is served by faculty to seminarians and their families; from left are Fr. Alexander Rentel, Ceena Varghese, Dean Fr. John Behr, and Chancellor/CEO Fr. Chad Hatfield. (PHOTO: Dn. Evan Freeman)
Read about our entire faculty:
■ www.svots.edu/academics/faculty



NOVEMBER
The Very Rev. Elias Bitar was presented with an icon of St. Vladimir, patron of the Seminary, upon retirement from his position as Lecturer in Liturgical Music and Practical Theology, which he had held for nearly thirty years. Known for his rich, sonorous chanting, Fr. Elias had been given the title "Voice of the Archdiocese" by seminarians from the Self-Ruled Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America. (PHOTO: Dn. Evan Freeman)



NOVEMBER
Father Themis (Adamopoulos), from Sierra Leone, was an electrifying speaker at the Seminary's first annual "Missions Day"; here, the white-bearded missionary poses with (FROM LEFT) Trustee Tony Kasmer, Chancellor/CEO Fr. Chad Hatfield, and Trustee Anne van den Berg. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)
Marvel at Fr. Themis' Website "Paradise Kids 4 Africa":
■ www.pk4a.com



NOVEMBER
As he took a military oath that dates back to the Revolutionary War, Seminarian and Hieromonk Kilian (LEFT) became "Lieutenant (Junior Grade) Christopher Sprecher," a chaplain in the U.S. Navy Reserves. In FY2012, three seminarians were enlisted as chaplains in the reserve Armed Forces. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)



NOVEMBER
The SVOTS Board of Trustees honored Fr. Jaroslav Sudick, immediate past rector of Holy Trinity Church, Yonkers, NY, on the occasion of his retirement from both parish life and also service on the Board's Academic Affairs Committee; here, Fr. Jaroslav receives an icon of St. Vladimir from Dean Fr. John Behr. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)



OCTOBER
Master iconographer Vladislav Andreyev (pictured) visited SVOTS for a book signing of *St. George and the Dragon* (SVS Press), which he illustrated. (PHOTO: Kim Piotrowski)
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OCTOBER
Our oldest living alumnus and the second U.S. military chaplain ever to be commissioned, Fr. Michael Kovach, celebrated Orthodox Education Day with us; with the theme "For God and Country," the day honored service men and women, especially Orthodox military chaplains. (PHOTO: Kim Piotrowski)
Listen to the day's presentations on Ancient Faith Radio:
■ www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/svsvoices



OCTOBER
Our community received a blessing from the miraculous myrrh-streaming "Hawaiian Iveron Icon of the Mother of God," brought to SVOTS by Reader Nektarios of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)



OCTOBER
SVOTS offers colloquia and lectures throughout the year, such as the "Spiritual Issues in Suffering and Palliative Care" seminar presented by Drs. Daniel and Jane Hinshaw. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)
Listen to a podcast of the Hinshaws' work in Ethiopia on Orthodox Christian Network radio:
■ www.mycn.net/index.php/201109223799/Come-Receive-the-Light/The-Hinshaw-s-recent-work-in-Ethiopia.html



NOVEMBER
The Student Council strengthens student participation in campus life and acts as a liaison between the student body and the Board of Trustees and administration; from left (CLOCKWISE) are Dean Fr. John Behr; Sarah Johnson and Andrew Boyd, class representatives; Nicholas Roth, secretary; James Parnell, president; Anoop Thomas, treasurer; and Associate Dean for Student Affairs Fr. David Mezynski; James Wiegel, class representative, is not pictured. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)



DECEMBER
Each year "St. Nicholas" visits and distributes gifts and candy to our church school children, following the Divine Liturgy that celebrates his feast. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)



DECEMBER
Our wives' group, the "St. Juliana Society," wrapped up their fall activities with a how-to in Christmas wreath making. Matushka Thekla Hatfield coordinates activities of the society, which range from engaging with a panel of former "PKs" ("Priests' Kids") to reflecting upon the art of prayer. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)



DECEMBER
The Chapel Men's Choir travels extensively to parishes; here, they pose with His Grace Michael, bishop of the Diocese of NY and NJ, and Fr. Terenti Wasielewski, rector (LEFT), Fr. Alvin Smirensky, and Dn. Michael Burdickoff (RIGHT), St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Cohoes, NY.

View a slideshow of the evening:
■ www.vimeo.com/33663536

DECEMBER
At the Christmas Talent Show, the campus community displayed their wide-ranging artistic gifts: "Jingle Bells" sung en français, poetry recitation, standup comedy, classical piano and electric guitar, and even Jewish Klezmer music. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)

View a slideshow of the evening:
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DECEMBER
Two alumni were among three ordained to the episcopate by His Beatitude Ignatius IV, (late) patriarch of Antioch and All the East, they now serve in the Self-ruled Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese. Here, in the Church of Our Lady at Balamand, Lebanon are (FROM LEFT): His Grace Nicholas (Ozone), auxiliary bishop for Brooklyn; His Grace Anthony (Michaels) (M.Div. '82), auxiliary bishop for Toledo and the Midwest; Patriarch Elias IV; His Eminence Joseph, bishop for Los Angeles and the West; and His Grace John (Abdalah) (M.Div. '84), auxiliary bishop for Worcester and New England. (PHOTO: antiochian.org)



JANUARY
On the Feast of Epiphany, chapel clergy bless the flowing pond waters in the Boich Courtyard; the regular cycle of worship on campus includes major and minor feasts and daily matins and vespers. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)

View the Thrae Hierarchs Chapel schedule:
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JANUARY
Many of our alumni, such as Fr. John E. Parker III (M.Th. '04)—pictured here giving a special presentation on missions to seminarians—serve the wider Church. Fr. John, currently rector of Holy Ascension Orthodox Church in Mount Pleasant, SC, also was recently appointed Chair of the Department of Evangelization of the Orthodox Church in America. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)

Listen to Fr. John's presentation on Ancient Faith Radio:
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JANUARY
Chancellor/CEO Fr. Chad Hatfield (FAR RIGHT) spent a weekend at St. Matthew Orthodox Church in Green Bay, WI, with alumnus Fr. Maximus Cabey, rector (CENTER), and Fr. Michael Herrick; Fr. Chad was the homilist at the Divine Liturgy.

Read more about the Chancellor's travels:
■ www.svots.edu/events/look-chancellor-archpriest-chad-hatfield-your-locale



FEBRUARY
SVS Press and Bookstore regularly display books and other products at national and international conferences. Here, Editor-in-Chief Fr. Benedict Churchill (LEFT) discusses the latest releases with a customer at the *Second Annual Symposium in Honor of Father Georges Florovsky*, Princeton, NJ, while Marketing and Operations Manager Dn. Gregory Hatrak (SEATED) rings up an order. SVS Press is the largest English-language Orthodox Christian press in the world, selling between 65,000–100,000 titles per year; the press has published more than 400 books on patristics, church history, biblical studies, spirituality, hagiography, iconography, ecumenism, Christian education, and liturgy.

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MARCH
During a community retreat that marked the first two days of Great Lent, Dean Fr. John Behr presented four meditations between lengthy liturgical services; he centered his reflections on how "Life in Christ" emerges out of suffering and death. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)

Listen to Fr. John's retreat talks on Ancient Faith Radio:
■ www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/svsvoices



MARCH
Our Byzantine Chapel Choir was overjoyed with the gift of a complete English-language *Menaion*, published by Holy Transfiguration Monastery and donated anonymously by a benefactor. Choir members pictured are (TOP ROW, FROM LEFT) Fr. David Wooten, Seminarian Basil Fitts, and Sdn. Scott Miller; (SECOND ROW, FROM LEFT) Seminarians George Katrib, Timothy Dooley, and Richard Ajalat; (BOTTOM ROW, FROM LEFT) Seminarians Sarah Bracey-Johnson and Ashley Lear. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)



MARCH
When St. Vladimir's Seminary faces its hoop challenger St. Tikhon's Seminary, both sides play to the hilt; here, the teams pose with the Dean of St. Tikhon's, Fr. Alexander Atty, before sharing pizza, soda, and recollections of moments of glory on the court. (PHOTO: Mary Roth)



MARCH
Dean Fr. John Behr was the homilist on the Sunday of Orthodoxy at St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Greenville, SC, where Fr. Thomas Pistolls (FAR RIGHT) is rector; also present were two alumni (FROM LEFT) Fr. Thomas Moore, rector of Holy Apostles Orthodox Church, West Columbia, SC, and Fr. Marcus Burch, rector, St. John of the Ladder Orthodox Church, Greenville, SC.



JANUARY
Dean Fr. John Behr (left), a renowned Patristics scholar, dedicated and presented his newly translated and published volume *On the Incarnation*—the classic 4th-century treatise by St. Athanasius the Great—to His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, primate of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

View/order all 48 volumes of SVS Press's Popular Patristics Series:
■ www.svspress.com/categories/Series-Titles/Popular-Patristics



JANUARY
Seminarian Dn. David Wooten (pictured holding banner) joined in the 39th March for Life in Washington, D.C.; SVOTS participants sang Orthodox Christian hymns as they marched, providing a meditative tone at the event.

View a photo gallery by Dn. Gregory Hatrak:
■ www.svots.edu/category/image-galleries/jan-2012-us-march-life



JANUARY
Margaret Barker, D.D., delivered the 29th Annual Father Alexander Schmemmann Memorial Lecture, "Our Great High Priest: The Church as the New Temple." Here, His Eminence Metropolitan Jonah, former Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada, presents her with an icon of Christ. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)

Listen to Dr. Barker's lecture:
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JANUARY
On the Feast of the Three Hierarchs, two seminarians were ordained to the diaconate. Pictured (TOP) with His Eminence The Most Rev. Benjamin, archbishop of San Francisco and the Diocese of the West, Orthodox Church in America, is Dn. Andre Paez. Pictured (BELOW) with his family is Dn. James Parnell, a First Lieutenant assigned to the 101st Expeditionary Signal Battalion in Yonkers, NY. (PHOTOS: Deborah Belonick)



MARCH
Five seminarians traveled to nearby St. Joseph's Seminary for a seminar presented by "Lumina Ministries," the post-abortion counseling ministry of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York: (FROM LEFT) Dn. Timothy Yates, Monk James (Stevens), Seminarian Adam Horstman, Theresa Bonaparts of Lumina Ministries, Hdn. Herman (Majczak), and Dn. David Wooten.

To learn more about the training and formation of our students, read the "Seminarians Speak-Voices" section of our Website:
■ www.svots.edu/voices/seminarian



MARCH
David Mzyznski (center), associate dean for Student Affairs, became "Father-Doctor David" when he earned his Ph.D. from Fordham University. Here, he defends his dissertation "The Effects of the Origenist Controversy on the Pastoral Theology of Barsanuphius and John." (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)



MARCH
During the season of Great Lent, the Men's Choir, Dean, and Chancellor/CEO visited 13 parishes throughout North America. Here they are at St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, Allison Park, PA, where Fr. Michael Senyo is Cathedral Dean.



JANUARY
On the Feast of the Three Hierarchs, leaders from U.S. Orthodox Christian seminaries met on campus to continue informal discussions that began nearly five years ago and which centered on coordinating inter-seminary activities and exploring avenues of cooperation. This past year, representatives from Hellenic College/Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology and St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary participated. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)



JANUARY
The annual Super Bowl Party promises pizza and a big screen TV for crowd enjoyment. Non-perishable food items that will be donated to a local soup kitchen act as "tickets" to the game; here, 3rd-year Seminarian Andrew Boyd acts as "gate-keeper" to Super Bowl XLVI. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)



FEBRUARY
The rebirth our Liturgical Music Program included the creation of St. Vladimir's Seminary Choral, which began its training and ministry by singing a *Paraclesis* service in Three Hierarchs Chapel, composed by Robert Sirico (SECOND FROM RIGHT), founder of the Orthodox Christian Music Project. Here, the celebrant for the *Paraclesis*, Fr. Benedict Churchill (CENTER FRONT), poses with the choral and its directors, Matushka Robin Freeman (FRONT, SECOND FROM LEFT) and Dr. Nicholas Reeves (FRONT, FAR RIGHT). (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)



MARCH
On the Feast of the Veneration of the Holy Cross, Dn. David Wooten was ordained to the Holy Priesthood, and Seminarian Adam Horstman was ordained to the Holy Diaconate. Here, they and their families pose with His Eminence Metropolitan Jonah, former Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada. (PHOTO: Tatiana Hoff)

Fr. David now is priest-in-charge of *Mision de los Santos Apostolos*, Miami, FL.; read his reflections about liturgy in Wonder Blog:
■ www.ocawonder.com/2012/08/17/the-rest-of-my-faith



MARCH
His Grace Nicholas (Ozone), auxiliary bishop for Brooklyn in the Self-Ruled Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America, visited our campus in his capacity as overseer of the education of students enrolled in seminaries and as overseer of the Ordination Review Board of the Archdiocese. Here he poses between Chancellor/CEO Fr. Chad Hatfield (LEFT) and Dean Fr. John Behr. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)



MARCH
Chancellor/CEO Fr. Chad Hatfield served and preached at St. Jacob of Alaska Orthodox Mission, Montpelier, VT, where alumnus Fr. Caleb Abetti is rector; St. Jacob was one of 13 parishes visited by the Dean, Chancellor, and Men's Choir during Great Lent.



MARCH
The Axion Estin Foundation (AEF) honored the Seminary in two ways: first, renowned chanter Christos Chalkias led the singing of an Akathist in Three Hierarchs Chapel; and second, AEF presented the Seminary with a 20-volume English-language translation of the "Great Theory of Music," by Chrysanthos of Madytos (1770-1846) at a special reception following the service. Pictured here at the Akathist are (from left) Seminarian Harrison Russin, Angelo Lampositis, and Christos Chalkias. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)



MARCH
Dean Fr. John Behr led a retreat for the Carolinas Deanery clergy of the Orthodox Church in America at St. John of the Ladder Church, Piedmont, SC, where alumnus Fr. Marcus Burch is rector. St. John the Ladder was just one of 13 parishes visited by the Dean, Chancellor, and Men's Choir during the season of Great Lent. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)



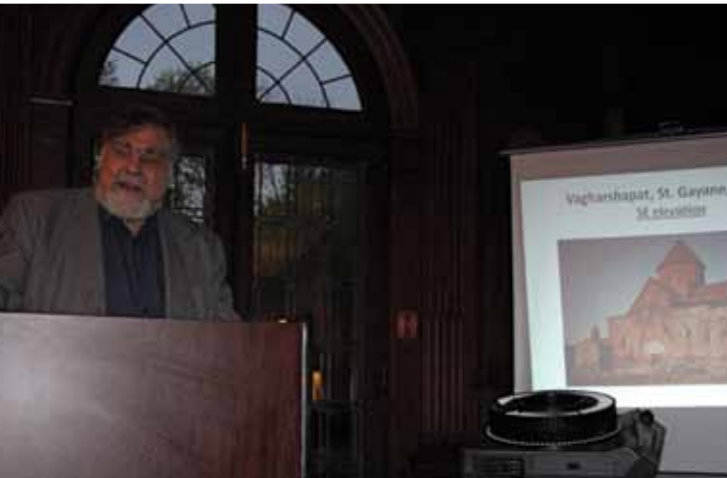
MARCH
During Great Lent, seminarians from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese enrolled at Holy Cross School of Theology, Brookline, MA, visited our campus for a day after a meeting at their own archdiocesan headquarters in NYC, here, they worship with our seminarians in chapel. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)



MARCH
At the annual public lenten retreat on our campus, we were privileged to hear Dr. Vigen Guroian, professor of Religious Studies at the University of Virginia, speak on the topic "Melody of Faith: Theology in an Orthodox Key." (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)



MAY
The seminary community bade farewell to Fr. Steven J. Belonick, who served most recently as Campus Chaplain and also held positions as Director of Recruitment, Public Relations Officer, Alumni Director, and Dean of Students during his 12-year tenure at St. Vladimir's. Here student wife Mat. Tamara Yates presents Fr. Steven—now rector of Holy Ghost Russian Orthodox Church, Bridgeport, CT—with a "Memory Book" from seminarians and the chapel community. (PHOTO: Leanne Parrott)



MAY
Richard Schneider, visiting professor of Hermeneutics and Liturgical Art at SVOTS, lectured at St. Nerses Armenian Seminary on "Armenian Architecture: Local Culture or World Architecture?"; faculty from St. Vladimir's and St. Nerses have taught on both campuses, where Eastern and Oriental Orthodox students form fast friendships. View our faculty listing: www.svots.edu/directory/faculty



MAY
Seminarian Dn. Timothy Yates was ordained to the Holy Priesthood by His Eminence Metropolitan Jonah, former Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada, during Commencement weekend; Fr. Timothy entered a hospital chaplaincy training program following his graduation. (PHOTO: Dn. Gregory Hatrak)



MARCH
On the fifth Sunday of Great Lent, His Grace The Rt. Rev. Matthias, bishop of Chicago and the Midwest, Orthodox Church in America, ordained 3rd-year Seminarian Jason Ketz (center) to the Holy Diaconate (photo: Michael Soroka).
View videos of Dn. Jason's ordination:
www.vimeo.com/40092782 and www.vimeo.com/40092982



APRIL
The Popular Patristics Series (PPS) published by SVS Press gained the attention of Logos Research Systems, Inc., the largest developer of Bible software in the world; Logos links biblical and patristic writings for the benefit of pastors, students, and lay readers. (PHOTO: Dn. Gregory Hatrak)
View titles, see sample pages, and order from the PPS/Logos venture:
www.logos.com/product/18384/popular-patristics-series-part-1#001



APRIL
Chancellor/CEO Fr. Chad Hatfield (foreground) and Fr. David Mezynski, associate dean for Student Affairs, traveled to St. Tikhon's Monastery during Great Lent to participate in the rite of preparing Holy Chrism, for use by priests in the Orthodox Church in America. (PHOTO: Tatiana Hoff)



APRIL
On the Feast of the Holy and Righteous Lazarus, Seminarian Dn. Seraphim (William) Joa was ordained to the Holy Priesthood by His Grace The Rt. Rev. Michael, bishop of New York and the Diocese of New York and New Jersey, Orthodox Church in America. Many such late-vocations students at St. Vladimir's go on to serve the Church as ordained clergy. (PHOTO: Tatiana Hoff)
View videos and photos galleries of Fr. Seraphim's ordination:
www.svots.edu/headlines/bishop-michael-ordains-dn-seraphim-joa-priesthood



MAY
The Henry Luce Foundation awarded the Seminary a \$40,000 special planning grant that will assist with the "Arvo Pärt Project," a collaborative effort between SVOTS and famed Orthodox Christian Estonian composer; here, faculty member Dr. Peter C. Bouteneff meets with Mr. Pärt and his wife, Nora. (PHOTO: Nicholas Reeves)
Read more about APP:
www.arvopartproject.com/arvopartproject.com/Home/Home.html



MAY
Commencement week includes special events for "Senior Year" seminarians, such as evening cookouts followed by casual "jam" sessions with faculty, and a formal dinner and congratulatory cake with our Board of Trustees. (PHOTOS: Deborah Belonick)



MAY
Commencement Ceremonies crown the academic year; here, 22 graduates pose formally with hierarchs, the Dean and Chancellor, and visiting Commencement speaker, His Grace The Rt. Rev. Dr. Alexander (Goltzlin), bishop of Toledo and the Bulgarian Diocese of the Orthodox Church in America (front, second from left). (PHOTO: Leanne Parrott)



APRIL
Truly the "Cherubim" and the "Seraphim" sang when St. Vladimir's Seminary's Children's Choirs, directed by Danielle Miller, presented their Spring Concert on "Lazarus Saturday." (PHOTO: Tatiana Hoff)
Watch a video of the full concert:
www.vimeo.com/40662454



APRIL
As part of their daily "obedience" seminarians pitch in, in a variety of ways: meal crews, librarian assistants, campus housing resident advisors, and cleaning crews. Here, Seminarians Kyle Parrott and Richard Ajalat give the chapel furnishings a shine before Holy Week begins. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)



APRIL
A SVOTS teaching team flew to Alaska to spend a week at St. Herman Seminary, Kodiak. Headed to Spruce Island with a canine companion are (CLOCKWISE, FROM LEFT) Fr. John Dunlop (Dean of St. Herman's); and the SVOTS Team: Chancellor/CEO Fr. Chad Hatfield; Fr. David Mezynski, associate dean for Student Affairs; and Ian Jones ('09 alumnus), Ph.D. candidate in Theology at Fordham University.



MAY
Chancellor/CEO Fr. Chad Hatfield participated as the Orthodox Christian representative in the 2012 National Religious Freedom Conference, sponsored by the Ethics and Public Policy Center (EPPC), in Washington, D.C.
Watch his speech on C-Span, in a session dedicated to the topic "Uniting to Preserve Robust Freedom":
www.c-span.org/Events/Faith-Leaders-Meet-at-Conference-on-Religious-Freedom/10737430958



MAY
Dr. Albert S. Rossi (standing), adjunct professor of Pastoral Theology, and Fr. David Mezynski, associate dean for Student Affairs (seated at desk), present a workshop titled "Becoming a Healing Presence" during the summer educational programs sponsored by the Seminary. (PHOTO: Dn. Gregory Hatrak)
Listen to Dr. Rossi's lectures series "Becoming a Healing Presence":
www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/svsoices



JUNE
Protodeacon Joseph Matusiak demonstrates the vesting of a bishop at the 6th Annual Diaconal Liturgical Practicum held on campus; Archdeacon Kirill Sokolov, alumnus and director of Diaconal and Late Vocations for the Orthodox Church in America, coordinated the practicum. (PHOTO: Dn. Gregory Hatrak)
Read more about the Diaconal and Late Vocations Program:
oca.org/media/photos/oca-diaconal-practicum-prepares-participants-for-liturgical-and-charitable



JUNE
Novice and experienced iconographers display the fruits of their 5-day workshop in Russo-Byzantine icon painting, taught by Pdn. Nazari Polataiko (top row, center), founder of Ss. Alipii and Andrew Rublev Icon Studio, Canada. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)



APRIL
Student ecclesiarchs and sacristans act as the "backbones" of chapel services on campus, arriving early and staying late to ensure good order. Here dedicated Sacristan Nicholas Roth takes care of details for the blessing of palms and pussy willows during the Vigil of Palm Sunday. (PHOTO: Tatiana Hoff)



APRIL
Seminarian Ashley Lear, who developed and led the campus Church School program in FY2012, prays with the children and Dean Fr. John Behr, as they commence the fun-filled Field Day that concluded their year-long study. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)



APRIL
Seminarian Harrison Russin receives a \$1,000 scholarship check from the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania of the Orthodox Church in America; here, Father John Kowalczyk, chancellor of the diocese (left), and Fr. Raymond Martin Brown, treasurer, present the gift. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)



APRIL
Known fondly to campus residents as the "Bozeman Brothers," Fr. James Bozeman (LEFT, WITH FAMILY) and Fr. David Bozeman (WITH FAMILY)—here in Three Hierarchs Chapel—together entered the M.Div. program and were ordained to the Holy Priesthood; now, Fr. James is priest-in-charge of St. Nectarios Mission, Beaufort, SC; and Fr. David is priest-in-charge of St. Nectarios Mission, Waxahachie, TX. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)



JUNE
Campus summer workshops concluded with an extraordinary Master Class in church choral conducting and singing, taught by Vladimir Gorbik, a leading practitioner of sacred choral music in Russia; pictured above (FROM LEFT) are Mr. Gorbik; faculty member Dr. Nicholas Reeves, co-coordinator of the conference; His Eminence Metropolitan Jonah, former Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada; Chancellor/CEO Fr. Chad Hatfield; Dr. Vladimir Morosan, co-coordinator of the conference; and Hdn. Herman, director of Chapel Music at the Seminary. (PHOTO: Deborah Belonick)

MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR ADVISOR FOR ADVANCEMENT



Mr. Theodore C. Bazil, CFMR

CREATE YOUR OWN legacy

TRULY REMARKABLE—AND SURELY A TESTAMENT TO GOD’S MANIFEST BLESSINGS—IS THE HARD WORK and sacrifice by generations of faculty, staff, alumni, donors, and friends, which have helped St. Vladimir’s evolve from a mere vision to a standout seminary. Founded with humble and limited resources as a graduate school of theology to prepare educated and trained clergy to serve Orthodox Christian churches around the world, the Seminary went from dream to reality, overcoming tremendous obstacles along the way.

Before moving to the Yonkers campus in 1962, the physical assets of the Seminary consisted of an old desk, a few file cabinets, and a bathtub full of theological books (back then, the library!). Now eighteen buildings sit on 12 acres, and include a superb theological library, classrooms, faculty housing, dormitory space, and 35 married student apartments, thanks to the sacrifice and leadership of the trustees, administration, faculty, staff, students and alumni, and donors. Indeed, St. Vladimir’s has created a legacy of excellence and now is recognized as one of the premier Orthodox Christian seminaries in the world.

In my position at St. Vladimir’s, I am always asked how people might help the Seminary continue this legacy, and how they might aid the seminarians that sacrifice their lives (and those of their families) to serve Christ’s Church. In this Annual Report, I want to offer ways in which you can help, all of which involve contributing to scholarship funds for seminarians.

Last year the Seminary took a bold creative step to implement its “Fully Paid Tuition Plan” (see page 4), a program to help seminarians graduate tuition-debt free. Implementing this program resulted in an incoming class in Fall 2012 of thirty-four new students from several Orthodox Christian jurisdictions; but the program needs help from donors and friends to continue to bear fruit.

To that end, we invite you to create your own legacy, either by establishing an endowed scholarship fund or by contributing to one of the existing scholarship funds, such as:

- The Professor Veselin Kesich Scholarship Fund**, which was established in 2001 with a generous gift from Mr. and Mrs. Brian Gerich in appreciation for Professor Kesich’s many years of teaching biblical studies at St. Vladimir’s Seminary. Throughout the years the Gerich family and others have contributed to this fund. It was appropriate that upon Professor Kesich’s passing in June 2012, many friends and alumni contributed to this fund as well.
- The Ann Holod Zinzel Scholarship Fund**, which was established by its namesake, who was the Seminary’s long time administrative secretary. In 1995, Mrs. Zinzel began the fund to help needy students; she faithfully donated to this fund every year to increase the principal. With her recent passing in September 2012, many friends and donors earmarked their gifts to the Seminary in her name and honor.
- The Zoran Milkovich Scholarship Fund**, which was established by St. Vladimir’s Theological Foundation in 1984, to honor its past president. Mr. Milkovich, who had also been a Board of Trustee member, contributed appreciated stock to this fund every year, and upon his passing in 2011, he provided an additional contribution from his Will. His daughter has expressed her intention to continue to contribute to the principal.

All SVOTS endowed scholarship funds are managed with oversight by the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees. Annually, principal is left intact, and only the interest earnings are distributed to needy students.

In order to create your own legacy, you may either establish an endowed scholarship now and then contribute throughout your lifetime, or you may create a permanent endowment through your Last Will and Testament or through gift planning. Various ways to fund your legacy include the following types of bequests and beneficiary designations:

- Gifts of cash, publicly traded securities, or real estate
- Charitable gift annuities
- Charitable remainder trusts
- Charitable lead trusts
- Retirement pension payouts
- Life insurance policy payouts

During our 75th anniversary year, I hope that your legacy can become part of our legacy here at St. Vladimir’s.

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75 YEARS | ST. VLADIMIR’S SEMINARY’S DIAMOND JUBILEE

“Engaging the world with Orthodox Christianity since 1938”

1938

At 2:00 p.m., October 3, 1938, St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary was officially inaugurated with a prayer service, presided by Metropolitan Theophilus (Pashovsky), head of the North American Diocese of the Russian Orthodox Church (the “Metropolia”), and held at Holy Trinity Church in Brooklyn, NY. The next day, classes began at Christ the Saviour Church at 51 East 121st Street in Manhattan, with four seminarians enrolled.

This extraordinarily humble beginning belied the mission and vision of the organizers—symbolized by the patron selected for the Seminary: The Holy and Great Prince Vladimir. In AD 988 St. Vladimir had made the universal Orthodox Church centered in Constantinople the official faith of the Russian people. Similarly, seminary organizers sought to establish and explicate the Orthodox Christian faith in North America and to provide well educated and well trained priests and ministers to upbuild its churches and organizations.

Faculty and administrators aggressively pursued high educational standards, resulting in the Seminary’s reception of an Absolute Charter by the State of New York in 1953, and full accreditation by the American Association of Theological Schools in 1973. As well, they made it their constant aim to nourish church life on the parish, diocesan, and national levels.

It was at St. Vladimir’s Seminary that a brilliant group of émigré theologians who made up the faculty resuscitated core Orthodox Christian doctrines and exhumed early Christian liturgical practice from dusty layers of superstition and misinterpretation—the result of totalitarian governmental suppression that had thwarted preaching, theological research, monastic life, and ecclesial collaboration in the Old World. It was here that the understanding of sacramental life grew from “annual obligations” to the privilege of sharing a life in Jesus Christ.

It was here that writings of the church fathers—so important to Orthodox Christian thought—were translated into English, to be absorbed by the faithful. It was here that many other Orthodox texts (including faculty lectures) were presented in the English language, and from these modest efforts sprung the Seminary’s academic publishing house, St. Vladimir’s Seminary Press (SVS Press). It was here that “extension courses” for the continuing education of clergy and laity were offered.

It was here that ancient liturgical chant was translated from Arabic, Russian, Greek, Serbian, et cetera, into English, and then arranged and bound into music books so that North American choirs and congregations could comprehend their services. It was here that students from an array of “ethnic” Orthodox Christian jurisdictions began valuable friendships and dialogue about what it meant to be a member of an ancient faith in a new, and free, land.

Moreover, it was here that the seed to establish an “Orthodox Church in America”—a canonically organized local church—was planted. Particularly through the efforts of former Deans Protopresbyter Alexander Schmemmann (+ 1983) and Protopresbyter John Meyendorff (+1992), the Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church in North America received its “autocephaly” from the Moscow Patriarchate and became the Orthodox Church in America (OCA), with its own ruling primate, in 1970.

2013

AS THE SEMINARY MEETS THE CHALLENGES OF THE 21ST CENTURY, ITS MISSION AND VISION REMAIN consonant with that of the original founders. Most alumni are serving as parish priests, but others minister as educators, choir directors, scholars, and institutional and military chaplains, and many hold leadership positions within their church bodies; among our graduates are 43 hierarchs.

Faculty are invited to lecture not only in the halls of Fordham, Harvard, and Princeton, but also in Russian, Serbian, Romanian, and even Indian theological academies. Our Dean, The Very Rev. Dr. John Behr, a renowned patristics scholar, holds the distinction of being one of two people in the world to publish in both the “Oxford Early Christian Texts” and “Oxford Early Christian Studies” series. Faculty serve on committees within their respective church bodies and engage in inter-Orthodox and ecumenical dialogue.

SVS Press is now the largest English-language Orthodox Christian publisher in the world, with more than 400 volumes on patristics, church history, biblical studies, spirituality, hagiography, iconography, ecumenism, Christian education, scripture, and liturgy. SVS Press also publishes a peer-reviewed theological journal of the highest quality, *St. Vladimir’s Theological Quarterly*.

Situated on twelve acres in Westchester County, the Seminary operates eighteen buildings, including faculty and student housing, faculty and administrative offices, classrooms, an academic press and bookstore, a campus refectory, and a modern auditorium and library. Librarian of Congress James H. Billington has noted that our campus library holds “. . . the finest collection of Eastern Christian literature in the western hemisphere, second only to the Library of Congress”; the “Father Georges Florovsky Library” now houses more than 180,000 volumes and receives more than 350 periodicals!

The Seminary’s music department not only educates seminarians but also raises awareness of Orthodox Christianity by presenting public concerts. In 2012, *ORIENT: Sacred Song and Image* was presented in the famous St. Malachy’s Church (“Actors’ Chapel”) in Manhattan. Notably, the Seminary recently received a \$40,000 planning grant from The Henry Luce Foundation to support a 2014 concert-lecture series featuring the works of renowned Estonian Orthodox composer Arvo Pärt—the third most-performed living composer in the world.

The Seminary regularly hosts high-profile speakers for public lectures: from the Archbishop of Canterbury, to exemplary churchman His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in America. It also offers meeting space to societies and groups and presents summer workshops and fascinating exhibits on campus.

Most importantly, through its faculty, graduates, and Board of Trustees, the Seminary maintains close relationships with several Eastern Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox jurisdictions, ever serving the faithful, Christ’s body. During our Jubilee Year, we invite you to celebrate our theme, “Engaging the world with Orthodox Christianity since 1938”—and to remember what the Seminary has done for you, for your loved ones, and for the Orthodox Christian Church.

“If you build it, they will come” . . . and they did! ST VLADIMIR’S SEMINARY’S LAKESIDE MARRIED STUDENT APARTMENTS



Completed in 2006, two separate 13,000 sq. ft. buildings with a total of 18 married student apartments and four common rooms for children and adults have been fully occupied since their completion. The apartment buildings are situated on 3.5 five acres of newly developed property, with 36 parking spaces for student residents.

The Board of Trustees and some generous donors initially contributed \$3.8M to this major project, but the Seminary still has a \$2.2M balloon balance coming due in November 2016. Will you follow the lead of these very generous dedicated donors and step up to do your part in relieving the Seminary of this debt? You can guarantee that 18 married students each year will be able to live in this beautiful and safe facility. You may send donations earmarked “Lakeside Apartments” and be assured that your donation will go directly against this debt.

All donations are deeply appreciated and needed. However, naming opportunities for more significant gifts are available:

- One Lakeside Apartment building: \$1,000,000
- Exterior community space: \$150,000
- Interior common room: \$100,000
- One Lakeside Apartment unit: \$75,000

Each major donor will be honored with a permanent bronze plaque affixed to the facility, and a special visit to St. Vladimir’s Seminary.

SAVE THE DATES!

Friday, January 18, 2013 | 7:00 p.m.

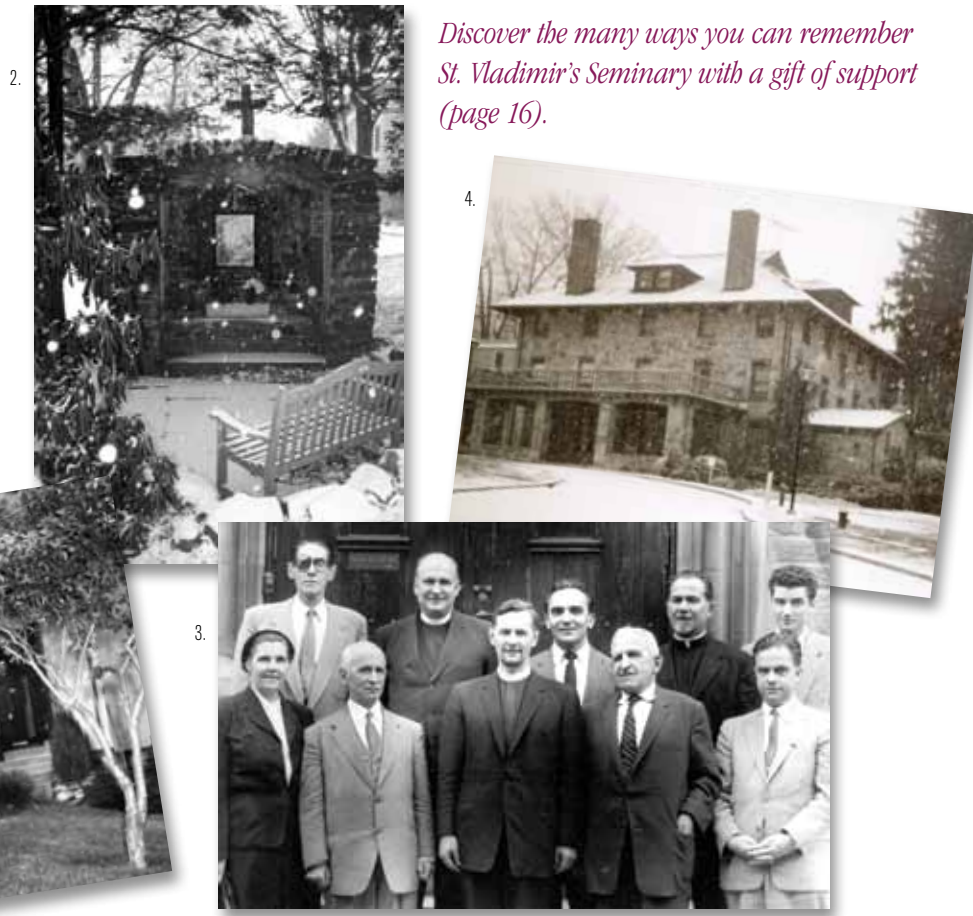
The 30th Father Alexander Schmemmann Memorial Lecture, “Constantine, Eusebius, and the Future of Christianity,” by Dr. Peter Brown, Princeton University’s Philip and Beulah Rollins Professor of History, Emeritus

Thursday, November 7, 2013

75th Anniversary Banquet, Glen Island Harbour Club, New Rochelle, New York

Look for more Diamond Jubilee “Upcoming Events” at www.svots.edu.

1. Commencement 1963, and original chapel
2. Theotokos and Child Memorial Grotto
3. Faculty in Manhattan: (BACK ROW, FROM LEFT) Boris Ledkovsky, Fr. Paul Schneirls, Veselin Kesich, Fr. Firmilian Osokoljich (later bishop of the Serbian Church), Nicholas Ozerov (FRONT ROW, FROM LEFT) Sophie Koulomzin, Alexander Bogolopov, Fr. Alexander Schmemmann, Nicholas Arseniev, Sergius Verhovskoy
4. Hooda Germack Student Building



Discover the many ways you can remember St. Vladimir’s Seminary with a gift of support (page 16).

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATE CHANCELLOR FOR FINANCE

How to “Read” Audited Financial Reports



Mrs. Melanie Ringa, CFO

PART OF MY JOB AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AT St. Vladimir’s Seminary is to “demystify” our financial statements for the Board of Trustees, administration, staff, faculty, and even students. In this annual report, I’d like to do the same for our donors and friends! First, it’s important to know that the Seminary’s financial archive contains “audited” reports dating back to the 1960s. The most recent ten years of these reports are posted on our Website (www.svots.edu, under “Support Us”). Posting financial archives for public perusal signals that SVOTS values and demands financial transparency.

Second, let me explain how audited reports are generated and a bit about their content. At the end of each fiscal year (June 30th annually) our Finance Department closes its books and prepares internal financial reports, with supporting “workpapers” (paper trails of assets and liabilities, and income and expenses). The Seminary’s Board of Trustees then engages a firm of Certified Public Accountants to “audit” (or, examine) these financial records and to issue an “Audit Report.” The “Audit Report” follows a very precise format as prescribed by the Auditing Standards Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, with these major areas included:

- The Independent Auditors’ Report** (also known as the “Audit Opinion”);
- The Statement of Financial Position** (also known as the “Balance Sheet”);
- The Statement of Activities** (also known as the “Income Statement”);
- The Statement of Cash Flows;** and
- Notes to the Financial Statements.**

So, what critical information does the “Audit Report” provide?

The Independent Auditors’ Report (or, “Audit Opinion”) is a single page letter addressed to the Board of Trustees and is critical to understanding the ensuing financial information. This report in turn is divided into four distinct paragraphs:

- The Introductory Paragraph* identifies the responsibilities of the “auditor” and the “auditee” and the years covered by the report (typically the most recently completed fiscal year, with prior year information listed for comparative purposes).
- The Scope of Work Paragraph* generally describes the work performed by the auditor, including procedures used and any limitations faced.
- The Opinion Paragraph* is a key element in the report. An auditor’s opinion can be classified as unqualified, qualified, adverse, going concern, or disclaimer of opinion. An auditor issues an Unqualified, or “clean opinion,” when an institution’s financial statements are deemed to be free of material misstatements and presented fairly in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP); it is the best type of report an auditee may receive. **SVOTS has always received an “unqualified,” i.e. “clean,” opinion from its external auditors.**
- The Auditor’s Signature and Date* concludes this section.

The Statement of Financial Position (or, “Balance Sheet”) lists the assets, liabilities, and net equity (or, net worth) of the organization. You can learn a lot about the financial stability of an institution by studying this section: lots of liabilities and few assets, resulting in a negative figure for net equity, indicate stress and instability. **In FY2012, SVOTS showed a net equity (i.e., net assets or net worth) of \$26,181,736, demonstrating a stable financial institution.**

The Statement of Activities (or, “Income Statement”) contains information on the fiscal year’s revenues and expenses, noted in four major categories: unrestricted revenues, net assets released from restrictions, expenses, and change in net assets. At SVOTS, unrestricted revenues (i.e., immediately usable revenues, not earmarked for particular use) are made up of things like tuition and fees, and “auxiliary enterprises,” such as SVS Press. Restricted revenues are made up of things like gifts and grants, earmarked for student scholarships or special programs.

The difference between revenues and expenses results in either a positive or negative change in net assets for the fiscal year. **In FY2012, SVOTS showed a positive change in net assets of \$1,271,329, again demonstrating financial stability and fiscal responsibility.**

The Statement of Cash Flows tells the story of where the institution found funds to operate for the fiscal year. Three major areas can provide cash for funding: operations, investment activities, and financing activities.

The total of these three sections informs the reader of the net increase or decrease in the institution’s cash position for the year. **In FY2012 SVOTS ended its year with a balance sheet “in the black,” with \$50,964 to begin FY2013.**

Notes to the Financial Statements follow a prescribed format and provide additional details about each of the financial statements listed in the “Audit Report.” After a brief description of the organizational and legal structure of the institution, there is a very critical statement about the “Basis of Accounting,” which informs the reader whether or not the accounting and reporting policies of the institution conform with generally accepted accounting principles. **“The accounting and reporting policies of the Seminary conform to the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP)”—D’Arcangelo & Co., L.L.P.**

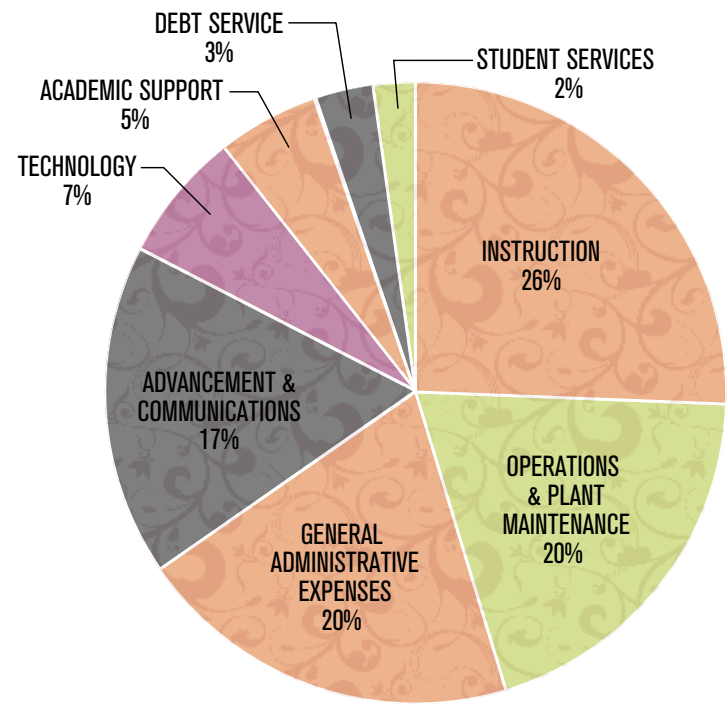
Later on in the notes, there is detailed information on collection timeframes for cash pledges to the institution; on the cost and market value for each segment of the investments; on the asset composition of the institution’s endowments; a summary of the components of the fixed assets; detailed information on mortgages and notes payable; and finally a functional classification of expenses into Program Services and Support Services.

No single financial statement tells the complete story of an institution, but the “Audit Report” contains a wealth of information and insight. I hope that I’ve helped you become comfortable with its financial language, and that you will take the time to read it each year.

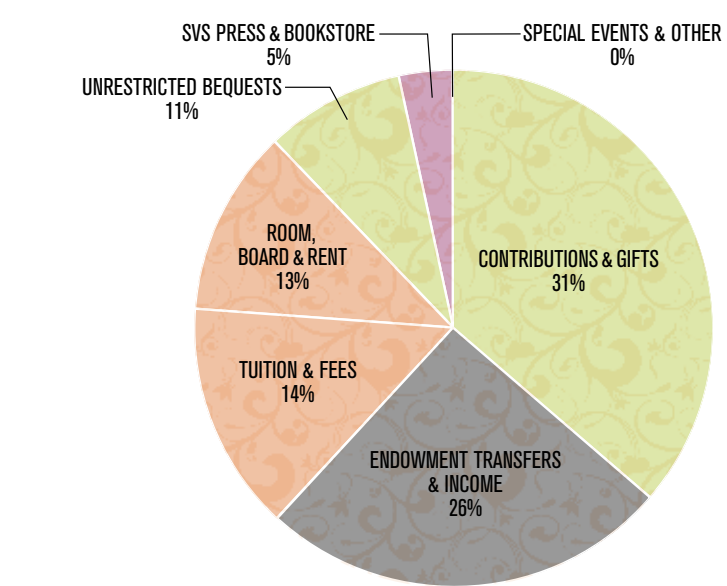
Annual Cost of a Educating One Seminarian

Based on the FY2013 budget | Figures based on 68 full-time equivalent students (FTEs) in 2013

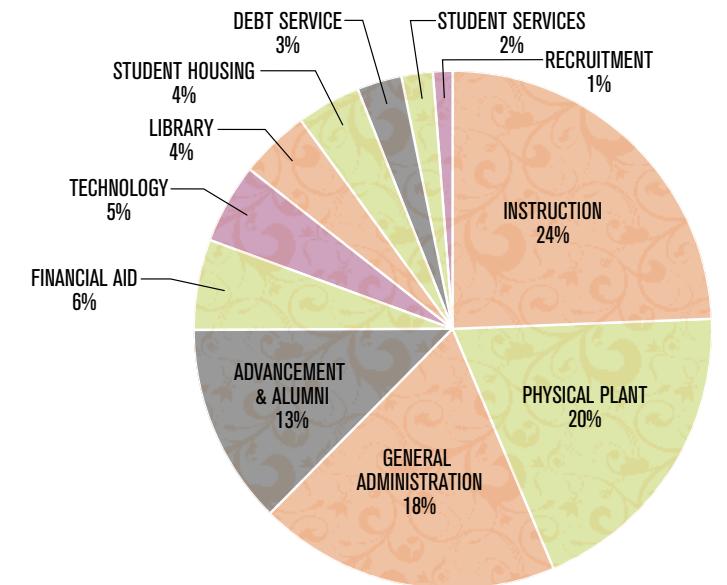
INSTRUCTION	\$12,008	26%
OPERATIONS AND PLANT MAINTENANCE	\$9,312	20%
GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$9,469	20%
ADVANCEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS	\$8,094	17%
TECHNOLOGY	\$3,220	7%
ACADEMIC SUPPORT	\$2,559	5%
DEBT SERVICE	\$1,052	3%
STUDENT SERVICES	\$986	2%
TOTAL ANNUAL COST OF EDUCATING ONE SEMINARIAN		
Annual Tuition	\$10,500	22%
Annual Shortfall	\$36,200	78%



Revenue & Expenses FY2012

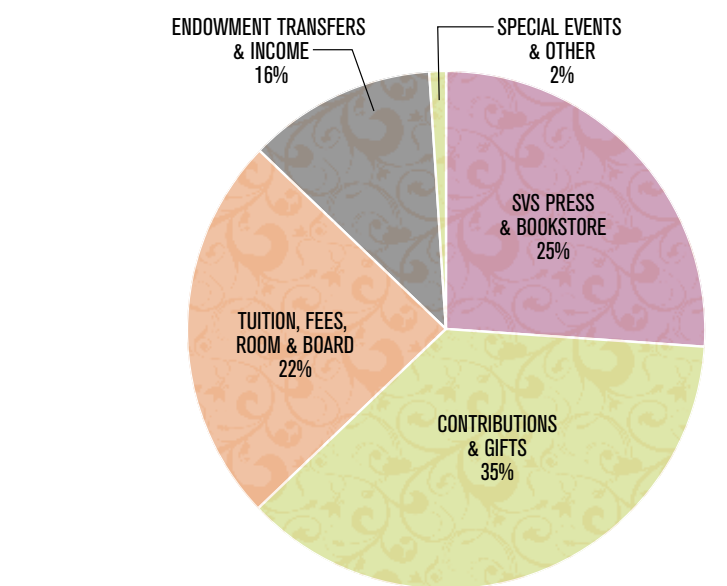


CONTRIBUTIONS AND GIFTS	\$1,065,450	31%
ENDOWMENT TRANSFERS AND INCOME	\$887,911	26%
TUITION AND FEES	\$459,867	14%
ROOM, BOARD AND RENT	\$427,117	13%
UNRESTRICTED BEQUESTS	\$370,000	11%
SVS PRESS AND BOOKSTORE <i>presented on a net basis</i>	\$179,242	5%
SPECIAL EVENTS AND OTHER	\$13,580	0%
TOTAL		
	\$3,403,167	100%

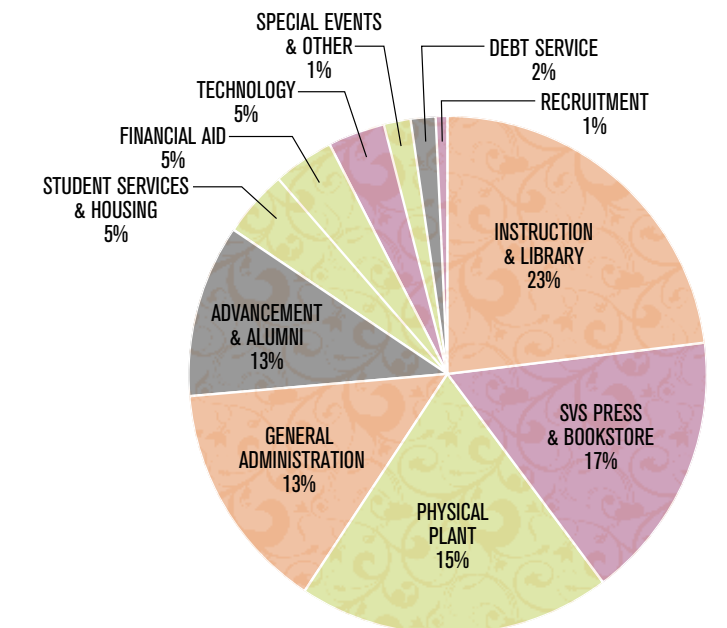


INSTRUCTION	\$813,444	24%
PHYSICAL PLANT	\$668,902	20%
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	\$615,824	18%
ADVANCEMENT, SPECIAL EVENTS, AND ALUMNI	\$457,672	13%
FINANCIAL AID	\$180,245	6%
TECHNOLOGY	\$171,347	5%
LIBRARY	\$136,028	4%
STUDENT HOUSING	\$134,629	4%
DEBT SERVICE	\$111,644	3%
STUDENT SERVICES	\$67,045	2%
RECRUITMENT	\$46,387	1%
TOTAL		
	\$3,403,167	100%

Operating Budget FY2013



SVS PRESS AND BOOKSTORE	\$1,100,000	25%
CONTRIBUTIONS AND GIFTS	\$1,568,000	35%
TUITION, FEES, ROOM AND BOARD	\$978,940	22%
ENDOWMENT TRANSFERS AND INCOME	\$720,500	16%
SPECIAL EVENTS AND OTHER	\$108,500	2%
TOTAL		
	\$4,475,940	100%



INSTRUCTION AND LIBRARY	\$990,588	23%
SVS PRESS AND BOOKSTORE	\$732,416	17%
PHYSICAL PLANT	\$633,184	15%
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	\$572,381	13%
ADVANCEMENT AND ALUMNI	\$550,388	13%
STUDENT SERVICES AND HOUSING	\$204,711	5%
FINANCIAL AID	\$220,500	5%
TECHNOLOGY	\$218,935	5%
SPECIAL EVENTS AND OTHER	\$61,552	1%
DEBT SERVICE	\$71,504	2%
RECRUITMENT	\$53,814	1%
TOTAL		
	\$4,309,973	100%

FY2013 NET GAIN/LOSS

NET OPERATING SURPLUS/DEFICIT	\$165,967
PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS ON LONG TERM DEBT	\$(120,711)
TOTAL OPERATING SURPLUS/DEFICIT	
	\$45,256

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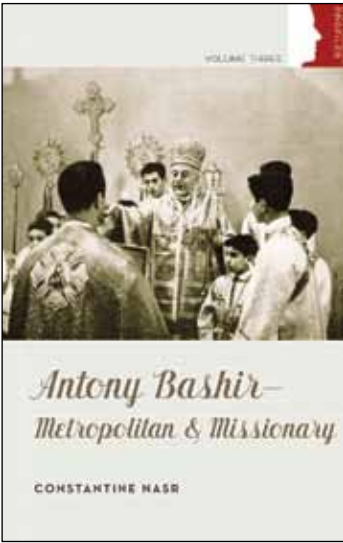
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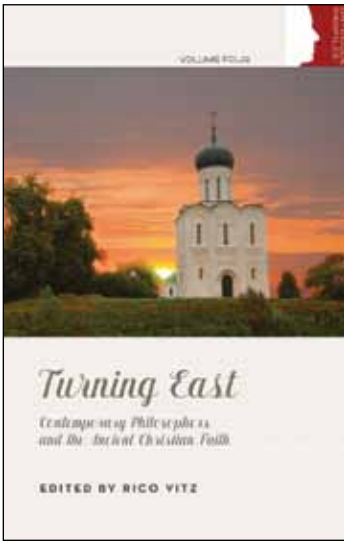
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