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## Legacy of Theological Education

# A Word from the President & the Academic Dean

**Dear future seminarian,**

If you are reading this, chances are that you are considering, at least theoretically, the possibility of coming to Seminary, or know someone who might be considering. Allow us to say a few words to assist you in your process of discernment.

From our humble beginnings through today, St Vladimir's Seminary has kept its focus on its call and commission to serve the Church by training men and women to be faithful witnesses to our Lord Jesus Christ and to serve as clergymen, teachers, preachers, and active apologists for the Orthodox Faith. We remain focused on academic, spiritual, and pastoral formation within a residential Pan-Orthodox community. The Seminary is a community of discernment for vocations, and this includes our institutional vocations.

Academic study is important at St Vladimir's Seminary, but theological education means more than a strictly academic pursuit. The proper context for studying Orthodox theology is spiritual formation that involves the entire person through prayer, study, and obedience to the will of God.

A fundamental reality must be acknowledged: no "standard mold" exists for a successful and faithful servant of the Church. God made all of us in His image, sharers in the common human nature, but He entrusted each one of us with the potential to grow into godlikeness as a unique person. At St Vladimir's Seminary, the Lord forges many kinds of servants to be sent into His vineyard: between God's call, your teachers' efforts, and your own openness to grow, you may become a serious academic, a skillful orator, a dedicated liturgical celebrant, an empathic listener, a missionary in the image of the "apostle to the nations," and so forth.

An Orthodox theological education encompasses and demands more than what is offered in a typical divinity school. **We believe firmly that preparation for service in the Church must involve the formative experience of living in community with others, joining them in daily worship, study, and community service, making and deepening friendships by sharing their joys and sorrows, triumphs, tribulations, and the grind of daily life.** Formation through community is essential to a genuine Orthodox Christian faith.

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The rich diversity of our Seminary community—men and women studying in various programs, coming from many continents and jurisdictions, with a wide range of experiences, interests, talents, and goals—provides you with fantastic opportunities for growth.

We pray that you listen and discern whether, how, and where the Lord is calling you to serve His Church. Our world needs more men and women like you to answer the call.

May God direct your steps,

The Very Rev. Dr Chad Hatfield and Dr Ionuț-Alexandru Tudorie





# Values, Purpose, and Mission

## Values

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### *Servant Leadership*

We are **SERVANTS** of Jesus Christ and His Church.

### *Education*

We are an educational **RESOURCE** for Orthodox Christians worldwide.

### *Mission*

We are a **MINISTRY** of and for the Church.

### *Stewardship*

We are 21st-century **APOLOGISTS** for the Orthodox Christian Faith.

## Purpose

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### *Servant Leadership*

The purpose of St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary is to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by bearing witness to Him throughout the world.

### *Mission*

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We train priests, lay leaders, and scholars to be active apologists of the Orthodox Christian Faith—focusing on academic rigor and spiritual formation within a residential Orthodox community.



# Academic, Pastoral, and Spiritual Formation

At St Vladimir's Seminary, the goal of education is not simply the inculcation of knowledge or even critical thinking skills, but the formation of the whole person. By necessity, the formation of seminarians—as distinct from the formation that takes place in a purely academic environment—considers the entirety of the person, and, as such, focuses on three specific dimensions in which, by the grace of God, all seminarians will grow during their time at St Vladimir's Seminary:

- **Academic Formation:** not only completing the demands of a scholarly, rigorous graduate-level program but also practicing the ability to reflect upon that program of instruction wisely and prudently, as well as the ability to apply it pastorally in service of the Church and others.
- **Pastoral Formation:** preparing to execute the duties of their calling, whether as a pastor, chaplain, or teacher or going on to contribute to the life of the Church through further academic studies or other vocations.
- **Spiritual Formation:** becoming committed to a life of both personal prayer and corporate worship, fidelity to the Church, receiving ongoing direction, and showing a spirit of charity. The goal of spiritual development is to live faithfully in intimate and unceasing union with Jesus Christ and as a member of His Body, the Church.

“The formation you receive at St Vladimir's Seminary should look like a three-legged milking stool. Academic formation, pastoral formation, and spiritual formation—each one of these is an essential aspect of your training here as future clergy and lay leaders who will go out into the world and serve the Church.”

**THE VERY REV. DR CHAD HATFIELD,  
PRESIDENT**



**DR ROSSITZA B. SCHROEDER**  
Associate Professor of Art History & Assistant Director of the Institute of Sacred Arts  
“The Institute of Sacred Arts offers unique opportunities to academics, students, and lay people to deepen their understanding of and relationship with the arts of the Orthodox Church.”  
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St Vladimir's Seminary is the only Orthodox seminary that requires a full quarter of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) as part of the M.Div. program. The M.Div. prepares men for ordination to the priesthood. It also prepares men and women for hospital chaplaincy.  
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Seminarians and their families are enriched, challenged, and instructed in Three Hierarchs Chapel. Academic work is inseparable from daily worship, which is the cornerstone of spiritual formation.  
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## Chapel Life

**Orthodox theological education is uniquely and significantly tied to liturgical worship.** Seminarians and their families are enriched, challenged, and instructed in Three Hierarchs Chapel, named for Sts Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom and consecrated in 1983. Our academics are inseparable from our daily worship, which provides the context for everything we do at the Seminary. This worship is the cornerstone of our spiritual formation.

St Vladimir's Seminary students participate in twice-daily services during weekdays in non-fasting seasons—Matins and Vespers—and thrice-daily services during weekdays in fasting seasons—Matins, Vespers, and Compline. Our worship also includes Saturday evening Vigil and Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, as well as special festal and Lenten celebrations. Students are assigned to take an active part in daily reading, serving, and preaching and participate in the seminary choirs.

**12:**  
average  
number of  
services in a  
week during  
non-fasting  
seasons

“The chapel has always been the center of my seminary experience, both as a student and now as a professor, and I hope I can relate that sense of joy in worship to my students. There were many times as a student I remember studying one topic from different angles in different classes, and the chapel was a place where those angles could cohere into a whole.”

**THE REV. DN DR HARRISON BASIL RUSSIN (M.DIV. '13),  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LITURGICAL MUSIC**





“What our present generation wants, especially in our country, is a true theological revival—a revival of a living theology, which would unlock for us that Truth which one can find in the Scriptures, in the Tradition, and in the liturgical life of the Church...”

—Fr Georges Florovsky,  
1952

## DEGREE PROGRAMS







“The seminary provides an environment that allows for the spiritual, intellectual, and emotional formation of its students. On one hand, they didn’t coddle us through every difficulty, but they didn’t abandon us either. They emphasized liturgical life in the chapel while still maintaining high standards and expectations in the classroom.”

THE REV. ANDREW SALVIA (M.DIV. '23)

## Master of Divinity (M.Div.)

The Master of Divinity at St Vladimir’s Seminary is a graduate professional degree designed primarily for qualified Orthodox seminarians preparing for ordination to the priesthood. It is also an appropriate degree for those preparing for hospital chaplaincy with certification in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). Additionally, the M.Div. prepares individuals for graduate studies in theology and related disciplines.

St Vladimir’s Seminary is also the only Orthodox seminary in North America that requires CPE as part of the supervised practical experience within its M.Div. program. This allows the academic courses to be applied in both hospital/clinical ministries and parish ministries. Our director of Field Education works with the various jurisdictions in the placement of seminarians in area parishes under the supervision of mentors or senior pastors.

Our Director of Spiritual Formation is also part of our M.Div. team supporting seminarians during their three years of residential life at St Vladimir’s Seminary. Striking a balance between maintaining high academic standards, cultivating pastoral formation, and nurturing a healthy spiritual life is essential for preparing M.Div. seminarians for service to the Church.

Master of Divinity courses are divided into a core of foundational theology courses, specialized courses in applied theology and the practice of ministry, skills courses in practical liturgics and liturgical music, and elective courses. To prepare students for service in their church jurisdictions, St Vladimir’s Seminary offers jurisdictionally specific courses in liturgics and liturgical music, and other areas as needed. The minimum number of credits for the degree is 72.



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# Master of Arts (M.A.)

The Master of Arts program at St Vladimir's Seminary is designed for those wishing to explore the major academic areas within the theological curriculum without the professional preparation required of candidates for ordination in the Orthodox Church. The program is designed to meet the needs of students preparing to pursue advanced doctoral studies or who feel called to serve in lay ministry roles in the Church.

The M.A. program is also intended for those of any profession or occupation who seek to acquire the "mind of Christ," as the Apostle Paul urged the Philippians, so that they might engage the world through their profession with that mind. To acquire the mind of Christ is a long process that begins with a daily encounter with God's word in study, service, and prayer, the essential components of a genuine Orthodox theological education and the pillars of the Master of Arts program at St Vladimir's Seminary.

**Students who are admitted to the Master of Arts program complete a core curriculum of courses in the arts, history, liturgy, Scripture, and theology. They are also encouraged to complete the requirements of a concentration of their choice.**

St Vladimir's Seminary seeks to equip students in the Master of Arts program to read Scripture and Patristics with discernment; to think theologically and pastorally about the world and their cultural context, addressing contemporary realities in a manner faithful to the Church's tradition; and to research and write at a scholarly level.

“All the teachers that I have known here at St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, with no exception, even though they are of high standing and reputation, are always patient, willing to listen and help. They always give the impression that whatever you have to offer is a gain for them. Having a previous background of dealing with university teachers, I can now discern the huge difference between working in a secular university and in a place founded on faith like St Vladimir's Seminary.”

**MOTHER VERONICA ABASKHAROUN**  
(M.A. '24, CONCENTRATION IN THEOLOGICAL  
SCHOLARSHIP AND RESEARCH)



## M.A. Concentrations:

**SACRED ARTS** The M.A. program at St Vladimir's Seminary is an ideal context to immerse oneself directly into the sacred arts, as lived within the worship, theology, and overall experience of the Orthodox Faith.

This program is intended in particular for students and/or practitioners of music, choral conducting, iconography, architecture, art history, and other related disciplines, who wish to pursue greater meaning, understanding, and spiritual depth in their work—by understanding its place within the wider context of sacred arts, and specifically within the theological and liturgical world of Orthodox Christianity.

**THEOLOGICAL SCHOLARSHIP AND RESEARCH** is for those preparing for further graduate study in theology. Students who pursue the concentration in Theological Scholarship and Research continue their study of an ancient language, normally Biblical Greek, participate in seminars set aside for Th.M. students, and complete an honors thesis as their summative writing project.



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## Master of Theology (Th.M.)

The Master of Theology (Th.M.) at St Vladimir's Seminary prepares students for advanced theological research and to pursue a terminal academic degree.

Th.M. students are given concrete means to build upon their areas of expertise and talent. The student is the first beneficiary of this program, but theological training is always for the building up of the Church.

This program primarily targets qualified Orthodox students from the United States or abroad with a strong theological background (minimum requirements are a Master of Divinity degree or equivalent, along with a strong knowledge of at least one classical language—Greek, Latin, Hebrew, Armenian, etc.). Non-Orthodox students who wish to specialize in Orthodox studies are also more than welcome to apply to this program.

Th.M. seminars are led by carefully selected faculty members and focus on research methods that will equip students to engage in advanced theological reflection, research, and theological writing at a scholarly level suitable for peer-reviewed publications. The expected step after graduating from this program is to continue with a terminal academic degree in different fields of theology, but ordination (for those with a Master of Divinity degree) is always encouraged.

The six mandatory Th.M. seminars are held annually and concentrate on selected topics of Orthodox studies: Church history, canon law, liturgical theology, patristics, biblical studies, and dogmatics. Additionally, these seminars can be complemented by other electives offered by St Vladimir's Seminary, Fordham University, or other schools from the New York Theological Consortium (Union Theological Seminary, General Theological Seminary, New York Theological Seminary, and Hebrew Union College).

Monthly invitations to academic events that include faculty research seminars, discussing their best final papers in the twice-yearly graduate student conferences, and the final thesis public defense with the participation of their peers and professors are all excellent opportunities to propel our Master of Theology students to the next level of advanced theological research.



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# Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.)

The Doctor of Ministry degree at St Vladimir's Seminary enhances the practice of ministry for ordained and lay ministers in the Orthodox Church. The program integrates enhanced competencies in pastoral analysis with skills necessary to lead students to an advanced understanding of the nature and purposes of ministry. Working in communities of teachers and learners, the students gain deeper knowledge about the practice of serving others in Christian love as they grow in spiritual maturity as ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The D.Min. program at St Vladimir's Seminary provides priests, chaplains, and other pastoral professionals with advanced knowledge and skills in order to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to those who are suffering. Integrating doctoral-level academic work with pastoral spirituality, this program will help you to acquire and refine the skills to minister to those whom God has called you to serve. Please consider joining us in a doctoral program that will give you an opportunity to foster deep and lasting friendships as we engage in work that contributes to authentic spiritual and pastoral renewal.



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The Rev. Dr Elias Dorham (D.Min. '23) on the D.Min. program: "I would recommend it 100%. To wrestle with the culture we find ourselves in today, a good number of clergy and laypeople really need to have advanced education in these areas. Our jurisdictions would do well to be putting people through programs like this on a regular basis. Building a cadre of ministers, lay and clergy, who are properly equipped to advance the mission of the Church in the world today is essential." ▶





# Clinical Pastoral Education

**St Vladimir's Seminary is the only Orthodox Christian seminary in the United States that offers Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) programs to its students** accredited by the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE). ACPE currently accredits over 300 CPE programs offered in hospitals, prisons, churches, seminaries, community-based organizations, and other settings across the United States.

CPE brings theological students and ministers of all faiths (pastors, priests, rabbis, imams, and others) into supervised encounters with persons in crisis. Out of an intense involvement with persons in need, and the feedback from peers and supervisors, students develop new awareness of themselves as persons and of the needs of those to whom they minister. From theological reflection on specific human situations, they gain a new understanding of ministry. Within the interdisciplinary team process of helping persons, they develop skills in interpersonal and interprofessional relationships.

All ACPE-accredited CPE consists of a minimum of 400 hours: 300 clinical hours, and 100 educational hours in small group and individual supervision. CPE is an experience in process education. The heart of CPE is ministry with people and learning through reflection, discussion, and evaluation with other students and supervisors.

At St Vladimir's Seminary, **CPE is an integral requirement for seminarians in the M.Div. program, and an option for M.A. & Th.M. students.** All M.Div. students are required to complete a unit of ACPE CPE at any accredited center in the United States. A second CPE Unit (parish-based) is offered as an option at St Vladimir's Seminary. St Vladimir's Seminary hires an ACPE-certified educator to prepare students for hospital-based CPE, to lead the CPE Units at St Vladimir's Seminary in accordance with the ACPE Standards, and to maintain all the ACPE accreditation requirements; all ACPE programs are reviewed for re-accreditation every three years (by portfolio materials), and every six years (through a site visit).

**The Clinical Pastoral Education hours through St Vladimir's Seminary include:**

- 100 hours of face-to-face education (group and individual supervision)
- A Clinical Placement Agreement for 300 hours of spiritual care at one or two locations (usually a parish and/or a hospital). These agreements require the involvement of a clinical site mentor, who verifies the spiritual care provided and provides observation and feedback on the student's ministry.

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**St Vladimir's Seminary is the ONLY Orthodox seminary to offer ACPE-accredited CPE programs to its students.**

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**ACPE-Accredited CPE:**  
**300** clinical hours  
 +  
**100** educational hours



Listen Now

▲ **Top:** Fr Adrian Budica (Th.M. '10), Director of Field Education and CPE Supervisor, with CPE program participants during the 2018-19 academic year. **Bottom:** Listen to Fr Adrian and Chaplain Sarah Byrne-Martelli (D.Min. '19) share their own personal experiences in caring for others as chaplains: [www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/woundedhealer](http://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/woundedhealer)



# The Institute of Sacred Arts (ISA) at St Vladimir's Seminary



The Institute of Sacred Arts at St Vladimir's Seminary explores the intersection of human creativity and holiness.

With a theology that is holistic, and a Liturgy that unites multiple artistic disciplines and all the human senses, the Orthodox Christian tradition is a fitting context for the exploration and celebration of the sacred arts.

Since its founding in 1938, St Vladimir's Seminary has fostered the immersive study of the Liturgy, and of the visual, musical, and rhetorical arts. The Institute of Sacred Arts serves to extend the Seminary's mission in exploring the mutual relationship between theology and the arts by:

- Contributing to the work of people and institutions that practice and reflect on the sacred arts;
- Engaging people and institutions of all backgrounds with Orthodox Christian artistic tradition;
- Inspiring wider public interest in spirituality and the arts.

The Institute finds its expression in a curriculum infused with the arts, academic symposia and conferences, and publications and cultural events.

St Vladimir's Seminary is now offering an **M.A. degree with a concentration in Sacred Arts**, facilitated by the Institute of Sacred Arts. The concentration features coursework in both theoretical and applied theology and the arts, with opportunities to specialize in a particular discipline: music, iconology, art history, liturgy, architecture, et al. Numerous opportunities for in-depth study and creative collaboration with sacred arts scholars from a range of disciplines include subsidized internships and an annual artist-in-residence program.

Our M.A. curriculum draws on our resident faculty as well as a number of world-class affiliated artists and scholars willing to work with seminarians as mentors and project advisors.

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**Left:** *The Empty Tomb*, a work by iconographer George Kordis, 2022 Artist in Residence. **Right:** Orthodox church musicians from across the country gathered at St Vladimir's Seminary for the 2023 Summer Music Institute to hone their vocal, conducting, and compositional skills by studying, rehearsing, and worshiping with American Orthodox liturgical music.

The Master of Arts program at St Vladimir's Seminary is a two-year residential program. It offers a well-rounded course of studies in Orthodox Christian theology, with courses in biblical and historical studies, liturgy, patristics, and systematic theology.

The concentration in sacred arts consists in seminar and lecture courses:

- An **Introductory Seminar** that introduces and explores fundamental principles common to the theology and practice of sacred arts. Drawing on case studies of specific works of art/architecture/music, the course will explore historical context as well as function within and outside the liturgy, past and present. The course will also introduce issues of aesthetics, canonicity, tradition, and innovation.
- Courses tying together the various sacred arts, through categories such as **theological aesthetics** and **liturgy**. These focus on the hermeneutics of the arts in the Church, as well as the role of the arts in constituting the liturgy, and the role of the liturgy in giving coherence to its constitutive arts.
- A **Capstone Seminar** brings together the multiple disciplines of the sacred arts, Orthodox theology and liturgy, and the work being done by the particular cohort, into a semester-long summative experience.



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## Academic Events

Each year, St Vladimir's Seminary hosts a variety of events open to the student community and the general public, including keynote presentations given by honored guests, concerts, webinars, and roundtable discussions by scholars in academic fields related to theology or sacred art. Some annually recurring events are:

**Annual Academic Symposium:** This three-day conference focuses on a different area of theological study each year, and is attended by top-notch international scholars; the proceedings are published after each annual conference.

**Schmemmann Memorial Lecture:** Held every year since the repose of Protopresbyter Alexander Schmemmann on the Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs (January 30), featuring prominent speakers on key theological topics.

**Institute of Sacred Arts Roundtable Discussion:** A diverse panel of Orthodox sacred artists gathers periodically to deliver a dynamic joint presentation and Q&A session, discussing topics pertaining to the role of the arts in the practice of the Orthodox Faith.

**The Light of the World Webinar Series:** Each month, a pair of distinguished speakers from among St Vladimir's Seminary faculty, alumni, and friends are invited to cohost a public Zoom webinar. These webinars aim to address a diverse range of themes related to real and pressing issues facing Orthodox faithful in modern society.

**Faculty Seminar:** Every month during the academic year (September through May) the Seminary faculty gather for an in-person or online presentation by an invited speaker, followed by a robust Q&A session. Seminarians on the Dean's List are also invited to participate.



“The Academic Symposium on Liturgical Theology was one of the brightest times in my life.”

THE REV. DN GIORGI LOMSADZE (M.DIV. '24)

▲ **Top:** In 2022, the Seminary hosted its first Annual Academic Symposium. The Symposium topic, “Liturgy and Theology,” drew leading scholars in liturgical theology from around the globe, each of whom gave talks presenting their own research in the field. **Middle left:** The 40th Annual Fr Alexander Schmemmann Memorial Lecture was held in January 2023. The Rev. Dr Hans Boersma, Professor of Ascetical Theology at Nashotah House, spoke on the topic “God as Embodied: Christology and Participation in Maximus the Confessor.” **Middle right:** The Institute of Sacred Arts Roundtable Discussion 2023 hosted artists and scholars Aidan Hart, Jonathan Pageau, and Andrew Gould. **Bottom:** The inaugural webinar in St Vladimir's Seminary's new *Light of the World Webinar Series* took place in October 2023. Co-hosts His Grace Bishop John (Abdalah), Auxiliary of the Diocese of Worcester and New England (AOCANA), and Orthodox writer, Khouria Frederica Mathewes-Green, spoke at length on the topic, “Submission to the Church: How to Become Children of the Light.”



# The Father Georges Florovsky Library

The Father Georges Florovsky Library at St Vladimir's Seminary is a **Pan-Orthodox resource serving all levels of St Vladimir's Seminary's institutional mission and vision, as well as scholars and researchers worldwide.** It is dedicated to providing for the multifaceted research needs of its local and international community—academic, liturgical, and pastoral—in order to form and cultivate future leaders and servants in the Orthodox Church and the academy.

The library's commitment to developing a collection in many languages serves the Seminary's Pan-Orthodox mission. Moreover, while the library serves the needs of students, faculty, and staff, it also serves researchers worldwide who are studying the Orthodox Church. It is an archival library for the Orthodox Church in America and serves the other Orthodox jurisdictions in North America. It features special collections that include historical materials such as books, pamphlets, and video and audio recordings of lectures and music.

Given that the Orthodox Church prioritizes the historical tradition of Scripture and patristics, the library has extensive holdings and a reputation for its collections in these areas. In addition, the library offers a service known as “the Lyceum.” The Lyceum is a resource that provides a setting for students to hone and improve their academic thinking, writing, and presentation skills. Its fundamental purpose is to foster a marketplace of ideas and promote intellectual inquiry among the student body, thereby aiding students in their journey to cultivate their own unique contributions to coursework, parish life, academic conferences, or publications. For all of these reasons, the library equitably services all of the Seminary's degree programs: the M.Div., M.A., Th.M., and D.Min.

Given the library's commitment to the academic formation of the student body, seminarians will leave St Vladimir's Seminary prepared to take on the challenges that face them in the outside world.

**160,000**  
volumes and  
hundreds of  
periodicals

Did you know? The Fr Georges Florovsky Library's holdings of rare books include a copy of the Ostrog Bible, the first printed Bible in Slavonic script (1581), which was donated to the Seminary by Archbishop John Shahovskoy of San Francisco. ▶





# St Vladimir's Seminary Press

SVS Press is the largest publisher of Orthodox Christian books in the English language—housing over 500 titles.

The mission of SVS Press is to partner with reputable authors and translators worldwide in order to produce and distribute rich theological texts that preserve the Orthodox Faith, tradition, and history, while also fostering a platform for new theological and academic works of excellence.

The SVS Press team is committed to building and maintaining a catalog of work covering a variety of topics, not limited to the following: theology, history, ecclesiology, ecumenism,

500+  
titles

20+  
audiobooks

160+  
ebooks

...and  
growing!

hagiography, iconography, spirituality, scriptural studies, music, pastoral theology, Christian education, philosophy, biographies, and patristics.

SVS Press is one of few seminary presses that makes a profit. 100% of book sales support St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary and its mission to train Orthodox priests and future church leaders.

As a token of our support and appreciation for our St Vladimir's Seminary alumni, **each alumnus is granted a lifetime 40% discount on all SVS Press purchases.**

1950s: To respond to the urgent need for English-language books about Orthodox Christian faith, St Vladimir's Seminary professors gather course materials to be hand-typed or mimeographed for distribution (Sophie S. Koulomzin, Professor of Christian Education 1954–1973 and Alexander Bogolepov, Professor of Canon Law 1951–1971, et al.). A number of small pamphlets are also published.



1968: St Vladimir's Seminary Press is founded. First two books are published: *Great Lent* and *For the Life of the World*, both authored by Father Alexander Schmemmann, St Vladimir's Seminary Dean, 1962–1983



1990: SVS Press purchases a desktop publishing program, enabling it to produce many titles in-house.



2022: SVS Press launches a new audiobook program, releasing the first three books: *How to Be a Sinner*, by Peter Bouteneff, *Great Lent: Journey to Pascha* and *For the Life of the World*, by Father Alexander Schmemmann (*For the Life of the World* is read by Zachariah Mandell (M.Div. '20), the great-grandson of Fr Alexander).

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1962: The Seminary publishes first books, among which are *Lectures in Orthodox Religious Education* (later titled *Our Church and Our Children*) by Sophie S. Koulomzin, *The Orthodox Pastor* by Archbishop John (Shahovskoy) of San Francisco, and *Revelation of Life Eternal* by Nicholas Arseniev. The Church's response is enthusiastic and encouraging, demonstrating the hunger of clergy and laity for English-language titles about their faith.



1973: Theodore Basil, currently the most senior member of the management staff, began his employment with the Press. His tenure as the Director of SVS Press laid the foundation for its exponential growth over the years; from 2-3 titles to over 500 titles exceeding a million dollars in annual sales revenue that has always shown a profit. All SVS Press profits directly support St Vladimir's Seminary.

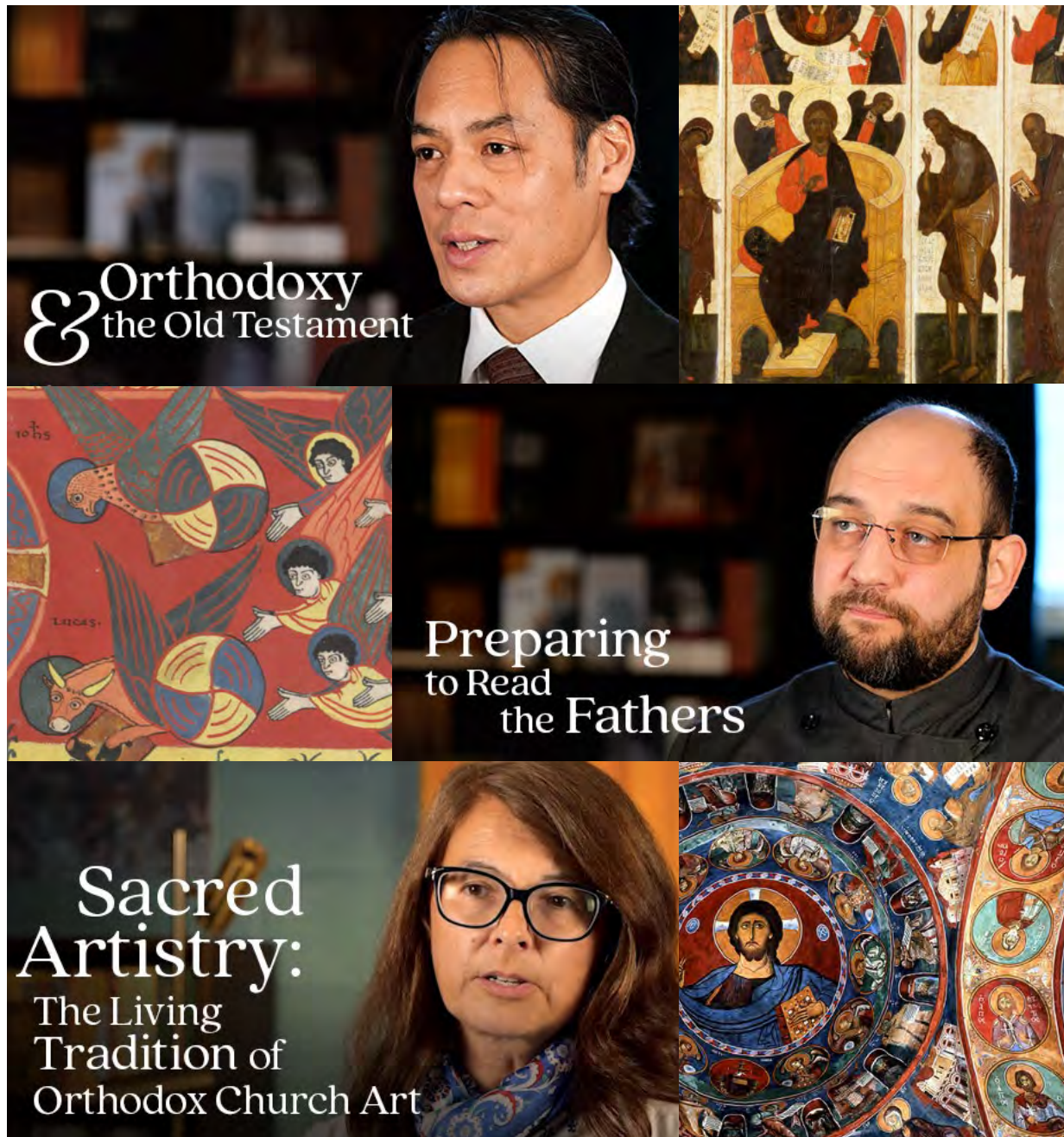


2010: SVS Press joins the digital revolution: 23 titles are placed on Amazon Kindle. Its current ebook collection consists of over 160 titles.



“The online classes reflect a thoroughly Orthodox sense of rigor, artfulness, and wisdom. The instructors teach the theological and the symbolic in a way that points towards a mystery of God that is ultimately beyond words and understanding.”

**CORNELIUS SWART, ATTENDEE OF FIRST THREE ONLINE COURSES OFFERED IN 2023**



## St Vladimir's Online School of Theology

St Vladimir's Seminary now offers a growing catalog of online, non-degree courses. Over the last few years, St Vladimir's Seminary has increased its online presence through a vibrant website, live-streaming, and active social media pages, as well as hybrid degree programs. The St Vladimir's Online School of Theology, inaugurated in June 2023, has offered online courses on patristics, Old Testament, and the sacred arts, and will eventually expand into certification and possibly M.A. degree programs. Director of Online Education Arpina Nakashian (M.A. '15), is overseeing the development of all online programming.

St Vladimir's Seminary received a five-year grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to take the initial steps into the cyber world of ed-tech. The goal is to unfold the following non-degree online programs in accordance with the timeline of the proposal: Introductory Theological Studies, Parish Clergy Education Program, Lay Catechist Certification Program, and Advanced Skills for Lay Leaders. Furthermore, the online programs for St Vladimir's Online School of Theology will be carefully developed based on St Vladimir's Seminary's current offerings and other elements.

The programs are designed to serve a range of participants. This includes the general public who is curious about what the Orthodox Church has to offer; Orthodox laity who wish to deepen their knowledge and commitment to Orthodoxy; ordained and lay ministers who have the desire to pursue further theological studies; and parish laity who aspire to learn more skills in order to serve their respective parishes.

St Vladimir's Seminary's online programming encompasses various software to enhance online learning. Moreover, short and long multimedia resources are produced to support each respective program and redesigned for the purposes of social media learning. Furthermore, St Vladimir's Online School of Theology has its own platform to host all the programs we are offering: [online.svots.edu](http://online.svots.edu). Both synchronous and asynchronous programs will be easily accessible on this website.

As the Seminary equips itself to educate online, it expands on opportunities to share the gospel and train the faithful in the modern world.

◀ The first three online classes offered in 2023 were well received, with an average of 150 participants from around the world.



# Faculty Directory



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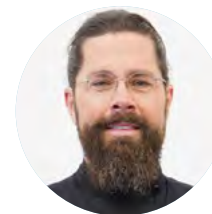


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\* “Instructor of the Practice” refers to a part-time faculty member who is hired to enhance the Seminary’s mission, who possesses the expertise and achievements to provide professional instruction, and whose qualifications are primarily—but not exclusively—based on professional experience rather than on scholarly credentials.



# Residential Life and Community Formation

**St Vladimir's Seminary is committed to being a residential Orthodox Christian community.** We believe it's impossible to adequately form priests and church leaders over the internet. We hope you will be numbered among those Orthodox Christians who live in community with us—a rare and challenging opportunity. One of the enriching qualities of St Vladimir's Seminary is the diversity of our students: we are single and married, male and female, fresh out of college and coming from established careers, and from many Orthodox jurisdictions in the US and abroad. We are united by our common desire to be formed and shaped for service in Christ's Church.

Our program is structured for intentional **intellectual, emotional, and spiritual formation:** in classroom instruction; in living the rhythm of the daily cycle of services; in discovering one's strengths and weaknesses by living in close proximity to others; through regular prayer, Scripture reading, meditation, silence, and participation in the sacramental life of the Church; and through the development of pastoral sensitivity.

“The most powerful part of my seminary education didn't happen in the classroom, as critical as the academics were to my formation; even more important was the time I spent on campus as a member of the community, living the liturgical life throughout the year, fasting and praying with the community—even carrying out my work assignment. For this, there is NO substitute or shortcut.”

THE REV. SERAPHIM SOLOF (M.DIV. '84)





# Student Interest Groups

We have a number of student-led and faculty-supervised interest groups. These groups are determined each year by the student council and are subject to change based on the amount of interest. Currently, we have the following active groups:

## St Ambrose Society

The St Ambrose Society is the Seminary's pro-life student interest group. This group seeks to raise awareness of, to promote, and to obey the Church's teachings by hosting seminars and lectures on vital pro-life issues. Each semester, members gather to pray outside a local Planned Parenthood organization. This group also organizes the Seminary's participation in the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

## St Demetrios Fitness and Fellowship Society

The St Demetrios Fitness and Fellowship Society is a platform through which our community can come together in fellowship and maintain a healthy lifestyle, aiding in the formation we strive to achieve while at Seminary. This society creates an opportunity for regular physical activity on a more communal level so that, in addition to the soul and mind "workouts" we get through classes, personal prayer, and chapel life, we may maintain our physical health as well.

## St Herman Society for Orthodox Ecology

The St Herman Society for Orthodox Ecology seeks to encourage environmental stewardship. The group has sponsored campus beautification days and tree-planting ceremonies, public lectures by notable ecologists, and the observance of the Orthodox Christian New Year, with its traditional theme of creation care.

**Top Left:** Among other endeavors, the St Ambrose Society hosts seminars and lectures on vital pro-life issues. In 2022, the Society hosted an event with the Rev. Dn Dr Matthew Vest, Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics, on the importance of the concept of "human rights" in any discussion related to bioethics. **Top Right:** St Ambrose Society at the March for Life (Washington, D. C.) in 2022. **Middle:** Members of St Demetrios Society meet at the gym, go on hikes, and organize flag football games, bringing the whole community together for fitness and fellowship. **Bottom:** St Herman Society sponsors campus beautification days and tree-planting ceremonies.





## St Innocent Mission Society

The St Innocent Mission Society exists to promote awareness and involvement in Christian mission and evangelism. Taking into account Jesus' call to his apostles to be witnesses locally, regionally, and internationally (Acts 1:8), the society seeks opportunities in these dimensions to love our fellow human beings made in the image of God and to promote the edification and growth of Christ's Church.

## Women's Group

The Women's Group is specifically aimed at facilitating events that encourage fun and fellowship for all women on campus, whether they be staff, faculty wives, or students. Movie nights, "moms' night out," cooking classes, game nights, and other creative special activities draw the women together for times of relaxation and fellowship.

## St Moses Society

Taking the Fellowship of St Moses the Black as its inspiration, the St Moses Society endeavors to foster meaningful conversation on race in the Orthodox Church today. The group holds weekly prayers of reconciliation in Three Hierarchs Chapel on campus.

## Orthodox Inter-Seminary Movement (OISM)

OISM typically meets twice a year at a different seminary and seeks to foster prayer, fellowship, and cooperation among seminarians of the Orthodox Church.

**Top:** Among many projects that St Innocent Mission Society participates in, members regularly gather in the Seminary's refectory kitchen to prepare meals for the local soup kitchen. **Middle left:** Women on campus enjoy a time of fellowship and relaxation. **Middle right:** The St Moses Society gathers weekly in the chapel for prayers for reconciliation. **Bottom:** In October 2022, the Orthodox Inter-Seminary Movement (OISM) Fall Retreat was hosted by St Tikhon's Seminary. One of the participants, Caleb McGee (M.Div. '24), reflected, "This was my first time to attend an OISM retreat, and I found it to be a very rewarding experience. I very much enjoyed getting to meet students from the other seminaries and the time we spent in fellowship and prayer together over the weekend. I very much look forward to our spring retreat and other future gatherings!"





# St Juliana Society

The St Juliana Society, formed to support future clergy wives, plans a variety of events with a range of speakers who cover topics that have been suggested by former students and second- and third-year student wives. Meetings are on alternate Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. There is also a more general **Women's Group**, specifically aimed at facilitating events that encourage fun and fellowship for all women on campus, whether they be staff, faculty wives, or students.

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“I remember what it was like being a young clergy wife, clueless as to what was expected of me and how to deal with the challenges of parish and mission life. With the help of my student planners, we created a venue for questions about what happens after seminary, in order to equip wives with the tools they will need.”

MKA THEKLA HATFIELD,  
ST JULIANA SOCIETY FOUNDING COORDINATOR



The St Juliana Society offers seminary wives the opportunity to hear and interact with guest speakers on a variety of topics, and to bond with the other women on campus.

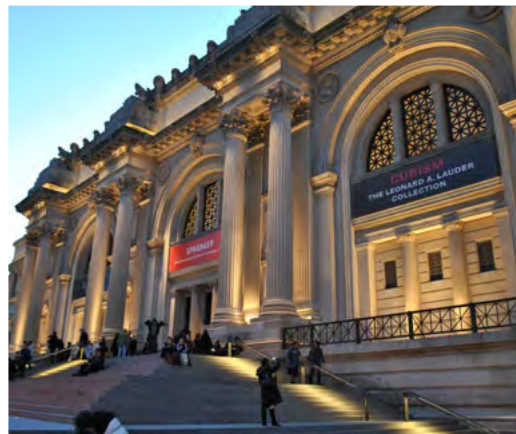


Each year, the St Juliana Society's first meeting is a "Wine & Cheese Night"



One of the events St Juliana Society has organized in the past is a Craft Festival, an event allowing the women on campus to showcase and share their skills.





## Family Life on Campus

Living at St Vladimir's Seminary has many benefits for our seminarians, but it is also a great experience for our many seminarian families with children! The Seminary hosts multiple family activities and events throughout the year, including:

- Lazarus Saturday Party
- Pascha Cookout
- Fall Festival
- Thanksgiving Community Dinner
- St Nicholas Party
- Jesse Tree readings and decorating
- St Martin's Day Parade

Another exciting aspect of living on the St Vladimir's Seminary campus is its proximity to New York City, which is renowned for its arts and cultural activities. Our campus is just 30-60 minutes away from Central Park, Lincoln Center, Madison Square Garden, and all the museums, theaters, and sporting events New York City has to offer. Many of the city's premier attractions, museums, galleries, and performances offer free entry or pay-what-you-wish options for New York City area residents.

◀ **Top:** Children and parents alike enjoy the annual visit from St Nicholas, accompanied by carol singing and crafts. **Middle:** Life on campus is full of opportunities for families to build deep friendships and enjoy fellowship. **Bottom:** Central Park and the Metropolitan Museum of Art are just two of many attractions available within a 20-mile radius of St Vladimir's Seminary.



# St Vladimir's Seminary: Where Pan-Orthodoxy is Lived

“A contemporary Orthodox theologian cannot retire into a narrow cell of some local tradition, because Orthodoxy...is not a local tradition but basically an ecumenical one.”

ARCHPRIEST GEORGES FLOROVSKY,  
AFTER ST VLADIMIR'S SEMINARY WAS GRANTED OFFICIAL STATUS  
AS AN ACADEMY OF HIGHER LEARNING IN 1948

Forty-five years after the repose of former dean, Archpriest Georges Florovsky (1893–1979), his vision of giving St Vladimir's Seminary a definite Pan-Orthodox orientation is still being fulfilled here every day. Orthodox Christians from almost every jurisdiction and continent stand side-by-side in worship, study, and fellowship at our chapel, in our classrooms, and even at lunch. Vespers and matins are served and chanted according to the rubrics of the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese each week; unique courses in music, liturgics, history, and more are offered every semester for Orthodox traditions outside of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA), including Oriental Orthodox traditions; chapels have been established on campus for students from the Coptic and Syriac/Malankara traditions to learn and practice serving in their respective rites; and special scholarships have enabled seminarians from Serbian, African, Georgian, Syriac, and other churches to be educated and trained here at St Vladimir's Seminary. In addition, 2024 will mark fifty-five years of cooperation between St Vladimir's Seminary and the nearby St Nersess Armenian Seminary.

**At every Seminary gathering or event, Orthodox Christians of every background engage in loving Christian fellowship and high-level discussions.** This kind of Pan-Orthodox activity is difficult to find on this scale and with this frequency anywhere else in the world. Tragically, jurisdictional disputes abound, and too many Orthodox churches are arguably becoming even more insular. But St Vladimir's Seminary continues to resist that trend. The Seminary is constantly in discussions to increase our cooperation with other Orthodox jurisdictions and to create new offerings in our curriculum to better meet the needs of their respective traditions. Pan-Orthodoxy is not just a dream at St Vladimir's Seminary. It is *lived* here.

– The Very Rev. Dr Chad Hatfield,  
Seminary President





# International Students

Students come from all over the world to attend St Vladimir's Seminary. The international student body provides a unique and rich blend of different people, cultures, and educational experiences. This international presence helps to encourage dialogue, valuable exchange, and a tangible sense of unity in Christ among students of all nations.

International applicants are strongly encouraged to apply as soon as possible, as the visa process may take additional time due to backlogs at embassies.

## Academic Requirements

Transcripts are required from all post-secondary accredited institutions attended in the original language and with a certified English translation. Applicants may be required to obtain a US equivalency of their international degrees from a US-based company (Morningside, etc.).

## Language Requirements

In order to undertake a program of study at St Vladimir's Seminary, international students must demonstrate that they have attained a level of proficiency in English that is sufficient for graduate-level studies. The usual basis for evaluation is the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) of the Educational Testing Service ([www.ets.org/toefl](http://www.ets.org/toefl)). The Seminary's TOEFL Institute Code is 2804. The minimum TOEFL iBT scores required are 96 (M.Div.), 100 (M.A.), and 104 (Th.M. and D.Min.). TOEFL waivers will be considered for applicants who have earned a degree from a college or university in the United States, or from a non-US university where the primary language of instruction is English, as long as there is sufficient evidence that the applicant has attained the level of proficiency in English required for graduate-level studies.

## Legal Requirements

A certified English translation of the applicant's criminal record, issued by a competent authority, is required.



▲ The Rev. Dn Richard Okello (M.Div. '25), a student from Uganda, and Pavlo Kurganov (M.A. '24) from Ukraine.

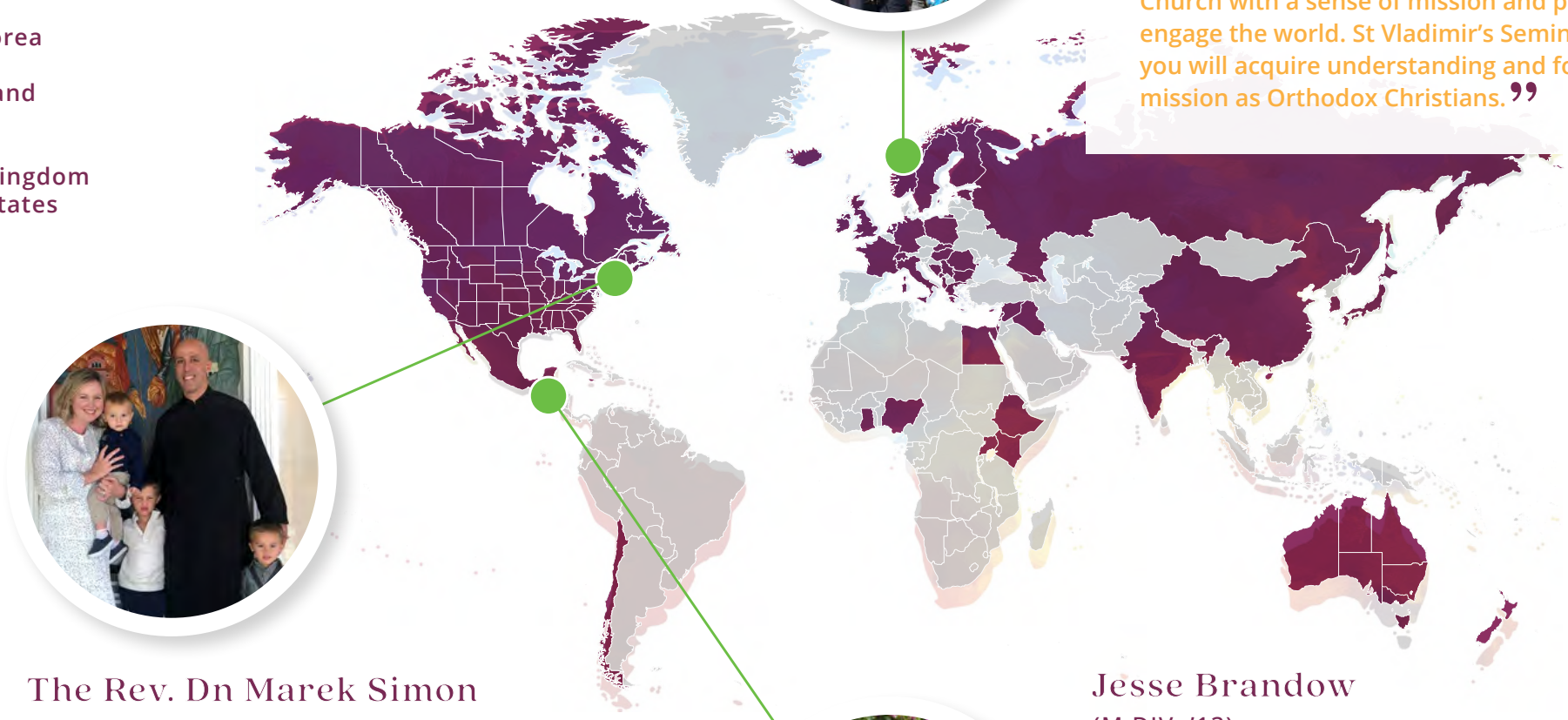
## Immigration Requirements

Upon receiving an offer of admission, all international applicants must complete the Application and Certification of Financial Support for Form I-20 and pay the required deposits. The Seminary will then be able to issue Form I-20, the document that allows them to apply for an F-1 student visa at a US embassy or US consulate. As part of the visa application, international students must demonstrate that sufficient funds are available to cover academic and living expenses incurred during the duration of their presence in the United States. Students will be able to travel to the United States to begin their studies only after their F-1 visa has been issued by the US Embassy.



# Alumni Around the World

- Albania
- Australia
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Canada
- Chile
- China
- Cyprus
- Egypt
- Estonia
- Ethiopia
- Finland
- France
- Georgia
- Germany
- Ghana
- Greece
- Guatemala
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- Norway
- Poland
- Romania
- Russia
- Serbia
- Slovakia
- South Korea
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Syria
- Uganda
- United Kingdom
- United States



**The Rev. Dn Marek Simon**  
(M.DIV. '01)  
*OCF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR*  
BROOKLINE, MA

“I consider my time at St Vladimir’s Seminary as three of the most formative years of my life. The education and mentorship I received were excellent, and living in the seminary community helped guide my understanding of what it means to be the Church.”



**The Rev. Theodor Svane**  
(M.DIV. '15)  
*CHAPLAIN IN THE NORWEGIAN NAVY*  
BERGEN, NORWAY

“Our life-changing experience at St Vladimir’s Seminary provided our point of reference: how to serve the services, how to understand the liturgy and theology of the Church, how to be the universal and international Orthodox Church with a sense of mission and purpose, how to engage the world. St Vladimir’s Seminary is a place where you will acquire understanding and focus regarding our mission as Orthodox Christians.”



**Jesse Brandow**  
(M.DIV. '13)  
*OCMC MISSIONARY*  
CENTRAL AMERICA

“There was a phrase at St Vladimir’s Seminary repeated frequently when I was attending: we do a ‘critical appropriation of the Tradition.’ The term described a thoughtful, reflective approach to how we receive Orthodox Tradition and carry that out in ministry today. I’ve benefitted in my ministry from this emphasis.”



# Application Process

The Seminary will consider applications for admission to its programs from all qualified Orthodox students who wish to prepare themselves for priestly ministry in the Orthodox Church, missionary work, teaching, or other forms of church service. **Qualified non-Orthodox students may also be admitted and receive academic degrees and credit for their work.**

In its admissions policy, as in the administration of its programs—educational, financial aid, student activities, and all others—St Vladimir’s Seminary does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, color, gender, disability, or national or ethnic origin.

## Deadlines

**Admissions Open:  
February 1–  
June 1**

**St Vladimir’s Seminary operates a rolling admissions procedure beginning February 1 and ending May 1, with a late application deadline of June 1.** Prospective students who apply after May 1 will be charged a late application fee and have lower priority for housing and financial aid.

**Deadline for Financial Aid Applications:  
April 1**

**The deadline for all financial aid applications, including need-based grants, need-based scholarships, and merit-based scholarships, is April 1.** Applications for financial aid submitted after the deadline will be considered only if funds remain available. Notifications of financial aid awards are normally issued with offers of admission.

## Application Requirements

All application materials and guidelines are available through the online Admissions Portal at [www.svots.edu/apply](http://www.svots.edu/apply). All applications and documents must be submitted through the online Admissions Portal.

*All applicants must complete and submit the General Application form as well as complete and/or submit the following:*

1. A recent photograph (Passport/ID photo);
2. A copy of the applicant’s Baptism/Chrismation certificate;
3. A fully completed and signed background check consent form;
4. Official transcripts from each graduate or undergraduate institution attended (must be sent directly from the institution/s);

5. A letter of recommendation from a pastor or spiritual father;
6. Two letters of recommendation from a professor, employer, or colleague;
7. An interview with the Academic & Recruitment Advisor; and
8. An interview with the designated Program Director.

Please visit [www.svots.edu/admissions/requirements](http://www.svots.edu/admissions/requirements) for additional requirements for each degree program.

## Personal Interviews and Campus Visits

Personal interviews are required for all applicants. Online interviews are possible for those living at great distances from the Seminary. Personal interviews will be scheduled by the Academic & Recruitment Advisor.

Personal interviews may be combined with a campus visit. Campus visits are an excellent opportunity for applicants to attend classes, participate in chapel services, and meet faculty members. Campus visits may be arranged by contacting the Academic & Recruitment Advisor.

## Required Deposits

Upon receiving an offer of admission, all admitted students must submit a non-refundable enrollment deposit and a refundable housing security deposit.

## Need More Information? Contact



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“I was not expecting to be stretched in such a way here, but I was astounded by the support and love of my fellow students, the faculty, and the staff, who made everything possible. God used this time, in a very specific way, to prepare me for my calling—in whatever shape it is for the Church.”

—Sr Anastasia  
(M.A. '23)

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION





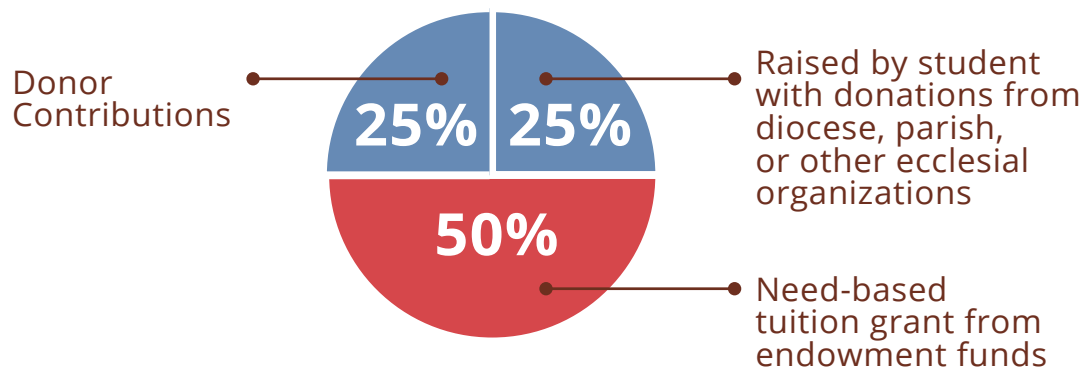
# Tuition-Free Initiative

The initiative, which launched in 2012, offers fully paid tuition to seminarians to free them of the burden of tuition debt as they go forth to serve the Church. About 95% of St Vladimir's Seminary students take advantage of this program.

Need-based tuition grants (M.Div., M.A., and Th.M. programs) consist of two components: (1) an outright tuition grant and (2) a matching grant opportunity. Outright grants are applied directly against a student's tuition; matching grant funds are awarded on a dollar-to-dollar basis with funds received from outside ecclesial bodies or organizations, such as dioceses, parishes, parish organizations, church aid organizations, or church scholarship funds.

**Example:** If a student were awarded a need-based tuition grant of 50% in outright grant money and 25% from a donor matching opportunity, then the student would receive \$6,500 in grant money and the possibility of receiving up to \$3,250 more from the seminary to match the \$3,250 received from a donor matching opportunity from outside sources. **In this example, tuition would be fully funded.**

**95%** of M.Div, M.A., and Th.M. students take advantage of the tuition-free program



# Tuition and Fees

Charges for tuition, fees, and room & board are due and payable at the beginning of each semester. Full-time students may make arrangements with the Chief Financial Officer to pay these fees in installments, subject to a finance charge, the first of which is due at the beginning of the semester. All accounts must be paid in full for the previous term before the student is permitted to register for a new semester. If payment or other satisfactory arrangements have not been made by the end of the second week of the semester, the student will not be permitted to attend classes until payment or other arrangements have been made.

Tuition and fees are set annually by the Board of Trustees and are subject to change at the Board's discretion. Tuition, fees, and estimates of other expenses for the following academic year are posted online each year in early February.



Fees & Expenses

## Tuition & Fees (as of 2023–2024)

Please visit [www.svots.edu](http://www.svots.edu) for the most up-to-date financial information.

Enrollment Deposit	\$500 (non-refundable enrollment deposit applied toward tuition and fees)
Full-Time Tuition	\$6,500 (per semester, 4–6 courses [12–18 credits]) \$1,625 (per course in excess of 6 courses [18 credits])
Part-Time Tuition	\$1,625 (per course [3 credits])
Audit Fee	\$500 (per course)
Technology Fee	\$100 (per semester)
Registration Fees	\$160 (per semester, waived for continuation registration) \$30 (per course, auditor) \$50 (late registration, degree candidates only)
Student Activities Fee	\$150 (per semester, degree candidates in residential degree programs)
Application Fees	\$100 \$125 (late application, after May 1)
Equivalency Evaluation Fee	\$50 (applied toward subsequent application fee)
Thesis Printing Fee	\$100 (as required)



# Housing and Board

St Vladimir’s Seminary provides on-campus housing for students enrolled in full-time residential programs and offers limited accommodations for students enrolled in hybrid courses during their one-week onsite sessions.

## Apartment Rent, Onsite Fee, and Room & Board (as of 2023–2024)

Visit [www.svots.edu/admissions/housing](http://www.svots.edu/admissions/housing) for the most up-to-date information.

Accommodations for D.Min. Onsite Visit	\$475 (per visit, when staying on campus)
Apartment Rent	\$885–\$1,105 (per month, depending on apartment)*
Board (dormitory)	\$2,360 (per semester)
Room (dormitory):	\$1,590 (per semester)**

\* All apartment residents are responsible for a refundable security deposit of \$1,500. The deposit, minus damages and/or unpaid rent, is refunded when the student vacates the apartment. Moving from one apartment to another or from dormitory to apartment requires a new security deposit.

\*\* All dormitory residents are responsible for a refundable security deposit of \$350. The deposit, minus damages, is refunded when the student vacates the dormitory. Moving from one dormitory room to another or from apartment to dormitory requires a new security deposit.

**Top left:** Erickson House, married student housing, located on the northeast side of campus, positioned on top of a hill overlooking the waterfall over Troublesome Brook. **Top right:** The area next to the Schmemann Residence on the north side of campus provides families with a gated playground area. **Bottom:** Lakeside and Klimkosky Apartments on the west side of the campus are located on the edge of the picturesque Crestwood Lake.



## Residential Housing

**Married Student Housing** Married students may move into their apartments after August 15. Married students are responsible for monthly rent and utility bills. Apartments range in size from one- to three-bedroom facilities and include a kitchen with stove, refrigerator, and dishwasher. Coin-operated laundry facilities are available in the basement. Apartments are unfurnished.

**Dormitory Housing** Dormitory students may move in the day before orientation begins. Each room is supplied with a twin (long) bed, a dresser, a desk and chair, and closet space. Bathroom facilities in each residence hall are shared. Male and female students are housed in separate areas and floors.

**Off-Campus Housing Restrictions** On-campus residency is mandatory for all students enrolled in the M.Div. program and for all students receiving financial aid from the Seminary. Should a situation arise that requires a student to live off campus, the student must petition the director of Residential Life and outline the reasons why his or her request should be granted. If a blessing is given, the student is responsible for the market rate of the rental as well as for all seminary responsibilities.



# Financial Aid

St Vladimir's Seminary awards and distributes its financial resources with a view toward Christian charity and stewardship.

Most seminary students receive some form of financial assistance, and students should be mindful that such aid is a privilege to be enjoyed thanks to many benefactors who have graciously given funds to the Seminary.

All students are considered financially independent. Therefore, parental information is not required to determine need. The Seminary does, however, require financial information from spouses of married students and full disclosure of grant and scholarship assistance from outside sources, such as, but not limited to, parish, diocesan, and archdiocesan education funds.

Each semester's financial aid is applied toward the student's seminary account at the time of registration. Seminary awards are given with the understanding that the student will be in attendance for the full semester.

## Eligibility for Financial Aid

To be eligible for financial aid from St Vladimir's Seminary, a student must 1) live on campus (if enrolled in a residential program); 2) be enrolled at the Seminary on a full-time basis as a degree candidate; and 3) be making satisfactory progress toward completion of the degree. To be considered full-time, students must be enrolled for at least twelve credits per semester; D.Min. students must be enrolled for six credits per term while registered for coursework and three credits per term during their final project registration. To be eligible for US Government loans, students must be degree candidates and enrolled for at least six credits per semester.

## Types of Financial Aid

### Grants and Scholarships

The Seminary administers need-based tuition grants, need-based scholarships, merit scholarships (Th.M. program only), and continuing education grants (D.Min. program only). Awards are made annually but are distributed one semester or term at a time to eligible students, as defined above. The amount given per semester or term will normally be one-half the total award for the year.



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## Matching Grant Opportunity

Need-based tuition grants (M.Div., M.A., and Th.M. programs) consist of two components: 1) an outright tuition grant and 2) a matching grant opportunity. Outright grants are applied directly against a student's tuition; matching grant funds are awarded on a dollar-to-dollar basis with funds received from outside ecclesial bodies or organizations, such as dioceses, parishes, parish organizations, church aid organizations, or church scholarship funds. Funds received from private individuals do not qualify for matching grant funds.

## US Government Loan Programs

The Seminary participates in the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program. This program allows students to borrow funds to help meet their educational costs at the post-secondary level, and is available to US citizens and permanent-resident aliens. Applicants must be in good academic standing and enrolled at least half-time, and they may not be in default on any previous loans.

\*Please visit [www.svots.edu](http://www.svots.edu) for complete information.

# Accreditation

St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, a pan-Orthodox graduate school of theology within the canonical jurisdiction of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA), is chartered by the New York State Education Department and accredited by the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada. The Seminary grants the degrees of Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.), Master of Theology (Th.M.), Master of Divinity (M.Div.), and Master of Arts (M.A.).

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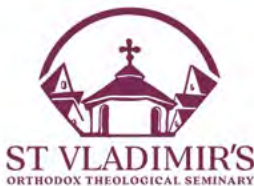


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