



ANNUAL NAMED SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS 2025-2026

- 1. St Vladimir's Scholarship Fund.** A fund established by the seminary to give financial aid to students according to the financial possibilities of this fund. Limited scholarships available.
- 2. The Rudolf P. Kunett Memorial Assistance Grant** was established in 1980 in honor of the seminary's late benefactor to provide financial aid to married students.
- 3. The Meshanko Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in 2013 by Lydia Meshanko and managed by the Pittsburgh Foundation to support needy students studying at St Vladimir's Seminary.
- 4. The Elizabeth H. McNear Annual Scholarship** was established in 2022 for students from the Kansas City Deanery of the OCA Diocese of the Midwest.

NAMED SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENTS 2025-2026

- 1. The Peter Jr and Michael Ruzila Memorial Scholarship Fund.** Established in 1965 in memory of the late Peter Ruzila, Jr, by his parents, and augmented in 1999 with gifts from family and friends in memory of Michael Ruzila.

- 2. The Fr John N. Telep Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in 1973 by the Telep Family, and augmented in 1987 by a bequest from the late Leo Telep.
- 3. The Ann Lichatz Filer Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in 1976 by Mr Charles Filer in memory of his wife.
- 4. The Constantine C. Popoff Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in gratitude to the late Mr Popoff for his many contributions to the seminary's activities.
- 5. The Mrs Helen Havron Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in 1977 by Mr Melvin Havron in memory of his late mother, Helen Havron.
- 6. Protopresbyter Joseph J. Pishtey Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in 1983 in memory of Fr Pishtey, the first Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America, by his family. Scholarship awards are non-restricted and awarded annually to qualified theological students.
- 7. The Mary Lazor Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in 1980 in memory of Mary Lazor, departed mother of Metropolitan Theodosius.
- 8. The Very Reverend Georges Florovsky Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in 1981 by a bequest from the estate of Fr Florovsky, distinguished scholar and theologian and former Dean of the seminary, to aid needy students.
- 9. The Nicholas M. Sokol Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in 1981 by Lydia Sokol Pelitsch in memory of her late brother, Nicholas Sokol.
- 10. The Fr John and Matushka Mary Tertichny Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in 1983 by Mrs Olga Fedak in memory of her parents.
- 11. The Very Reverend Constantine V. Popoff and Family and Professor Nicholas Glubokovsky Scholarship Fund**, established in 1984 by a bequest from the estate of the late Constantine C. Popoff in memory of his father, missionary priest in America, and of the professor who inspired his father's activities.
- 12. Agatha and Martin J. Sokol Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in 1985 by Mrs Lydia Pelitsch in memory of her parents.
- 13. Mitro and Anna Tich Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in 1984 by their children, Martin, James, and Joseph Tich.
- 14. The John and Hooda Germack Endowed Scholarship Fund**, established in 1985 by Mrs Hooda Germack, dear friend and benefactor of the seminary, in memory of her late husband.
- 15. The Lydia Sokol Pelitsch Scholarship Fund**, established in 1985 by Lydia Sokol Pelitsch to give financial aid to needy students.

16. The Very Reverend Alexander A. Varlashkin Memorial Scholarship Fund, established in 1980 by the Pastor, Church Council, and Parishioners of St Nicholas Church, McKees Rocks, PA, in memory of their former pastor, Very Rev. Alexander A. Varlashkin.

17. The Fr Vladimir Sakovich Memorial Scholarship Fund, established in his memory to help needy students studying for the Orthodox priesthood.

18. The Fr John and Philip Yacos Memorial Scholarship Fund, established in 1986 by Matushka Helen Yacos in memory of her beloved husband and son.

19. The Mary Skvir Memorial Scholarship Fund, established in 1986 by the Skvir family in memory of their sister, a devoted member of the Orthodox Church.

20. The Archbishop Kyrill (Yonchev) Theological Scholarship Fund, established in 1986 by the Most Reverend Kyrill (Yonchev), Archbishop of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania and the Bulgarian Diocese of Toledo, Orthodox Church in America, to support theological education and especially to aid those students preparing for the priesthood in the Orthodox Church in America.

21. The Lillian Kiddon Theological Scholarship Fund, established in 1987 by Lillian Kiddon in memory of her sister, Antonia Simon, a devoted member of the Orthodox Church.

22. The Tatiana Jacob Memorial Scholarship, established in 1986 in memory of Tatiana Jacob by her granddaughter, Tanya Jillions.

23. The Kohudic/Dranichak Scholarship Fund, established in 1987 by Peter and Nancy Kohudic in memory of the Kohudic, Dranichak, Monsulich, and Kosty families to aid one or more needy students of the Orthodox Church in America or the Carpatho-Russian Diocese, or one or more international students.

24. The Alexandra Bazil Memorial Scholarship Fund, established in 1987 by family and friends of Alexandra Bazil, an enthusiastic supporter of the seminary.

25. The Anna Lovchuk and Harry Varava Memorial Scholarship Fund, established in 1987 by Dorothy Lovchuk in memory of her late mother Anna Lovchuk and uncle Harry, faithful members of the Orthodox Church, to assist any student in need.

26. The Boris V. Timchenko Scholarship Fund, established in 1987 by a bequest from the late Boris V. Timchenko for scholarships for students in training at the seminary.

27. The Dr George Constantine Scholl Memorial Scholarship Fund, established in 1987 by family, friends and co-parishioners of St Luke's Church, Garden Grove, CA, in beloved memory of a faithful Orthodox who believed in theological education for a pan-Orthodox Church.

28. Mitro and Susie Jurchisin Memorial Scholarship Fund, established in their memory in 1987 by their children, William J. Jurchisin, Mary Ann Tich, Lorraine McCurry, and Marguerite J. Kocon.

29. The J. Frimenko Scholarship Fund, established in 1987 by the Frimenko family as an award to talented candidates for the Holy Orders.

30. Right Rev. Mitred Archbishop Photius Donahue Memorial Scholarship Fund, established in his memory by family and friends and by the parish and parishioners he served at St Andrew Orthodox Catholic Church, East Lansing, MI.

31. The Christine Olga Hotrovich Memorial Scholarship Fund, established in 1991 by Fr Protodeacon Joseph Hotrovich and Matushka Olga and sister Anne Marie in memory of their beloved daughter and sister, Christine Olga Hotrovich.

32. The Jean Owsenek Clark Scholarship Fund, established in 1990 by those who loved her. Limited scholarship available to students in the liturgical music program.

33. The Anne and Barbara Dubivsky Scholarship Fund, established in 1990 by Anne and Barbara Dubivsky, dear friends of the seminary, to aid students from Eastern Europe who are enrolled in one of the seminary's degree programs.

34. The Olga Coben Theological Scholarship Fund, established in 1989 by Lillian Kiddon in memory of her sister, Olga.

35. The Michael P. and Stella Sopchak Theological Scholarship Fund, established in 1991 by their family and friends. Limited scholarships are available from this fund with priority to students from Alaska, Africa, and Eastern Europe.

36. The Rev. Fr Andrew Nassir Memorial Endowment Fund, established in 1991 to render financial assistance to worthy students enrolled in St Vladimir's who have declared their intention to become ordained in the Orthodox Christian faith.

37. The Bishop Nicholai Velimirovich Serbian Scholarship Fund, established in 1990 as a tribute to the late Bishop Nicholai, a close friend of the seminary, to assist needy Serbian students in their theological studies at St Vladimir's Seminary.

38. The Drs Charles and Joanne Denko Theological Scholarship Fund, established in 1991 to give scholarship assistance to needy women students.

39. The Very Rev. Michael and Matushka Anna Dziama Scholarship Fund, a memorial scholarship fund established in 1992 by the family and friends of Fr Michael and Matushka Anna Dziama.

- 40. The Zoran Milkovich Scholarship**, established in 1985 by St Vladimir's Theological Foundation in honor of its first president, an alumnus of the seminary, who also served for many years on its Board of Trustees.
- 41. The Very Reverend Nicholas Solak, Jr, Memorial Scholarship**, established in 1992 by the family of Fr Nicholas and parishioners of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church, Osceola Mills, PA, in memory of their pastor, the Very Rev. Nicholas Solak, Jr.
- 42. The Michael P. Behuniak Scholarship Fund**, established in 1992 by the family of the late Michael Behuniak, a long-time friend and supporter of St Vladimir's Seminary. Scholarships awarded to needy students studying for the priesthood in the Orthodox Church in America.
- 43. The George and Mary Lescisin Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in 1992 in memory of George and Mary Lescisin to assist needy theological students studying at St Vladimir's Seminary.
- 44. The Petar L. and Olga Gerich Family Scholarship Fund**, established in 1993 by Dr and Mrs Brian Gerich, to assist needy Serbian students and others in their theological studies at St Vladimir's Seminary.
- 45. The Ann Holod Zinzel Theological Scholarship Fund**, established in 1995 by Mrs Zinzel, former administrative secretary at the Seminary, to assist needy students in their studies at St Vladimir's Seminary.
- 46. The Michael and Susanna Furda Scholarship Fund**, established in 1994 by Daniel Furda, in memory of his parents, to assist needy students studying for the Orthodox priesthood.
- 47. The David Buss Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in 1994 by bequest to assist a needy student studying at St Vladimir's Seminary.
- 48. The Mitchell and Violet Zunic Scholarship Fund**, established in 1995 by Mr and Mrs Mitchell Zunic, to assist needy Serbian students and others in their theological studies at St Vladimir's Seminary.
- 49. The Stephen P. and Anna Kopestonsky Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in 1995 by the Rev. T. Stephen and Sandra Kopestonsky to provide financial assistance to needy students studying at St Vladimir's Seminary.
- 50. The Fr Dragolyub Sokich Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in 1995 by the family and friends of Fr Dragolyub Sokich, an alumnus of the Seminary, to assist needy students.
- 51. The Klimkosky Family Scholarship**, established in 1995 by Mr Andrew Klimkosky, to assist students studying at St Vladimir's Seminary. At least two scholarships annually are awarded from this fund.

52. The Brian and Marilyn Gerich Scholarship Fund, established in 1997 by Dr and Mrs Brian Gerich to assist needy Serbian students and others in their theological studies at St Vladimir's.

53. The Protopresbyter Fr George Nicoloff Memorial Scholarship Fund, established in his memory by Popadia Nicoloff and her family in 1997 to assist men and women in the Orthodox Church in America who are studying at St Vladimir's Seminary.

54. The Machaskee Family Endowment for Liturgical Music, established in 1998 by Mr Alex Machaskee and friends to assist students studying liturgical music and programs to advance the study and practice of liturgical music within the Orthodox Church.

55. The Fr Steven Kozler Scholarship Fund, established in 1999 by Matushka Linda Kozler and friends in loving memory of her husband, Fr Steven, a graduate of St Vladimir's Seminary.

56. The Reverend Igor B. Bensen Memorial Scholarship Fund, established in 2000 by a charitable gift from the late Fr Igor B. Bensen, son of Basil Bensen, one of the founders of St Vladimir's Seminary.

57. The John Kravcisin Krodsen Memorial Scholarship Fund, established in 2000 by a charitable gift from the John K. Krodsen Living Trust in memory of John's parents, John and Mary Kravcisin, and his sister, Helen Parks.

58. The Cook Family Memorial Scholarship, established in 2000 in memory of Peter and Susan (Tema) Cook of Minneapolis, and their children, Peter, Paul, Anne, Mary, and Helen.

59. The Professor Veselin Kesich Scholarship Fund, established in 2001 with a generous gift from Dr and Mrs Brian Gerich in appreciation for Professor Kesich's many years of teaching at St Vladimir's Seminary.

60. The Protodeacon Basil Hubiak Memorial Scholarship Fund, established in 2002 by Matushka Eva and family and friends to assist students who are either studying liturgical music or are enrolled in the Masters of Divinity program at St Vladimir's Seminary, with priority given to married students.

61. The Joseph Tich Family Scholarship Fund, established at his death in 2002 with the proceeds of a life insurance policy purchased by Joe and donated to the seminary. The Joseph Tich Family Scholarship Fund assists men and women who are studying at St Vladimir's Seminary.

62. The Stephen and Gail L. Shlanta Memorial Scholarship, established in 2003 by Stephen and Gail Shlanta in beloved memory of family members who helped establish an Orthodox Church in Weirton, West Virginia. The family members include Peter and Mary Shlanta and their children Anna, Gregory ("Harry"), Eva, Mary, and Stephen Peter.

63. The St Symeon the New Theologian Scholarship Fund, established in 2004 to support students at St Vladimir's Seminary, with priority given to those preparing for work in missions and evangelism.

64. The Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko Alumni Scholarship Fund, established in 2006 by the St Vladimir's Seminary Alumni Board to provide financial aid to the sons and daughters of SVOTS Alumni who are enrolled in Seminary academic degree programs.

65. The Peter A. Herbut, M.D., and Margaret Fetsko Herbut, R.N., Scholarship Fund, established in 2011 by Paula Herbut in honor of her parents to assist students who are studying to be priests in the Orthodox Church in the United States or Canada and are in need of financial aid. In addition to financial need, criteria for the scholarships are intellectual curiosity, academic achievement, and compassion for others.

66. The Danilchick Family Endowment for Pastoral Studies, established in 2013 by a generous gift from Protodeacon Peter and Tanya Danilchick to enhance the Doctor of Ministry program of study at St Vladimir's Seminary. This program is intended to provide the most advanced opportunity for pastors to further their ministries and prepare the church for a new generation of leaders formed in a full Orthodox educational context. This endowment is used to provide continuing education grants and need-based awards to qualified students enrolled full-time in the Doctor of Ministry program.

67. The Georgia Toumbakis Endowment Fund, established in 2013 from the estate of Georgia Toumbakis to assist needy students studying at St Vladimir's Seminary.

68. The Dr Albert Rossi Endowed Scholarship Fund for Clinical Pastoral Education, established in 2013 by Dr Brian Gerich in honor of Dr Albert Rossi, who has sacrificially and lovingly devoted decades of service to St Vladimir's Seminary and the Orthodox Church as teacher, counselor, and mentor. This scholarship fund is intended to provide financial support for qualified students at St Vladimir's Seminary who are enrolled in Clinical Pastoral Education.

69. The Fr Thomas Hopko Endowment for Women's Vocations, established in 2014 to prepare women as chaplains, missionaries, parish ministers, pastoral counselors, youth workers, and theologians, and for higher academic positions rooted in the Orthodox Church.

70. St. Cyprian of Carthage Scholarship Fund for African students, established in 2016 for full time M.Div. students that have the intention to return to Africa and serve as priests.

71. The Joseph and Vera (nee Boytor) Popp Endowed Scholarship Fund established in 2017 for one qualified full-time Eastern Orthodox Christian male student from Canada, the USA or Mexico.

72. The V. Rev. Paul and Matushka Mary Shafran Endowment establish in their honor in 2017 to provide funds to benefit all aspects of student life at St. Vladimir's Seminary. Fr. Paul has served the Seminary faithfully for more than 60 years as alumnus, former faculty member, former longest-serving member of the Board of Trustees, and Trustee Emeritus.

73. The Elsie S. Nierle Endowed Scholarship Fund established in 2019 in memory of Reverend John Skvir, Michael Skvir and Joseph Skvir for the benefit of students studying for the priesthood in the Orthodox Church in America who are full time students.

74. The Deacon Gregory Lapchuk Endowment for student scholarship and seminary operations established in 2019 by his family in loving memory for his humility and service.

75. William and Sophie Sim Endowment Scholarship Fund established in 2019 for the preparation of priests, deacons, and church choir directors. Priority shall be given to Christ the Savior/Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, Norwood Ohio.

76. Helen Tolstoy-Miloslavsky Endowment for student scholarship, established in 2022 as an annual scholarship for students of Russian descent.

77. The Orthodox Church of Poland Scholarship Fund-St. Bazyl (Martyusz) Scholarship, established in 2020 in honor of St. Bazyl (Martyusz), funds students from the Orthodox Church of Poland who desire to attend St. Vladimir's Seminary.

78. The Bishop Mark Frosberg Endowment of Student Scholarship, established in 2023 by His Eminence Archbishop Nathaniel (Popp) for qualified full-time Eastern Orthodox Christian Male students from Canada or the USA.

79. The Father Rodney Torbic Scholarship Fund, established in 2023 by Dr Brian Gerich, in honor of a Serbian priest who has lived an exemplary life of integrity and service to his flock and many others. Funds in are given as financial aid to needy seminarians, with a preference for Serbian seminarians.

80. The Sister Magdalen Margaret Abraham Vazhayil Endowment for Student Scholarship established in 2023 by the Trustees of her estate for qualified full-time Eastern or Oriental Orthodox Christian male/female students. Order of preference is members of the Vazhayil family, the Knanaya Archdiocese of the Syriac Orthodox Church or other qualified students.

81. The Very Rev. Dr. Chad and Matushka Thekla Hatfield scholarship fund established in 2024 by friends and supporters is made available to any monastic, male or female, whether Eastern or Oriental Orthodox, who is called to study at St. Vladimir's Seminary.

82. Dr. Craig and Cindy George Endowment, established in 2025 for needy students in the Antiochian Christian Archdiocese in North America.

83. V. Rev. Paul Lazor Memorial Scholarship Fund, established in 2026 by his wife Natasha Lazor for qualified students preparing for ministry in the Orthodox Church. Fr. Paul Lazor was the beloved Dean of Students, Lecturer and Rector of St. Vladimir's Seminary and the Three Hierarchs Chapel.