

## **ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**

We thank all of our donors who have established both endowed and annual scholarships, as listed in this section. If you would like to create a scholarship fund, please contact Mr. Theodore Bazil, Associate Chancellor for Advancement, CFRM: [ted@svots.edu](mailto:ted@svots.edu) or 914-961-8313 x329.

**The Archpriest Gabriel and Matushka Helen Ashie Scholarship Fund**, given by a Past Alumni President and Board of Trustees member, to assist any students in need.

**The Asper-Elkouri Scholarship Fund**, established in 2003 by Drs. Edna Asper Elkouri and Frank Elkouri, to assist one or more theological students entering or continuing at St. Vladimir's Seminary to pursue studies for the priesthood and/or ministry in the Orthodox Christian faith.

**The Alexandra Bazil Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in 1987 by the family and friends of Alexandra Bazil, an enthusiastic supporter of the Seminary, to assist any needy student.

**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, awarded to needy students studying for the priesthood in the Orthodox Church in America.

**The Rev. 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.

**The David Buss Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in 1994 by bequest, to assist a needy student studying at St. Vladimir's Seminary.

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

**The Olga Coben Scholarship Fund**, established in 1989 by Lillian Kiddon in memory of her sister, Olga, to assist needy students.

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

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

**The Right Rev. Photius Donahue Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in his memory by the family, friends, and the parishioners he served at St. Andrew Orthodox Catholic Church, East Lansing, Michigan, to assist those in training for the Holy Priesthood.

**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.

**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.

**The Ann Lichatz Filer Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in 1976 by Charles Filer in memory of his wife, Ann Lichatz Filer, to assist any student in need.

**The Very Rev. Georges Florovsky Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established from the estate of Fr. Georges Florovsky, to assist any student in need.

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

**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.

**The Helen Geeza Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in 1971 by Fr. Boris Geeza (The Right Rev. Bishop Boris), and friends, family, and members of the Holy Trinity Orthodox Chapel, Marine Corps Base in Camp Pendleton, California in memory of Fr. Boris's wife, Matushka Helen, to help students of St. Vladimir's Seminary.

**The Brian and Marilyn Gerich Scholarship Fund**, established in 1997 by Mr. and Mrs. Brian Gerich, to assist needy Serbian students and others in their theological studies at St. Vladimir's. *[NOTE: This fund feeds the St. Sava of Serbia Scholarship Fund, also listed.]*

**The Petar L. and Olga Gerich Family Scholarship Fund**, established in 1993 by Mr. and Mrs. Brian Gerich, to assist needy Serbian students and others in their theological studies at St. Vladimir's Seminary. *[NOTE: This fund feeds the St. Sava of Serbia Scholarship Fund, also listed.]*

**The John and Hooda Germack Endowed Scholarship Fund**, established in 1985 by Hooda Germack, dear friend and benefactor of the Seminary, in memory of her late husband, to assist any student in need.

**The Mrs. Helen Havron Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established by Melvin Havron in memory of his mother, Elena (Helen) Havron, to assist any student in need.

**The Peter A. Herbut, M.D., and Margaret Fetsko Herbut, R.N., Scholarship Fund**, established at St. Vladimir's Seminary in honor of Peter A. Herbut, M.D., and Margaret Fetsko Herbut, R.N., by their daughter, Paula Herbut. The fund is intended to assist students at St. Vladimir's who are studying to be priests in the Orthodox Church in

the United States or Canada and have financial need. Additional criteria for the scholarships are intellectual curiosity, academic achievement, and compassion for others.

**The Protopresbyter Father 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.

**The Christine Olga Hotrovich Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in 1991 by the family in memory of their beloved daughter and sister, Christine, to assist women and other students in need.

**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 Master of Divinity program at St. Vladimir's Seminary, with priority given to married students.

**The Tatiana Jacob Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in 1986 in memory of Tatiana Jacob by her granddaughter, Tanya Jillions, to assist any student in need.

**The Frank Joity Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in 1998 by friends and family in memory of Frank Joity, a lifelong member of St. Lazarus Serbian Orthodox Church in Detroit, to assist students of Serbian descent or members of the Serbian Orthodox Church. *[NOTE: This fund feeds the St. Sava of Serbia Scholarship Fund, also listed.]*

**The Mitro and Susie Jurchisin Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in 1987 by the children of Mitro and Susie—William J. Jurchisin; Mary Ann Tich; Lorraine McCurry; and Marguerite J. Kocon—to help any student in need at St. Vladimir's Seminary.

**The Professor Veselin Kesich Scholarship Fund**, 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.

**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, to assist any student in need.

**The Klimkosky Family Scholarship Fund**, 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.

**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 Archdiocese, or any foreign student.

**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.

**The Nikolai Kostich Scholarship Fund**, established in 2008 by a generous gift from the estate of Nikolai Kostich; this scholarship fund exists to help any student studying at St. Vladimir's Seminary.

**The Father 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.

**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.

**The Mary Lazor Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in 1980 in memory of Mary Lazor, departed mother of Metropolitan Theodosius, to assist any student in need.

**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.

**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.

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

**The Malankara Orthodox Scholarship Fund**, established in 2010 for entering and returning students, granting six (6) awards (up to 75% of tuition in grant and work-study). Awarded to men and women of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church who demonstrate need, strong academic performance, and promise of significant service to the Church. Priority is given to men who are enrolled in the M.Div. program and preparing for ordination.

**The Zoran Milkovich Scholarship Fund**, established in 1985 by St. Vladimir's Theological Foundation in honor of its first president, Zoran Milkovich, an alumnus of the Seminary, who served for many years on its Board of Trustees.

**The Rev. Father 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.

**The Protopresbyter Father George Nicoloff and Presbytera Vera 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.

**The Lydia Sokol Pelitsch Scholarship Fund**, established in 1985 by Lydia Sokol Pelitsch, to give financial aid to any needy student.

**The 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, for annual awards to qualified theological students.

**The Constantine C. Popoff Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in gratitude to the late Constantine C. Popoff for his many contributions to the Seminary's activities, for assistance to any student in need.

**The Very Rev. Constantine V. Popoff and Family and Professor Nicholas Glubokovsky Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in memory of The Very Rev. Archpriest Constantine Popoff, missionary priest in America, by his son Constantine Popoff of Seattle, to be awarded to worthy students of the Seminary. The fund is also in memory of Professor Nicholas Glubokovsky, who inspired Fr. Constantine's missionary activities.

**The Peter Jr. and Michael Ruzila Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in 1965 in memory of the late Peter Ruzila, Jr. by his parents, to assist any student in need. In 1999, Michael was added to the name of the fund.

**The SVS Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in 2005 as a permanent endowment fund, to provide scholarship aid to qualified seminarians. Donors desiring to give toward endowed scholarships in amounts less than the determined minimum for named endowments can give to this permanent memorial fund and have their loved ones (and themselves, in the case of bequests) remembered in prayer at the Seminary in perpetuity.

**The St. Anthony the Great Scholarship Fund**, established in 2010 for entering and returning students, granting three (3) Awards (up to 100% of tuition in grant and work-study) to Eastern Orthodox men and women of the monastic rank Rassaphore who demonstrate need, strong academic performance, and promise of significant service to the Church. Priority is given to men who are enrolled in the M.Div. program and preparing for ordination.

**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.

**The St. Sava of Serbia Scholarship Fund**, established in 2010, and composed of several individual scholarship funds set aside for students of Serbian descent. Three (3) Awards will be presented to entering and returning students (up to 100% of tuition,

books, and room/board of a single student). Awarded to Orthodox men and women of Serbian descent who demonstrate need, strong academic performance, and promise of significant service to the Church. Priority is given to men who are enrolled in the M.Div. program and preparing for ordination.

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

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

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

**The Mary Skvir Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in 1986 by the Skvir family in memory of their sister Mary, a devoted member of the Orthodox Church. Distributions are allocated in equal shares to St. Vladimir's Seminary and St. Tikhon's Seminary to students studying for the priesthood.

**The Father 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.

**The Agatha and Martin J. Sokol Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in 1985 by Lydia Sokol Pelitsch in memory of her parents, to assist any needy student.

**The Nicholas M. Sokol Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in 1981 by Lydia Sokol Pelitsch in memory of her late brother, Nicholas Sokol, to assist any needy student.

**The Very Rev. Nicholas Solak, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in 1992 by the family of Fr. Nicholas and parishioners of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary, Osceola Mills, Pennsylvania, in memory of their pastor, The V. Rev. Nicholas Solak, Jr.

**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.

**The Sotirovich/Franklin Scholarship Fund**, established in 1990 by William Vasilio Sotirovich, Moira Louise Sotirovich, Liliana and Tatiana Lakich-Sotirovich, and Danica D. Sotirovich in memory of Lt. Col. Milan V. Sotirovich, Ljubica Sotirovich, Miodrag M. Sotirovich, and Lillian Mary Franklin, and in honor of Joseph Henry Franklin. This scholarship is established to aid Orthodox and other students of theology who will work to promote the role of the Orthodox Church in advancing international friendship, and

for ecumenical relations, especially with the Anglican Communion, and for students who may serve as chaplains in the United States Armed Forces.

**The Father John N. Telep Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in memory of Fr. John N. Telep, to assist any student in need.

**The Father John and Matushka Mary Tertichny Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in 1983 by Olga Fedak in memory of her parents, to assist students from the OCA Archdiocese of the Midwest and any other needy student.

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

**The Mitro and Anna Tich Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in 1984 in memory of Mitro and Anna Tich by their children, Martin, James, and Joseph, to assist any student in need.

**The Boris V. Timchenko Scholarship Fund**, established in 1987 with a generous bequest from the late Boris V. Timchenko, for scholarships for students in training at the Seminary.

**The Very Rev. Alexander A. Varlashkin Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in 1980 by the pastor, church council, and parishioners of St. Nicholas Church, McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania, in memory of their former pastor, Fr. Alexander A. Varlashkin, to assist any student in need.

**The Bishop Nikolai Velimirovich Serbian Scholarship Fund**, established in 1990 as a tribute to the late Bishop Nikolai, a close friend of the Seminary, to assist needy Serbian students in their theological studies at St. Vladimir's Seminary. *[NOTE: This fund feeds the St. Sava of Serbia Scholarship Fund, also listed.]*

**The Father John and Philip Yacos Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established in 1986 by Matushka Helen Yacos in memory of her beloved husband and son, to assist any student in need.

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

**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.

**The Mitchell and Violet Zurich Scholarship Fund**, established in 1995 by Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Zurich, to assist needy Serbian students and others in their theological studies at St. Vladimir's Seminary. *[NOTE: This fund feeds the St. Sava of Serbia Scholarship Fund, also listed.]*

#### **GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**

Annual scholarships are funded yearly, without investment in securities, by our generous donors and friends of the Seminary. These funds greatly help reduce the debt of our students as they prepare for ordained and lay ministry. Note that the Seminary itself, recognizing the great need of our students, pours several thousands of dollars annually from its operational budget into The St. Vladimir's Seminary Scholarship Fund yearly, to help fund the education of seminarians.

**Antiochian Orthodox Student Financial Aid**, given by the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.

**Assumption Altar Society Fund**, given by St. Vladimir Church, Trenton, New Jersey.

**St. Basil Award for Academic Achievement**, given by the Seminary to students demonstrating outstanding academic achievement.

**Holy Virgin Scholarship Fund**, given by Holy Virgin Mary Cathedral, Los Angeles, California.

**The Very Rev. Ippolit and Matushka Marie Kallaur Scholarship Fund**, given by Dr. Constantine H. and Arlene Kallaur.

**Ss. Mary and Martha Scholarship Fund**, given by Christ the Saviour Church, Paramus, New Jersey.

**The St. Vladimir's Seminary Scholarship Fund**, given by the Seminary to needy students.

**Washington Deanery Scholarship Fund**, given by the Washington D.C. Deanery of the Orthodox Church in America.

**Queries about all of our scholarship funds may be directed to the Seminary's Director of Admissions, Protodeacon Joseph Matusiak, 914-961-8313, x328.**