



# ST VLADIMIR'S ORTHODOX THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



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# FAST FACTS

## *What*

A graduate theological school

## *Founded*

1938

## *Degrees Offered*

Master of Divinity, Master of Arts, Master of Theology, and Doctor of Ministry

## *Accreditation*

Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada; programs registered with the New York State Education Department

## *Faith*

Orthodox Christianity

## *Mission*

- 1) To prepare professionally trained and educated clergy and church leaders
- 2) To be a center of study and research in Orthodox Christian theology, history, and culture

## *Governance*

A board of trustees, consisting of bishops, clergy, and laypersons who reflect the pan-Orthodox nature of the seminary

## *Ecclesiastical Affiliation*

The Orthodox Church in America (OCA)

## *Student Body*

80-100 full and part-time students

## *Personnel*

9 full-time faculty, 10 part-time faculty, and 25 full-time staff

## *Campus*

16 buildings, including the Three Hierarchs Chapel, 3 dormitories, 17 married-student apartments, and 8 faculty homes, encompassed within 14 acres

## *Library Holdings*

128,000 titles and 350 periodicals

## *Operating Budget*

Nearly \$3 million

## *Tuition*

\$7,050 per year (as of 2005-2006)

## *Alumni*

Over 1,300 alumni including more than 30 bishops; more than 700 clergy; more than 600 laypersons, including 200 women

## *SVS Press*

Over 250 titles published; the largest publisher of Orthodox books in the English language; 90,000 volumes sold each year

# WHAT WE DO

Through faithful adherence to Orthodox Christianity, St Vladimir's Seminary serves the Church and society through graduate theological education and the ministries of its graduates.

With a firm commitment to the structural unity of the Orthodox Church in North America and to inter-Orthodox cooperation on all levels of Church life, the seminary accomplishes this mission through the following programs and activities:

- Offering graduate programs for candidates for holy orders
- Offering graduate programs and special training for scholars and lay workers in the Church



Above: A fresco of the Twelve Apostles in the seminary's Three Hierarchs Chapel

- Performing in-depth theological research and reflection
- Developing the rich theological resources of our library
- Hosting lectures, symposia, workshops, and retreats at the seminary campus and at other locations
- Publishing books, icons, and audio-visual educational materials through SVS Press
- Publishing the *St Vladimir's Theological Quarterly*, an academic journal
- Providing information on Orthodoxy through our faculty, bookstore, library, internet services, and other media
- Supporting the Orthodox Church across all jurisdictions in mission, evangelism, monasticism, family life, social work, and ecumenism
- Preparing SVS graduates and students to serve in parish life, pastoral work, scholarship, monastic life, missionary activity, and ecumenism
- Supporting SVS alumni/ae spiritually and practically through outreach
- Interacting with other Orthodox theological schools and centers of theological education and training within and outside the Orthodox Church
- Participating in professional and service organizations both within and outside the Orthodox Church

# TALKING POINTS

## *Christian Education*

**Contact:** Rev. Mark Leondis for info on Orthodox youth and young adult education, and teen issues such as sexual purity, substance abuse, violence.

**Contact:** Dr Albert Rossi for religious education within the family, adult education.

## *Church History*

**Contact:** Prof. John H. Erickson for history of Christianity in general and history of the Orthodox Church in particular.

**Contact:** Rev. Dr John Behr for the historical development of Orthodox doctrine.

## *Ecclesiology & Liturgics*

**Contact:** Prof. John H. Erickson or Rev. Dr Alexander Rentel for: Orthodox traditions, Orthodox Canon Law, Orthodox hierarchical and jurisdictional organization.

**Contact:** Dr Paul Meyendorff, V. Rev. Paul Lazor, or Rev. Dr Alexander Rentel for the Orthodox calendar feasts and holy days, the sacraments.

## *Ecumenism*

**Contact:** Dr Peter C. Bouteneff for Orthodoxy and the ecumenical movement, Orthodoxy and the World Council of Churches.

## *Ethical & Social Issues*

**Contact:** V. Rev. Dr John Breck for Orthodoxy and ethics (general), Orthodoxy and bioethics (in particular), issues relating to war, gender, marriage, divorce, family, same-sex unions, homosexuality.

**Contact:** Dr Albert Rossi for issues relating to child sexual abuse, Orthodox Church policies on pedophilia, same-sex unions.

**Contact:** Dr Peter C. Bouteneff for issues concerning the relationship between the Church and popular culture, religious themes in film.

## *Liturgical Music & Art*

**Contact:** Prof. Mark Bailey; Prof. Helen Breslich Erickson for general information on liturgical music.

**Contact:** Deacon Kevin Smith for theology and history of Orthodox liturgical music.

**Contact:** Dr Richard P. Schneider for liturgical art, architecture, and iconography.

## *Orthodoxy & Current Events*

**Contact:** Prof. John H. Erickson or V. Rev. Dr Thomas Hopko for events effecting the Orthodox churches in America and abroad.

## *Orthodox Dogma & Theology*

**Contact:** Rev. Dr John Behr, Dr Peter C. Bouteneff, V. Rev. Dr Thomas Hopko for the development of Orthodox doctrine, Orthodox Tradition, the Orthodox stance on current theological trends.

## *Pastoral Issues*

**Contact:** V. Rev. Paul Lazor, or Dr Albert Rossi for issues relating to addiction, family, marriage, divorce, counseling, Orthodoxy and psychotherapy, the old and aging, sickness, and death.

## *Scripture*

**Contact:** Dr John Barnet or V. Rev. Dr Paul Nadim Tarazi

## *Spirituality*

**Contact:** Rev. Dr John Behr, V. Rev. Dr Thomas Hopko, or Dr Albert Rossi for issues relating to prayer, the Jesus Prayer, fasting, sacramental confession, and the Orthodox spiritual life.

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Above: John H. Erickson, Dean of SVS