

JOYFUL LIGHT

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Seminary Begins New Academic Year

“This is a diverse group who have already blended well and, in the process, brought tremendous energy to the seminary.” Fr. John G. Petro, seminary rector.

They come from all eparchies, and even from Great Britain. One is a Franciscan Brother. One is in his final year of theology; six have just started. They are the 2003-2004 class of seminarians.

Deacon Kevin Marks, a fourth year theology student of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh, can be considered the elder statesman of the group. He looks forward to the successful completion of his last year and ordination to the priesthood.

Michael O’Loughlin, of the Eparchy of Van Nuys, looks to complete his third year of theology and become an ordained deacon.

First year theology students include Adam Lowe of the Eparchy of Van Nuys, Andrew Nagrant and Christian Tran of the Eparchy of Parma, and Richard Plishka of the Eparchy of Passaic.



Standing (left to right): Charles Works, Christian Tran, Br. Jerome Wolbert, ofm, Adam Lowe, Richard Plishka, Andrew Nagrant Seated: Michael O’Loughlin, Deacon Kevin Marks

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Added to that group are Brother Jerome Wolbert, ofm, from the Province of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Franciscans in Wisconsin, and

Charles Works from the Romanian Eparchy of Canton.

In addition to these seminarians, five of the thirteen students in the School of Theology are currently enrolled in the Master of Arts in Theology (MAT) program. Others are complementing their studies in the Deacon Formation Program, the Metropolitan Cantor Institute or are attending for personal enrichment.

Rector's Message



The seminary has begun a new school year, filled with energy, enthusiasm, and promise. We welcome six new seminarians, bringing our total this year to eight, and more than a dozen students in the School of Theology studying a variety of courses offered at the seminary. We likewise welcome back our faculty, and we anticipate a year of learning and sharing among all as we continue our progress toward becoming a Byzantine Catholic Center of Learning.

As we have already reported, the seminary was authorized by the Pennsylvania Department of Education to grant Master's degrees, and we now prepare for an accreditation visit on October 29, 2003 from The Association of Theological Schools (ATS). If all goes well, and we expect it will, the ATS will recommend the seminary for accreditation in January 2004, with its membership voting full approval in June 2004.

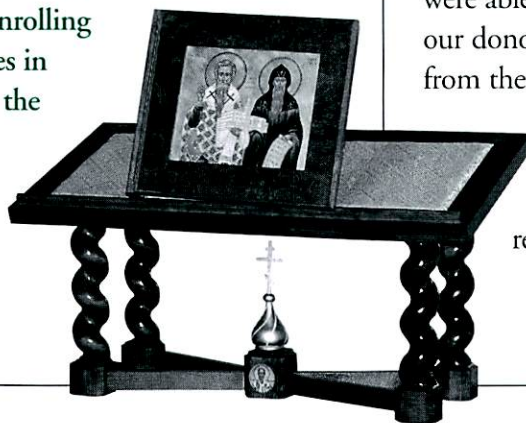
Many people have worked diligently to make the seminary the excellent educational center that it has become. We are grateful to Metropolitan Basil, and Metropolitan Judson before him, as well as the rectors, faculty, and students who have preceded us. Of course, none of our growth and improvement would be possible without the grace of God. We continue to depend on his guidance to lead us into the future.

Father John G. Petro, Rector

"Eternal Memory" Remembers Loved Ones

More than 70 names have been enrolled in the seminary's "Eternal Memory – Book of Remembrance" which rests in the seminary's main lobby. This book, inscribed in beautiful calligraphy, remembers those who have fallen asleep in the Lord. Every day in its liturgical prayers, the seminary community remembers those who are listed in the book, as well as those who have generously supported the seminary with financial contributions and good works.

Those who would like information about the book and about enrolling the names of their loved ones in "Eternal Memory" may call the seminary Development Office at (412) 321-3771.



ATS Visits Seminary

Representatives of The Association of Theological Schools (ATS) will visit the Byzantine Catholic Seminary on October 29, 2003 for a site review as part of the seminary's application for accreditation by this important organization.

"Our Advisory Board set a goal in 1999 to have the seminary accredited by ATS," said Father John G. Petro, seminary rector. "We needed to fulfill many requirements before ATS would consider us. Most formidably, we had to raise an endowment. This we were able to accomplish because of the generosity of our donors. We also had to earn degree-granting status from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

With these two major accomplishments and a host of other important activities completed, we now turn to ATS for their review and accreditation."

Madeline Zaworski

A Woman of Accomplishment and Faith



Madeline Zaworski

Madeline Zaworski, one of the original members of the Seminary Advisory Board, formed in 1999, has been active in church affairs all of her life.

“I had the privilege to work with a dynamic team of laity and clergy during a period of many challenges facing the Seminary Board. It has been the highlight of my life as a Byzantine Catholic to have become acquainted with clergy and laity from all

four eparchies and to have participated in policy development for the seminary—an experience that I will treasure always.”

The eldest daughter of Michael and Madeline Kisula, Madeline was influenced by the religious background of her parents. “Both of my parents were prayerful,” Madeline says, “and respectful of clergy. Our family life centered on church activities of St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church in Lorain, Ohio (of which Madeline is a life long member).”

A highly educated woman and successful businessperson, Madeline received a diploma as a registered nurse from the Cleveland Metro Health Center School of Nursing, a Bachelor’s degree in nursing from Kent State University, and two Master’s degrees from Case Western University—one in Nursing and one in Business Administration. She was elected Fellow of Academy of Healthcare Executives and Fellow of Wharton/J&J Nurse Executives Fellows Program. She has held many important administrative positions in health care from Nurse Manager to Director of Nursing Education to Vice President of Nursing. She now works as a full time Nikken Independent Wellness Consultant. She also holds adjunct clinical faculty appointments at four universities.

Madeline has held several important posts in the Eparchy of Parma, including being a member of the Sexual Abuse Advisory Committee. She has been a speaker at eparchial events and has likewise spoken at the Byzantine Spirituality Conference and retreats at Mt. St. Macrina in the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh. She is a parish nurse ministry representative and has been active in various support and leadership roles, especially with the St. Nicholas Academy Advisory Board.

About the seminary, Madeline says, “I am deeply inspired by the diversity of talent and strong determination of our Board to work collaboratively to assure academic excellence and fiscal solvency. For those who may not have the privilege to serve the seminary directly, I urge you to pray for vocations, to promote vocations in your family and parishes and to support the seminary. After all, without a seminary and priests, where is our future? We all have a crucial role to play.”

Noted Educator to Address 4th Annual SS. Cyril and Methodius Lecture



Rev. Joseph Thomas Lienhard, S.J.

The Byzantine Catholic Seminary has announced that noted educator, Rev. Joseph Thomas Lienhard, S.J., will address the 4th annual SS. Cyril and Methodius Lecture to be held in Pittsburgh on May 3, 2004. Father Lienhard’s topic will be: “*The Plagues of Egypt, Spiritual Interpretation, and the Old Testament in the Church.*”

Father Lienhard comes to us from Fordham University in New York where he has served for many years as Professor of Theology. He has also served as chairman of the Department of Theology at Fordham as well as associate chairman for graduate studies.

Having entered the Society of Jesus in 1958, Father Lienhard was ordained to the priesthood 1971. He received an A.B. in classics from Fordham University (1964), a Ph.L., magna cum laude, from Woodstock College (1965), an M.A. in classics from Fordham (1966), a B.D., “with highest distinction,” from Woodstock College (1971), an S.T.M. from Woodstock (1971), a Doctor in Theology from the University of Freiburg (1975), and a Dr. theology, habil. from the University of Freiburg (1986).

His teaching career includes Regis High School, New York City; Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI; John Carroll University, Cleveland, OH; Boston College, Boston, MA; and St. Joseph’s Seminary, Dunwoodie, NY.

A member of the American Society of Church History, Father Lienhard also serves on the Association Internationale d’Études Patristiques, the Catholic Commission on Intellectual and Cultural Affairs, the Catholic Theological Society of America, the North American Patristics Society, and he has served in many other official capacities as board member or editor.

The author of numerous scholarly articles, Father Lienhard has received many awards for his teaching, including the Lawrence G. Haggerty Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence, Marquette University and the Teacher of the Year Award, Graduate Students’ Association, Fordham University.

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Seminary Improves Facilities

Byzantine Catholics, and others, have generously supported the seminary over the years, and particularly so in the past several years.

These financial contributions have allowed us to improve some aged and faltering physical facilities.

In the past several months the seminary has made much needed external improvements including removing the former outside altar, replacing the walkway into the



Carol Pryzborski and Sr. Margaret Ann Andrako

building, and constructing a new roof over the entrance. In addition, new security lighting is being installed around the seminary, and the concrete steps leading to the Annex are being replaced.