

# Holy Trinity Seminary Newsletter Листок Свято-Троицкой Семинарии



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Dear Readers,

Many important events have taken place in the life of both the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad and Holy Trinity Seminary since the last issue of our *Newsletter* was published.

The preminent landmarks of the past months include the meeting of the IV All-Diaspora Council in May of this year, the renewal of the Seminary's accreditation, and the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the blessed repose of Metropolitan Antonii (Khrapovitskii) of Kiev and Galicia. This October's periodic accreditation review, the result of which will be the extension of the Seminary's accreditation, is of special significance for the Seminary's future. We hope to include more details on the State review team's report, as well as the results of the accreditation review, in the next issue of the *Newsletter*.

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Дорогие читатели!

Со времени выхода последнего номера *Листка* произошло много важных событий как в жизни Русской Православной Церкви Заграницей, так и в жизни Свято-Троицкой Семинарии. Заседание IV Всезарубежного Собора в мае сего года, возобновление аккредитации Семинарии и историко-богословская конференция при Семинарии посвященная 75-ти летнему юбилею блаженной кончины митрополита Киевского и Галицкого Антония (Храповицкого) – вот события последних месяцев. Особое значение для будущего Семинарии имеет состоявшаяся в начале октября очередная инспекция, результатом которой станет возобновление аккредитации Свято-Троицкой Семинарии на соответствующий



срок. Подробнее о рапорте представителей департамента просвещения и о результатах инспекции мы надеемся сообщить в следующем выпуске *Листка*.

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*Holy Trinity Seminary's students come from all over the world. This issue introduces three new students, with different backgrounds, who have chosen to study at Holy Trinity Seminary.*

**Ephraim Willmarth**  
*San Francisco, CA*

Seminary had been at the back of my mind since my Baptism. My godmother may have played a part in this, inasmuch as she made the following not-so-subtle suggestion: "So, when are you going to Jordanville to become a priest and come back to serve here?" In the seventh year after my Baptism, I visited Holy Trinity Seminary for the first time. Something in my soul responded. I spoke with students, a faculty member, and



an administrator. I was given a realistic picture of what to expect. All my objections subsequently gave way to faith as I contemplated, applied, and prepared. I felt an unseen force gently push me to come here. Why not any other career? I have in fact considered other options. All other interests, however, have either faded away or simply paled in comparison to a Seminary education. I might have chosen another path in order to make money, but the Lord has made this promise: *Seek first the kingdom of Heaven, and all things shall be added unto you.* I spoke with many clergymen about how they support their families. I saw that although incomes vary widely, all of them have been able to provide for themselves (and in some cases quite well), and when they could not, outside help has come as if from the very hand of God.



**Anthony Williams**  
*Richmond, ME*

I am eighteen years old, and have been home-schooled

all my life. After my graduation, I decided that I wanted to study in Seminary to further my education. There was never really any question in my mind as to which Seminary I should attend. My older brother, Nathan, had already graduated from Holy Trinity Seminary a year earlier, and during his years of study I came fairly often to visit him, and in this manner came to love the monastery and the way of life here. I very much like that the students are actively involved in the everyday life of the monastery: the work, church services, etc. I think it is wonderful that seminarians can participate in church services every day as well as study. That is in part why I chose to study at Holy Trinity Seminary.

**Miodrag Radovanovic**  
*Zurich, Switzerland*

I was born in Switzerland in August 1980. I am the son of Serbian Orthodox parents, the oldest of four siblings. After completing middle school, I successfully completed my apprenticeship as an electrician in Zurich. After visiting monasteries in my homeland, I desired a stronger spiritual life. After receiving a blessing from His Grace, Bishop Konstantin of Central Europe (Serbian Orthodox Church), to enter Seminary, I won the immigration lottery for permanent status, to my great surprise. I feel as if God is showing me the way, and feel that this is my calling in life. It is a great blessing for me to be here, and I am very happy. My only goal is to serve God as well as I can, because there is no limit to His mercy.



**КОНФЕРЕНЦИЯ ПАМЯТИ МИТРОПОЛИТА АНТОНИЯ (ХРАПОВИЦКОГО)**

*Андрей Кострюков, ПСТГУ*



6 – 7 октября 2006 года в Свято-Троицкой духовной семинарии в Джорданвилле прошла международная научно-историческая конференция «Жизнь и деятельность митрополита Антония (Храповицкого)». Конференция была приурочена к 70-летию со дня кончины архипастыря, интерес к жизни и творчеству которого не угасает до сих пор. Это неудивительно. В конце XIX – начале XX века не было ни одной важной церковной или государственной проблемы по поводу которой митрополит Антоний не высказал бы своего мнения. В эмиграции митрополит Антоний возглавил Русскую Зарубежную Церковь, стал духовным отцом для миллионов русских изгнанников. В конференции приняли участие исследователи из Европы и Америки представители Московского Патриархата и Русской Зарубежной Церкви. Председательствовал и проводил заседания конференции заместитель декана Свято-Троицкой семинарии в Джорданвилле диакон Владимир Цуриков. Свое приветствие в адрес участников форума направили Святейший Патриарх Московский и всея Руси Алексий II, Председатель учебного комитета Московского

Патриархата архиепископ Верейский Евгений, а также глава Российского Фонда культуры Н.С. Михалков. С приветственным словом к участникам конференции обратился Председатель Архиерейского Синода Русской Зарубежной Церкви митрополит Лавр, который рассказал об основных вехах жизненного пути митрополита Антония, а также отметил важность данного мероприятия.

Участники конференции постарались охватить различные периоды жизни митрополита Антония, коснуться различных сторон его деятельности. Выступление преподавателя Свято-Троицкой семинарии монаха Самуила (Недельского) было посвящено трудам митрополита Антония против имяславия. Докладчик отметил, что митрополит Антоний видел опасность перерождения имяславия в хлыстовство, чем и объясняется излишняя ревность иерарха в этом вопросе. Было также отмечено, что митрополит Антоний – строгий монах и аскет – сдержанно относился к самой практике умного делания. Преподаватель Свято-Троицкой семинарии А. В. Псарев посвятил свой до-



клад экуменическим взглядам митрополита Антония и, в частности, его взаимоотношениям с представителями Англиканской Церкви. Подобно святителю Филарету Московскому, митрополит Антоний считал вполне реальным сближение с англиканами и соединение с ними. Было также отмечено, что обращение митрополита Антония к Англиканской Церкви в некоторой степени помогло освобождению из-под ареста Патриарха Тихона в 1923 году. Докладчик рассказал о существующих документах, подтверждающих факт переговоров представителей английского правительства с Красиным по поводу освобождения святого Патриарха-исповедника.

Доклад протоиерея Николая Артемова (Мюнхен) был посвящен сотериологии митрополита Антония. Известно, что некоторые взгляды митрополита Антония встретили критику со стороны ряда православных богословов и даже обвинения в «крестоборческой ереси». Протоиерей Николай Артемов обратил внимание на то, что мысли относительно Искупительного подвига Спасителя, озвученные митрополитом Антонием, ранее высказывались свт. Филаретом, свт. Иннокентием Херсонским и другими богословами. Подобные мысли вошли и в «Догматику» преп. Иустина (Поповича), однако обвинять принято одного митрополита Антония. Докладчик объяснил это неудачной терминологией владыки, неосторожными высказываниями в ходе полемики. Протоиерей Николай Артемов обратил вни-

мание на то, что для митрополита Антония вся жизнь Христа была Искупительным подвигом, архипастырь взглянул на этот подвиг сквозь призму Гефсиманского моления, нисколько не умаляя Крестных страданий.

Профессор Университета в Олбани (США) Н.Б. Киценко прочитала доклад «Митрополит Антоний и еврейский вопрос». Вопреки расхожему мнению, митрополит Антоний никогда не был антисемитом, выступал против евреев-нигилистов и не осуждал исторический иудаизм. Н.Б. Киценко отметила также, что Россия никогда не была антисемитской страной, а антиеврейские процессы шли в нашу страну в основном с Запада. Доклад профессора Роберта Николса (США) был посвящен вопросу национальных воззрений митрополита Антония. Докладчик коснулся также заслуг владыки в области богословия, попыток отказаться от схоластики и уделить особое внимание нравственному богословию. Был зачитан также доклад профессора А. Писиотиса «Русское православное духовенство. Народничество на закате правления Романовых». В докладе было отмечено, что митрополит Антоний, считая Союз Русского народа единственной «мужичьей» партией, видел главный недостаток правых деятелей того времени в низкой церковности, с чем и пытался бороться. С большим интересом был выслушан доклад доктора исторических наук, профессора Санкт-Петербургского университета С.Л. Фирсова, который рассказал о митрополите Антонии как публицисте и полемисте. С.Л. Фирсов обратил внимание на то, что митрополит Антоний был живым полемистом, никогда не был ни холодным, ни теплохладным. Этим объясняется то, что митрополит порой говорил противоречивые вещи. Докладчик отметил заслугу митрополита Антония как создателя института ученого монашества. Митрополит считал, что нравственное падение русского народа в известной степени связано с тем, что у монастырей отняли науку. Особое место в своем докладе С.Л. Фирсов уделил отношению митрополита Антония к иудеям. Владыка считал, что евреи должны читать не Маркса и Ницше, а своих учителей. Это, по мнению иерарха, бесспорно вызовет сближение еврейства с русским народом. Митрополит Антоний говорил, что лично для него верующий иудей ближе русского атеиста. Доктор исторических наук, профессор А.Н. Кашеваров в своем докладе сопоставил взгляды двух иерархов – Патриарха Тихона и митрополита Антония на советскую власть. Отметив общность взглядов архипастырей, рассказав об их переписке, А.Н. Кашеваров обратил внимание на то, что

свт. Тихон никогда не осуждал политических взглядов митрополита Антония, который, в свою очередь, понимал ситуацию, в которой оказался Патриарх Тихон, и никогда не осуждал его за отход от позиции 1918 года. Доктор исторических наук М.В. Шкаровский выступил с докладом «Церковная и политическая деятельность митрополита Антония в 1930-е годы». М.В. Шкаровский рассказал об отношении митрополита Антония к «гитлеровщине», которую тот недвусмысленно осуждал, о монархических взглядах митрополита в эмиграции. С докладом «Митрополит Антоний и вопрос об историчности Иисуса» выступила Вера Шевцова (Смит Колледж). По глубокому убеждению докладчицы, митрополит Антоний подошел к проблеме, волновавшей в те годы многих, прежде всего как пастырь.

Доклад профессора Московской Духовной Академии А.К. Светозарского был посвящен деятельности митрополита Антония в сфере богословского образования. Докладчик обратил внимание на то, что митрополит Антоний не относившийся к духовному сословию, был свободен от комплексов и условностей, которыми страдало

духовенство и сохранил свежий взгляд на положение в области духовного образования. С этим связан факт, что митрополит Антоний по-иному, чем его предшественники подошел к взаимоотношениям со студентами. Этим объясняются проблемы, возникшие у митрополита с духовным руководством. А.К. Светозарский рассказал и о взаимоотношениях архипастыря с рядом деятелей Русской Церкви и богословской науки – Голубинским, Ключевским, Лебедевым. Монахиня София (Сеник) (Папский Восточный институт), рассказала в своем докладе о деятельности митрополита Антония в годы его служения на Волыни. Докладчица охарактеризовала проблемы, вставшие перед иерархом в годы служения, рассказала о его борьбе с пережитками униатства. Доклад кандидата исторических наук, доцента Православного Свято-Тихоновского Гуманитарного университета, священника Александра Мазырина был посвящен вопросу о замещении Киевской кафедры

после отъезда митрополита Антония за границу. Священник Александр, опираясь на открытые документы, доказал, что как святитель Тихон, так и его преемник свщмч. Петр (Полянский) отказывались признавать увольнение митрополита Антония и замещать кафедру оставленную им, и запрещали новому украинскому епископу, митрополиту Гродненскому Михаилу (Ермакову), именовать себя «митрополитом Киевским» и носить две панагии. Священник Александр Мазырин подчеркнул, что одним из обвинений со стороны большевиков в адрес митрополита Петра (Полянского) был его отказ назначить нового архиерея на Киевскую кафедру. Кандидат богословия, преподаватель Православного Свято-Тихоновского гумани-

тарного университета А. А. Кострюков сообщил в своем докладе о мнениях русской эмиграции относительно прав митрополита Антония после известного указа Патриарха Тихона № 348 (349). Согласно этому указу Зарубежное Высшее Церковное управление упразднилось. Однако подавляющее большинство церковной эмиграции выступило резко против данного указа. Докладчик рассказал об аргументах,



которые использовали в полемике сторонники и противники упразднения Зарубежного ВЦУ. Епископ Желтецкий и Западно-Европейский Михаил прочитал доклад «Митрополит Антоний (Храповицкий) и его мысли о Достоевском как проповеднике возрождения». Выступление архипастыря было выслушано с большим интересом. В заключение перед собравшимися выступил профессор Н. Лупинин, а также протоиерей Федор Шевцов, поделившийся своими личными воспоминаниями о митрополите Антонии. Бесспорно, данная конференция послужит сближению между духовными школами России и Джорданвилльской семинарией. Хочется надеяться, что подобные мероприятия, направленные на поиск исторической правды и служащие сближению между Московским Патриархатом и Русской Зарубежной Церковью, станут доброй традицией.

## THE FOURTH HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY COLLOQUIUM

Monk Samuel (Nedelsky)

The Fourth Holy Trinity Seminary Colloquium, dedicated to the legacy of Metropolitan Antonii (Khrapovitskii), was held on Friday, October 6, and Saturday, October 7, 2006, in Jordanville, NY. Scholars from the United States, Russia, and Europe delivered a total of fifteen papers, in addition to the Keynote Address. A concurrent exhibit of articles related to Metropolitan Antonii was on display, consisting of liturgical items, photographic materials, official documents, appeals, epistles, and letters; an illustrated, full-color catalog of the exhibit has likewise been published.

The Colloquium opened on October 6 with a panel consisting of three papers: Monk Samuel (Nedelsky), Holy Trinity Seminary, delivered a paper dedicated to “Archbishop Antonii (Khrapovitskii),

*Imiaslavie*, and Hesychasm”; Andrei Psarev, Holy Trinity Seminary, spoke on the “Relations of Metropolitan Antonii (Khrapovitskii) with the Anglican Church”; and Archpriest Nikolai Artemoff, Cathedral of the New Martyrs of Russia in Munich, Germany, delivered a talk on “The Soteriology of Metropolitan Antonii (Khrapovitskii).”

Following the completion of the first panel, Deacon Vladimir Tsurikov, Assistant Dean, delivered brief opening remarks, during which he read letters of greeting from His All-Holiness, Patriarch Alexy II of Moscow and All Russia, His Eminence, Archbishop Evgenii of Vereia, Chairman of the Educational Committee of the Russian Orthodox Church and Rector of the Moscow Theological Academy and Seminary, and N. S. Mikhailkov, President of the Russian Fund of Culture.

The Keynote Address, entitled “On the Occasion of the Seventieth Anniversary of Metropolitan Antonii’s Blessed Repose,” was delivered by His Eminence, Metropolitan Laurus, First Hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad and Rector of Holy Trinity Orthodox Seminary.

The following day, October 7, began with a Divine Liturgy followed by a panikhida commemorating Metropolitans Antonii and Anastasii in Holy Trinity Cathedral. The Colloquium’s second panel consisted of the following talks: Nadieszda Kizenko, University at Albany and Holy Trinity Seminary, spoke on “Metropolitan Antonii Khrapovitskii and the ‘Jewish Question’”; Argyrios Pisiotis, European Commission in Brussels, Belgium, was unable to attend, but his paper, entitled “Russian Orthodox Clergy and Populism in the Twilight of

the Romanovs,” was read by Dr. Kizenko; Robert L. Nichols, St. Olaf College, delivered a talk on “Metropolitan Antonii (Khrapovitskii) and Religious Nationalism in Late Imperial Russia.”

The third panel was made up of the following talks: Sergei Firsoff, St. Petersburg State University, “Archbishop Antonii as Orthodox Public Intellectual and Polemicist at the End of the 19th and Beginning of the 20th Centuries”; Anatolii Kashevarov, St. Petersburg Technical State University, “Patriarch Tikhon and Metropolitan Antonii: A Comparative-Historical Analysis of the Positions in Relation to the Civil War and the Beginning of Russian Ecclesiastical Discord”; and Mikhail Shkarovskii, Russian State Archives in St. Petersburg, “The Ecclesiastical and Political Activities of Metropolitan Antonii in the 1930s.”

The Colloquium’s fourth panel, which met after lunch, featured the following papers: Vera Shevzov, Smith College, “Metropolitan Antonii and the Modern Challenge of the Historical Jesus”; Aleksei Svetozarskii, Moscow Theological Academy, “Archimandrite Antonii (Khrapovitskii) as Rector of the Moscow Theological Academy”; and Sophia Senyk, Pontifical Oriental Institute, “Antonii (Khrapovitskii) in Volhynia, 1902-1914.”

The final panel consisted of the following papers: Priest Alexandr Mazyryn, St. Tikhon’s Orthodox University (Moscow), “The Question of Metropolitan Antonii’s Replacement in the Diocese of Kiev Under Patriarch Tikhon and His *Locum Tenens*, Metropolitan Petr”; Andrei Kostriukov, St. Tikhon’s Orthodox University (Moscow), “The Russian Ecclesiastical Emigration on the Authority of Metropolitan Antonii After Decree 348/349 of May 5, 1922”; and His Grace, Bishop Michael of Geneva and Western Europe, “Metropolitan Antonii’s View of Dostoevsky as a Prophet of Spiritual Rebirth.”

Following the completion of the fifth and final panel, Nickolas Lupinin, Franklin Pierce College, offered closing remarks and Fr. Theodore Shevzov, St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church in Stratford, CT, shared his personal memories of Metropolitan Antonii.

Holy Trinity Seminary Press will print the proceedings of the Fourth Holy Trinity Seminary Colloquium in book form.



**CAMPUS NEWS, SPRING-FALL 2006**

**Feast of Three Hierarchs**



On February 11-12, 2006, the Jordanville community celebrated the feast of the Three Hierarchs, the heavenly protectors of the Seminary. The festive services were presided over by His Eminence, Metropolitan Laurus. His Grace, Bishop Peter of Cleveland, as well as Archpriest Boris Kizenko, both alumni of the Seminary, arrived on Saturday to join the celebration. During the Vigil, as well as during the Divine Liturgy, large parts of the services were read or chanted in Greek, including the reading of the festive canon, the Epistle, and the Gospel. Archpriest Boris Kizenko, a Seminary alumnus (Class of 1958) who serves at the St. Vladimir's Memorial Church in Jackson, N.J., addressed the students during the traditional reception, remembering his own Seminary days. Following Fr. Boris' talk, Deacon Vladimir Tsurikov announced the recipients of scholarships granted by the Russian Orthodox Theological Fund, the Koulaev Foundation, and the Metropolitan Philaret Fund. The recently established Holy Trinity Seminary Scholarship was granted to fourth-year seminarian Felipe de Oliveira, a native of Brazil.

**ROCOP-MP Roundtable**

A roundtable meeting between representatives of the Commissions on Discussions Between the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad and the Moscow Patriarchate and members of the Holy Trinity Seminary and Monastery community took place at Holy Trinity Seminary in Jordanville, NY, on Tuesday, February 21, 2006. Representing the Commission of the Moscow Patriarchate were Archpriest Vladislav Tsy-pin, a Professor of the Moscow Theological Seminary and Academy, and Archpriest Nikolai Balashov, Secretary of the Office of External Affairs of the Moscow Patriarchate. Representing the Commission of the Russian Church Abroad were Arch-



mandrite Luke (Murianka), Dean of Seminary, and Archpriest Nikolai Artemoff from the Cathedral of the Holy New Martyrs of Russia in Munich, Germany.

**OISM Meeting**

With the blessing of His Eminence, Metropolitan Laurus, three Jordanville seminarians – third-year student Monk



Serafim (Baltic), fourth-year student Felipe de Oliveira, and fifth-year student Alexis Pjawka – attended the spring 2006 meeting of the Orthodox Inter-Seminary Movement (OISM) held from February 17 to 19 at St. Tikhon's Monastery and Seminary in South Canaan, PA.

**Lecture by Robert Bird**

The Seminary hosted a lecture by Robert Bird, Assistant Professor at the University of Chicago's Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures and Associate Faculty member at the Divinity School, on Sunday, March 26, 2006. Dr. Bird's lecture, entitled "Pavel Florensky and Tradition," explored the contribution of Fr. Pavel Florensky (1882-1937) to the retrieval of Orthodox Tradition by examining his role in revitalizing liturgical aesthetics, especially an appreciation



of the traditional icon, and his efforts in stimulating a return to the theology of the Fathers. While fully acknowledging Florensky's theological shortcomings, which he suggested were typical of his age, Professor Bird argued that Florensky reintroduced into Russian discourse the very question of Church Tradition. This recovery of Tradition helped enable the theological reflection on Tradition taken up in the generation following Florensky by such neo-patristic theologians as Vladimir Lossky and Fr. Georges Florovsky, and which continues into our own day. A question and answer period followed, during which faculty members and students posed questions regarding the relationship of Florensky's thought to patristic theology.

#### Lecture by A. B. Zubov

Holy Trinity Seminary hosted a talk on April 6, 2006, by Professor Andrei Borisovich Zubov of the Moscow State Institute of International Relations on the theme of "Contem-



porary Church-State Relations in Russia." Professor Zubov spoke vividly of how the events of the Bolshevik Revolution and the subsequent reign of Communism could be seen as a divine punishment for the sins of the Russian people. During the Soviet period, particularly after World War II, Professor Zubov argued, a real Soviet culture became dominant and much of Russia's past was obliterated from public memory.

This divine punishment was followed by a miraculous outpouring of God's mercy when, almost against the will of Soviet society, Russia received a divine "rehabilitation" during which

the Russian Orthodox Church grew in numbers and influence while the Communist state declined and fell. Professor Zubov stated that a truly symbiotic relationship existed between the Moscow Patriarchate and the Communist government that in many ways robbed the Church of its internal freedom. In this context, Professor Zubov argued that the Russian emigration, and particularly the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad, has preserved a spiritual health that can help cure the illness within the Moscow Patriarchate caused by Sergianism as well as help the Russian nation as a whole recover from the effects of Soviet ideology. Russia alone cannot recover from its spiritual and social illnesses without the aid of the Russian emigration, Professor Zubov concluded, nor can the Russian emigration alone be the bearer of Russian tradition. Rather, only a union of Churches and peoples can affect a spiritual renaissance in Russia. Following his lecture Professor Zubov fielded questions on points raised in his talk.

#### NEA Summer Study

Svitlana Malykhina, Lecturer in Russian Literature at Holy Trinity Seminary, was selected from a national applicant pool to attend one of twenty-two summer study opportunities supported by National Endowment for the Humanities. The Endowment is a federal agency that each summer supports seminars and institutes at colleges and universities so that teachers can work in collaboration and study with experts in humanities disciplines. Svitlana Malykhina participated in the program dedicated to "Visual Resources for Teaching and Research in Early East Slavic Cultures." The two-week program was held at The New York Public Library and directed by Edward Kasinec.

#### Fourth All-Diaspora Council

The Fourth All-Diaspora Council of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad met in San Francisco from May 6 to 14, 2006. Previous All-Diaspora Councils of the Russian Orthodox





Church Outside of Russia were held in 1921, 1938, and 1974. Member of the faculty and administration of Holy Trinity Seminary in attendance at the Council were His Eminence, Metropolitan Laurus, Archimandrite Luke, Archpriest Gregory Naumenko, Protodeacon Victor Lochmatow, and Reader Andrei Psarev. The official delegate representing the Seminary was Deacon Vladimir Tsurikov. Two official talks were given by Seminary faculty: Archimandrite Luke delivered a talk entitled "Reflections on the Mission of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad," and Andrei Psarev spoke on "The Development of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia's Perspectives Towards Other Local Orthodox Churches and Non-Orthodox Christians."

### **Fifty-Eighth Annual Commencement**

Holy Trinity Orthodox Seminary held its Fifty-Eighth Annual Commencement on Sunday, June 4, 2006. The Com-



mencement Address was given by Dr. David C. Ford, Associate Professor of Church History at St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theology Seminary in South Canaan, PA, and author of the books *Women and Men in the Early Church: The Full Views of St. John Chrysostom* and *Marriage as a Path to Holiness: Lives of Married Saints* (co-authored with his wife, Dr. Mary Ford, also a faculty member at St. Tikhon's Seminary). The degree of Bachelor of Theology was awarded to Hieromonk Evtikhy (Doganiuk), Vladislav Ivanoff, Eugene Koulanov, and Alexis Pjawka (cum laude); members of the graduating class who will be awarded the Bachelor of Theology degree following completion of their course requirements are Monk Savvatii (Lewis), Rassaphore-monk Nikolai (Savinov), and Mikhail Ovchinnikov.

### **Summer Music School and BBC Visit**

The Summer School of Liturgical Music at Holy Trinity Seminary held its annual session from July 9 to July 22, 2006. The full course of study consists of three summer sessions, at

the end of which students receive an accredited Certificate in Liturgical Music. This year the Summer School of Liturgical Music marked both the recent seventy-fifth anniversary of Holy Trinity Monastery and its own fifteenth anniversary by recording a CD of liturgical music. During the third week of the Summer School, Holy Trinity Seminary played host to a team from BBC Radio led by Kristine Pommert, Senior Producer of BBC World Service Religion, and the Rev. Canon Dr. Michael Bourdeaux, founder and President of Oxford University's Keston Institute, which monitors relationships between communist and former communist countries and religious communities. The result was a half-hour radio show broadcast on the BBC presenting how choir directors and readers in the Russian Orthodox tradition are trained to sing and direct liturgical music. With the help of the staff and students of Holy Trinity Seminary, the radio program explored why music is such a key element of worship in the Orthodox tradition, what it takes to master it, and what it is about the music that effects people spiritually.

### **Labor Day Pilgrimage**



The annual fall pilgrimage to Holy Trinity Monastery took between September 2 and 4, 2006, attracting a large number of faithful. This pilgrimage, which is held each year on the Labor Day weekend, is dedicated to the memory of St. Job of Pochaev, the patron saint of the monastic brotherhood, whose actual day of commemoration falls close to Labor Day week.

### **2006-07 Academic Year**

A moleben served on Tuesday, September 12, by the Dean of Holy Trinity Seminary, Archimandrite Luke, and Seminary clergy marked the opening of the 2006-07 academic year. The traditional welcoming talk with the student body, led this year by Archimandrite Luke and Deacon Vladimir Tsurikov, took place immediately afterwards. Later in the day, Metropolitan Laurus blessed the new seminarians to wear the traditional cassock and belt. The Pedagogical Council met under the



presidency of Metropolitan Laurus in the afternoon of the same day to discuss the new academic year. Classes began the following day, Wednesday, September 13.

#### **Inter-Seminary Meeting**

With the blessing of His Eminence, Metropolitan Laurus, four Jordanville seminarians – fourth-year students Hierodeacon Serafim (Baltic) and Arsenii Pilguk, and fifth-year students Denis Lvov and Felipe de Oliveira – attended the fall 2006 meeting of the Orthodox Inter-Seminary Movement (OISM) at St. Tikhon's Monastery and Seminary in South Canaan, PA, on September 22 and 23, 2006.

#### **OISM Pilgrimage to Alaska**



The Orthodox Inter-Seminary Movement (OISM) met at St. Herman Theological Seminary in Kodiak, Alaska, from Saturday, October 14, to Tuesday, October 18, 2006. In addition to the entire student body of Saint Herman Seminary, eleven students from North American seminaries participated. Representing Holy Trinity Seminary was fourth-year student Arsenii Pilguk.

#### **Accreditation Review**

A review team from the Office of College and University Evaluation of the University of the State of New York visited Jordanville on October 9, 2006, as part of the renewal of the Seminary's accreditation status. Holy Trinity Seminary has been continuously accredited and registered by the Board of Regents and the Commissioner of Education of the University of the State of New York, a nationally recognized accrediting body, since its founding; it underwent its last renewal in 2001, when it received reaffirmation of its status for five years. Preceding this year's site visit by the review team, Holy Trinity Seminary undertook an internal review of its curriculum, quality of education, scholarly resources, financial stability, and overall achievement of its institutional mission. The self-study, conducted by Deacon Vladimir Tsurikov, showed that suggestions made during the last accreditation review in 2000 had been met and frequently exceeded. Holy Trinity Seminary was pleased to show concrete improvements in the areas of faculty development, curricular objectives, fundraising initiatives, and preservation of scholarly resources. The review team, headed by Robert H. McHugh, Associate of Higher Education, included Professor Alexis Klimoff from the Department of Russian Studies at Vassar College, Professor Peter Bouteneff from Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, and Hee Gwone Yoo, Slavic Librarian at the Baltic and Slavic Division of The New York Public Library. During their visit, team members attended classes, met with faculty and students, and visited the library, archives, and a current exhibition. Significant attention was devoted to reviewing files and discussing the self-study with the Seminary's administrative officers. The Seminary expects to receive the review team's report by December 2006, at which point it will respond to its suggestions and observations. A Seminary representative will meet with the Regents' Advisory Council in February 2007 to discuss the results of the accreditation review. The Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York is expected to make a final determination concerning the renewal of the Seminary's accreditation status, including length of accreditation, in April 2007.

#### **Seminary Expands Contact with Academic Institutions in Russia**

On October 13, 2006, Deacon Vladimir Tsurikov flew to Moscow to attend festivities connected with the patronal feast of the Moscow Theological Academy and Seminary, the Protection of the Theotokos. Fr. Vladimir held several meetings with representatives of institutions of theological educational and research centers. His Eminence, Archbishop Evgenii of Vereia, Rector of the Moscow Theological Academy and Seminary, met with Fr. Vladimir several times to discuss joint publication projects; an agreement was reached allowing several students from the Moscow Theological Seminary to study at Holy Trinity Seminary. Fr. Vladimir also met with the fol-

lowing: S. L. Kravets, Director of the Orthodox Encyclopedia Scholarly Center and General Editor of the *The Great Russian Encyclopedia*; representatives of the Division of History of the Russian Academy of Sciences; Archpriest Vladimir Vorobiev, Rector of Saint Tikhon's Orthodox University of the Humanities; and Archpriest Nikolai Balashov, Secretary of the Office of External Affairs of the Russian Orthodox Church, to discuss the progress of joint projects as well as future publication ef-



forts and other joint scholarly initiatives. S.L. Kravets informed Deacon Vladimir Tsurikov that a certificate would be issued to the Holy Trinity Seminary library for a complimentary set of the *Orthodox Encyclopedia*, including all subsequent volumes.

**Chamber Choir Visit**

Holy Trinity Seminary was pleased to host a concert by the "Tebe Poem" ("To Thee We Sing") Chamber Choir from Krasnoyarsk, Russia, on November 28, 2006. The choir, founded in 1991 by Konstantin Alexandrovich Jakobson, Rector of the Krasnoyarsk State Academy of Music and Theater, is made up entirely of professional singers. The choir performed a concert of Russian music, both sacred and folk, in the Seminary graduation hall for a large audience headed by His Eminence Metropolitan Laurus, and including monks and seminarians as well as members of the larger Jordanville community.



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**Seminary Represented at AAASS Convention**

Holy Trinity Seminary was represented at the annual convention of the American Association for the Advancement of

Slavic Studies (AAASS) in Washington D.C. between November 16 and 19, 2006. This annual scholarly forum offers panels in literature, linguistics, history, political science, and religion.

Deacon Vladimir Tsurikov, Assistant Dean of Holy Trinity Seminary and Instructor of Church Slavonic, chaired and participated in a roundtable entitled "Contemporary Russian Orthodoxy: Political, Social and Diasporic Identities." This well-attended roundtable also included presentations by Alexander Agadjanian (Department of Religion, State University of the Humanities, Moscow), Father Michael Meerson Aksenov (Rector of Christ the Savior Church, New York City), Vera Shevzov (Department of Religion, Smith College), and Andrei Zolotov (Editor, Russia Profile). Topics discussed included an analysis of émigré influences on ecclesiastical attitudes in Russia after the fall of the Soviet Union, a historical account of relations between the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad and the Orthodox Church in America (OCA), a discussion of ethnic influences and diasporic identities within Russian Orthodoxy in the United States, and reflections on the present and future of the talks between the Russian Orthodox Church and the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad.

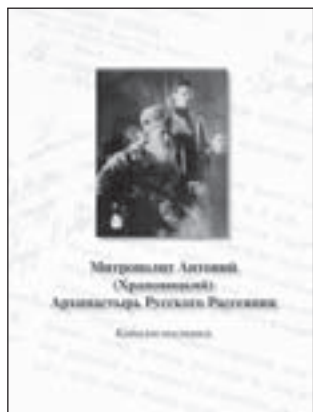
Nadiezda Kizenko, Professor of History at the University at Albany (SUNY) and Instructor of Russian History at Holy Trinity Seminary presented a paper entitled "Shoes and Ships: The After-Life of the Holy Admiral Ushakov" at a panel dedicated to "Will Wonders Never Cease? Miracles in Russian Orthodoxy across the Centuries."

Svitlana Malyhina, Instructor of Russian Literature at Holy Trinity Seminary, presented a paper entitled "Hearing voices of the Russian Youth: Language Portrait of a Generation" at a panel dedicated to "Language and Identity in Post-Soviet Russia."

The 39th National Convention of the AAASS will be held at the New Orleans Marriott in New Orleans, Louisiana, from Thursday, November 15, 2007 through Sunday, November 19, 2007. For more information, please visit the AAASS' official website at <http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~aaass/>.

CALENDAR: SPRING 2007	
January 22	Beginning of Classes
February 9-11	OISM Meeting
February 12	Three Hierarchs
February 15	Meeting of the Lord (no classes)
February 19-23	First week of Great Lent (no classes)
April 2-6	Holy Week (no classes)
April 8	Pascha
April 9-13	Bright Week (no classes)
April 16	Classes Resume
May 4	Last Day of Classes
May 7	Beginning of Exams
May 17	Ascension
May 20	59 <sup>th</sup> Annual Commencement
May 27	Pentecost

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An illustrated, full-color, 54-page catalog of the exhibit on display during the Fourth Holy Trinity Seminary Colloquium, dedicated to the legacy of Metropolitan Antonii (Khrapovitskii), is available for purchase. The exhibit consisted of liturgical items, photographic materials, official documents, appeals, epistles, and letters relating to Metropolitan Antonii. The catalog contains descriptions of the items on display as well as biographical and historical essays (in Russian) by Fr. Vladimir Tsurikov (Holy Trinity Seminary), A. A. Kostriukov (St. Tikhon's University, Moscow), and L. I. Petrusheva (Russian State Archives, Moscow); an insert containing an English translation of the catalog listings is available upon request. The catalog may be purchased from the Holy Trinity Monastery Bookstore for \$20 each, plus \$4 for shipping and handling.