



Prepared to Serve: 26 Seminarians to Begin Their Ministry

Thank you for helping make this day possible for our future Church leaders



Dear ,

Christ is Risen!

On **May 17**, St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary will celebrate its **85th Commencement** ceremony, conferring degrees on **26 seminarians**—a moment that joyfully fulfills our mission to form clergy and leaders for the Orthodox Church.

Join us in praying for this year's graduates as they are being assigned to serve in parishes and ministries across the United States. These faithful men and women are prepared to make a meaningful impact—right now—in their communities and in the life of the Church.

Attend the 2025 SVOTS Commencement Ceremony

Meet two of our outstanding graduates:

Fr Josef Candelario (M.A. '25), and Ana Legaspi (M.A. '25)



From the Classroom to the Altar

Fr Josef Candelario (M.A. '25) and his wife, Presbytera Euphrosini (Effy), are relocating to the Pacific Northwest, where they'll support liturgical life and outreach at St Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church in Port Townshend, WA, and St Sophrony of Essex Mission in Sequim, WA. Fr Josef was ordained to the holy diaconate in December of 2022 and then to the holy priesthood in July of 2024, both by the hand of His Eminence Archbishop Benjamin (OCA, Diocese of the West).

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Answering the Call to Serve Our Youth

Ana Legaspi (M.A. '25) is headed for Boston, MA, where she will be Director of Summer Programs at CrossRoad, a ten-day academic summer institute that prepares high school juniors and seniors to make big life decisions and invites them to connect with the Orthodox Christian theological and spiritual tradition in a deep and meaningful way. This summer, SVOTS will host a CrossRoad session on campus for the first time ever—students will be taking classes with seminary professors and experiencing a taste of life at St Vladimir's.

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We look forward to sharing photos and video from the joyful day of Commencement 2025 soon after the celebration.

As a supporter of St Vladimir's Seminary, we humbly and gratefully thank YOU. How often do you get to witness the fruit of your support? This is one of those moments. Your prayers and generosity have helped make this day possible for our graduating class. You are a part of their journey, their joy, and their future ministry.

In the Risen Lord,

Dr Ionuț-Alexandru Tudorie
Incoming President and Academic Dean



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