

## THE CLASS OF 2022

*Listed in alphabetical order*

### Certificate in Pastoral Studies

Priest Ambrose Powell

### Master of Divinity

Subdeacon Ananias Ananievski

*Honors in Dogmatic Theology*

Priest Maximus Gibson

*Honors in Patristic Theology*

Brad C. Given

Priest Paul Hamner

Priest Thanasis Nikolaos Kombos

*Honors in Church History*

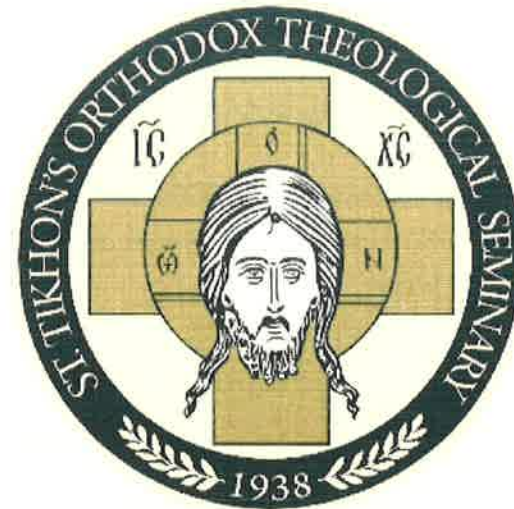
Deacon Mark Makarios

Priest Anthony Saunders

Priest Ignatius Cooper Strange

Sub-Deacon Joshua Varughese

*Honors in Pastoral Theology*



## PROGRAM

THE EIGHTIETH

ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

OF

ST. TIKHON'S ORTHODOX THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

FRIDAY, THE TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF MAY,

SATURDAY, THE TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF MAY,

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO



## PROGRAM

80<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT  
ST. TIKHON'S ORTHODOX THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2022  
AT 7:00 P.M.  
EVENING PROGRAM

**OPENING PRAYER:** "Christ is risen..." Choir

**INVOCATION:**  
His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon,  
President of the Seminary

**WELCOMING REMARKS:**  
The Very Reverend Archpriest John E. Parker III, D. Min.,  
Dean of the Seminary

**GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**  
Michael Herzak,  
Chairman, Board of Trustees of the Seminary

**CLASS OF 2022 COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**  
His Grace, Bishop Thomas  
Bishop of Oakland, Charleston, and the Mid-Atlantic  
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese

**CHARGE TO THE GRADUATING CLASS:**  
His Eminence, Archbishop Michael  
Rector of the Seminary

**CONCLUDING PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS AND BENEDICTION:**  
His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon

SATURDAY, MAY 28, 2022

## AFTERNOON PROGRAM

**COMMENCEMENT MOLIEBEN**  
His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon,  
President of the Seminary

**VALEDICTORY ADDRESS:**  
The Reverend Priest Maximus Gibson,  
Class of 2022

**PRESENTATION OF ALUMNI OF THE YEAR:**  
The Reverend Priest Patrick Burns,  
President of the Alumni Association, Class of 2009

**PRESENTATION OF THE FR. ALEXANDER ATTY SERVICE AWARD**  
Representative of the Class of 2022

**CONFERRAL OF CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES:**  
Officers of the Seminary

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACADEMIC HONORS:**  
The Reverend Priest Paul J. Witek, Ph.D.,  
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

### HONORS FOR STUDENT THESES AND SENIOR PROJECTS

Subdeacon Ananias Ananievski, Honors in Dogmatic Theology for his thesis:  
"Asceticism, Deification & Martyrdom, Arenas for Salvation:  
The Orthodox Christian Witness on Marriage  
and the High and Holy Calling of Husband and Wife"  
Mentor: His Eminence, Archbishop Michael (Dahulich), Ph.D.

Priest Maximus Gibson, Honors in Patristic Theology for his thesis:  
The Therapy of the Will: St. Maximus the Confessor's *Four Hundred Chapters on  
Love*: from *Philautia* to *Agape*.  
Mentor: Christopher Veniamin, D.Phil., (Oxon.)

Priest Thanasis Nikolaos Kombos, Honors in Church History for his project:  
"Lift Up Our Hearts: Glimpses into the Early Church"  
Mentor: David C. Ford, Ph.D.

Sub-Deacon Joshua Varughese, Honors in Pastoral Theology for his thesis:  
"The Battle Against the Passions: Lust versus Love"  
Mentor: His Eminence, Archbishop Michael (Dahulich), Ph.D.