

Alumni Association
Saint Tikhon Orthodox Theological Seminary
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12 June 2015

Dear Alumnus,

The 2014-2015 academic year at Saint Tikhon Orthodox Theological Seminary conducted commencement on Saturday, 23 May 2015, with thirteen seminarians graduating in the Master of Divinity Program. Archpriest Daniel K. Donlick (class of 1965) was presented the Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa at the graduation. We pray that our Lord will grant His Grace and many Blessings upon them as they continue to minister in His Vineyard.

I am writing to you on behalf of the executive board of the Alumni Association of Saint Tikhon Orthodox Theological Seminary to ask that you consider making a financial donation to the association so that we might continue our good works to successfully enhance and support our seminary. As an alumnus you are an integral part of the seminary family. You are an ambassador to others of the qualities, virtues, talents, skills, and stewardship that you honed and received when you attended Saint Tikhon Seminary.

Our seminary has an important milestone for which the seminary prepares this year in that it will be reviewed for accreditation by the American Theological Schools. One of the criteria by which the seminary will be reviewed is the participation and involvement of the Alumni Association in the financial support of the seminary as well as the attainment of our fiscal goals.

If you have already made a contribution this fiscal year to the Alumni Association, the executive board and I thank you. We applaud your help. Remember that if you made donations directly to the seminary for the fall and spring appeal, they are not tracked as an alumni association donation and the alumni association is not given acknowledgement since they do not have the means to differentiate the donation to track how many alumni gave to a certain appeal. In the past we have done much to enhance our seminary; however, we need to do more.

In order for us to reach our goal of \$5,000.00 for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, we need your financial support. Currently we still need to raise monies so that we might meet the June 30, 2015 fiscal year end deadline and fulfill our obligation and commitment to the seminary. Your previous support to the association is appreciated and it is a testament to your generosity. Enclosed you will find an envelope for your contribution. Each gift no matter how small or great will help in our endeavor. Please send today your contribution in enclosed envelope to the Alumni Association President, Archpriest Theodore Boback, Jr.

As we celebrated the Feast of Pentecost and journey to the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, please keep the seminarians, their families, the faculty, administration, the board of trustees and your fellow alumni in your prayers.

In Christ

Archpriest Theodore Boback, Jr.
President, Alumni Association
Class of 72

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

TUESDAY JULY 21, 2015 – Joint Seminary Reception (St. Tikhon, St. Vladimir, and St. Herman) in the Crystal Ballroom at the OCA AAC in Atlanta. A separate room for the business sessions of the alumni meeting of Saint Tikhon Orthodox Theological Seminary has been requested. **However**, the place and time of the meeting as of this letter has not been established.

SATURDAY 22 AUGUST 2015 – Annual Golf Tournament

THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2015 - Annual Alumni Seminarian Picnic
2 September 2015 will be the 25th anniversary of the falling asleep of Fr. Vladimir Borichevsky, Dean, Saint Tikhon Seminary. A memorial service and event is being planned for the 10th of September since the week before is the orientation and retreat for the academic year.

If you are interested in serving on the Alumni Association of Saint Tikhon Orthodox Theological Seminary or on any of the committees off the seminary, contact:
Archbishop Michael, PhD; Rector and/or Nominating Committee Chair

I extend greetings to you as I have served for over 9 years as President of the Alumni Association (1974 – 1976) and (2008 – 2015). Throughout the years our alumni association has accomplished much and has supported our seminary.

Throughout the seminary history, the Orthodox Theological Seminary of Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk has ensured that her graduates are equipped with the academics and praxis; the tools necessary for performing and providing ministry to the faithful of the Orthodox Church as well as to those of other faiths and those who have no faith at all. The seminary has been blessed throughout the years with a diverse faculty, administration, staff and board of trustees.

Throughout the years, months and days – perhaps you reflected on occasion on your years at our alma mater. Remembering classmates, faculty staff friends with whom through the years you will continue to build your relationship and might after years see and visit with some of them - keep that closeness and fellowship you developed during your time here and continue to strengthen it. With this in mind last year the rector and I sent a letter to 12 regional alumni in order to assemble regional alumni events and gatherings. Several of these events have taken place in Alaska and California and future gatherings are being planned.

An integral aspect of our seminary life continues to be the symbiotic relationship of the seminary and monastery. These two institutions remain complementary in providing an atmosphere that is spiritually rewarding, nourishing and fulfilling for us – as we prepared to serve God and our Church and as we visit today and in the future. We remember the monastics who ministered to us. Adjoining the campus is the cemetery where many who labored in the vineyard of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the Orthodox Church are now laid to rest.

Our seminary is energized and is charged with enthusiasm as she moves on a journey towards the education of our future clergy, choir directors, church leaders, There are many events within the association where you can be an active participants, at meetings,

On subcommittees for the accreditation process, at regional gatherings which are being implemented, through fund raising by the association, support of and membership in the organizations of the seminary – the century club and the friends of St Tikhons and other organizations such as the Fellowship of Orthodox Christians which has been actively involved in raising funds for the married student housing project; the annual golf tournament; through support of our other events scheduled throughout the year - the pilgrimage and educational updates and symposiums; the annual alumni picnic with new and returning seminarians and families with the faculty, administration, and staff.

I express my gratitude to those who served on the Executive Board these past years as well as to the Rectors, Deans and Presidents of the seminary and to the members of the Board of Trustees, the faculty and administration. May our Lord continue to grant you His many Blessings as you work for the growth of St Tikhon Orthodox Theological Seminary.

I encourage you the alumni to actively participate in our association through your stewardship: giving of your talents, skills, gifts, to our seminary through the work of the alumni association. Many alumni soon after graduating became involved as officers of the association or chair of various committees or events – I hope and encourage you to follow their lead and become involved. We all received from the seminary much to help us for the future, let us remember those who will come after us by becoming actively involved in working for the seminary.

Become an active alumnus/alumna - there is much to be proud of and much to celebrate but we cannot dwell upon past accomplishments. In order for our seminary to grow and to continue to nourish and equip future generations of clergy, choir directors, church leaders, we need to intensify our dedication, devotion and zeal; sustain our commitment and faithfulness, and remain steadfast in our undertakings in support of our seminary with faith, hope and love. Your importance cannot be minimized. Each and every alumnus can contribute for the betterment not only of the Alumni Association of Saint Tikhon Seminary but for the betterment and growth of our seminary and always for the Glory of God and His Church.

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Archpriest Theodore Boback, Jr.; M.S.; M.Div. **CLASS OF 72**

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IN MEMORIAM – MEMORY ETERNAL!

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The above was submitted for the 2015 TIKHONAIRE

1st Anniversary Fr D. Alexander Atty – 23 March 2014 - 23 March 2015

25th Anniversary Fr Vladimir S. Borichevsky – 2 September 1990 – 2 September 2015