



*Orthodox Church in America*  
**DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST**

September 1, 2018  
Beginning of the Liturgical Year  
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To all Rectors, Priests-in-Charge, Deacons, Monastics and Laity of the Midwest

Glory to Jesus Christ!

We embark upon another new school year at St. Vladimir's Seminary (SVS) and St. Tikhon's Seminary (STS). At this time of the year we call upon our parishes to collect funds to support our Seminarians.

**Attending St. Tikhon's Seminary this year are:**

- Reader Ephrem Tauck (2<sup>nd</sup> year)
- Sub-deacon Peter Simko (1<sup>st</sup> year)
- Matthew McDonald (1<sup>st</sup> year)

This past year,

- Fr. John Segvich completed his one-year of special intensive study at STS and returned to Chicago. He is now assigned as Associate Priest of St. Luke Orthodox Church in Palos Hills.

**Attending St. Vladimir's Seminary this year are:**

- Brian Crivella (3<sup>rd</sup> year)
- Aaron Rutz (2<sup>nd</sup> year)
- Mark Chenoweth (completing Th.M. thesis)

This past year,

- Brittany Lauber received her MA degree. She is now employed at St. Vladimir's Seminary Press.
- Daniel VanderKolk received his M.Div. Daniel, his wife Erin and their two children have relocated back to their home parish in Albion, MI. Daniel is seeking to pursue a Doctorate in Biblical studies.
- Fr. Christopher Moore received his M.Div. Fr. Christopher, Matushka Jennifer, and their children Andrew and Gideon will be going to South Korea where they will serve as OCMC missionaries for several years. Eventually their wish is to return to the Diocese of the Midwest and hopefully receive an assignment in the Diocese.

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Our Diocese needs to send people to seminary so that they can be properly formed in the Orthodox Christian Faith for service to the Church in various capacities. The Diocese of the Midwest is particularly calling people who could be candidates for the priesthood. There will be a great need for priests in our Diocese in the next 2 to 8 years. So I would be grateful to God for the support that individuals and parishes can offer to assist those who are now and will be answering that call in the years to come. Make your checks out to the Diocese of the Midwest and note that it is for "Support our Seminarians." The check can be mailed to the Midwest Chancery. Thank you so much for your generosity.

The blessing of the Lord be upon you.

With love in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paul  
Bishop of Chicago and the Midwest

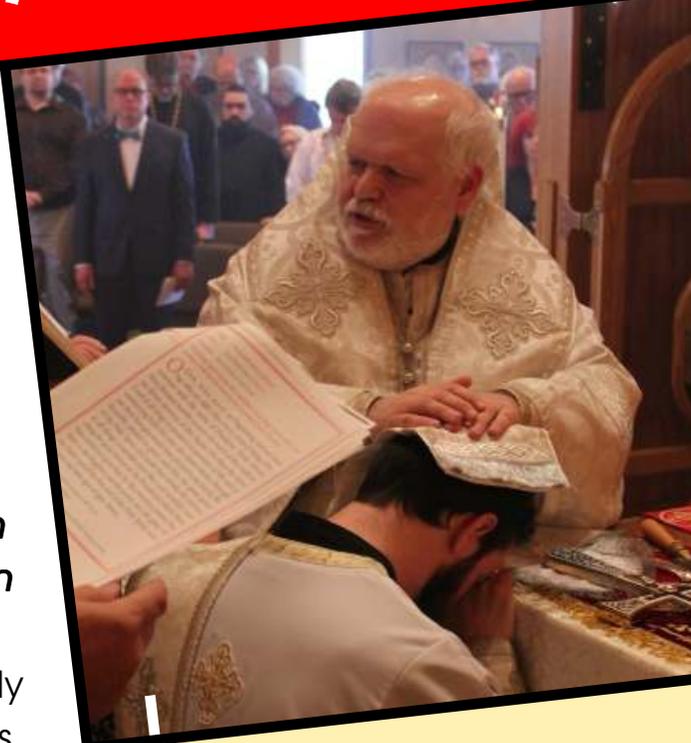


Before His Ascension, Our Lord commissioned His disciples to “teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

## SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS!

■ While all of God’s People are called to **proclaim the Good News**, our clergy have been given the **special task** of “equipping the saints for ministry” by planting the seeds of faith and nurturing spiritual growth. ■ For three quarters of a century, our seminaries have devoted themselves to imparting **information** about our faith and to pursuing the **formation** of those called to the ordained ministry. ■ Our **diocesan seminarians** have chosen a truly **difficult and selfless path**, especially in terms of **funding their studies** and **related living expenses**. ■ **September 2018** has been designated “**Support Our Seminarians Month**” in the Diocese of the Midwest, culminating in “**SOS Sunday**” on **September 30**. Please be generous as we join together to help lighten our seminarians’ financial burdens.

■ **All funds will be given directly to our seminarians!**



**SEPTEMBER 30  
IS SOS SUNDAY!**

Please send your donations to the  
**Diocese of the Midwest**  
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Chicago, IL 60610