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SATURDAY
MAY 18, 2013
2:00 PM

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on Thursday November 7, 2013
at Glen Island Harbour Club,
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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

The Right Rev. Bishop Basil, D.D.,
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The Very Rev. Dr. John McGuckin,
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SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2013

Commencement Exercises

Prayer of Supplication in Three Hierarchs Chapel

Processional: "Christ is Risen"

Opening Prayer: "Troparion for the Three Hierarchs"

Opening of the Commencement Exercises

His Beatitude, The Most Blessed Tikhon,
*Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada of the
Orthodox Church in America, President of the Board of Trustees*

Welcoming Remarks

The Very Rev. Dr. John Behr, *Dean*

Conferring of Honorary Doctorates

Mr. Alex Machaskee, *Executive Chair*

Commencement Address

The Rev. Dr. Sarah L. Fogg

Conferral of Degrees on the Class of 2013

Valedictory Address

Mr. Harrison Russin

Introduction to the Alumni Association

Mr. Gregory Abdalah, *Alumni Association President*

Salutatory Address

The Rev. Dn. Nicholas Roth

St Vladimir's Seminary Octet

To Thee, Our Champion Leader

by S. Trubachev

Concluding Remarks

The Very Rev. Dr. Chad Hatfield, *Chancellor*

Closing of the Commencement Exercises

His Beatitude, The Most Blessed Tikhon,
*Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada of the
Orthodox Church in America, President of the Board of Trustees*

Closing prayer: "It Is Truly Meet"

Recessional: "Shine, Shine"

Commencement Reception

Commencement Speaker

The Rev. Dr. Sarah L. Fogg

The Reverend Dr. Sarah L. Fogg was appointed St John's Riverside Hospital's first Director of Pastoral Care in July 2006. She is responsible for providing spiritual and religious support to patients and their families and staff and for facilitating and enhancing the efforts of local clergy as they visit their congregants in the hospital. Rev. Fogg is employed through The HealthCare Chaplaincy, a multifaith center for pastoral care, education, and research.

Before discerning a call to the ministry, Dr. Fogg was a college professor at Illinois Wesleyan and Clemson Universities. She held a position in copyright registration at the Library of Congress and was a career counselor to the humanities at California State University, Long Beach. For six years, she was project director at a human resources consulting firm in Manhattan.

Her academic preparation includes a B.A. in French from West Virginia University, an M.A. in French and Linguistics and a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from Indiana University, and a Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary in New York City. An American Baptist, she was ordained to the ministry in 1993. She was also a student of Clinical Pastoral Education, serving as a resident chaplain at NYU and Lenox Hill Hospitals. In 1995, she became a Board Certified Chaplain (Fellow) of the Association of Professional Chaplains.

Rev. Fogg is active in local church and community groups and serves on Ethics, Palliative Care, and Cancer Care committees within the Hospital. She has particular interests in family systems theory and perinatal bereavement on which she lectures, provides counsel, and offers special service to the community.

Valedictorian & Salutatorian

The valedictorian, who is selected from among graduating M.Div. students, delivers the commencement address on behalf of the graduating class. The salutatorian, an M.Div. middler who is completing his or her second academic year at St Vladimir's as a full-time student, offers words of congratulation to the graduating class on behalf of those who will be remaining at the seminary. The valedictorian and salutatorian are selected by the faculty on the basis of the student's excellent performance in all aspects of seminary life, including academic work, participation in chapel services, and completion of community service assignments.

Igumení Ines Ayau García

Igumeni Ines Ayau Garcia (Madre Ines) was born in 1951 into a prominent Guatemalan family with a long history of service in that Central American country. She was educated through high school at the Instituto de la Asunción and then attended Marian College in Indianapolis. She returned to Guatemala to study architecture at the Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala. This is a discipline that she used later when supervising many building programs, including that of the orphanage and monastery.

In 1972 the then Sister Ines began to study theology at the Universidad Francisco Marroquin, a school founded by her father, Dr. Manuel Ayau. Always eager for more education, she then went to Mexico to study Scripture at the Instituto de Sagrada Escritura Santo in 1975, followed by French and religious studies with the Assumption Sisters in Paris, France.

After further studies in both Belgium and Brazil, she graduated *cum laude* in Theology from UFM in Guatemala in 1983 before departing for the Philippines in 1983, where she served as a professor of theology at Assumption College, Makati, Metro Manila.

During additional studies of Scripture and archeology in Jerusalem, she became convinced of the truth of Orthodoxy. In 1993 she was received into Orthodoxy by Archbishop Antonio Chedraoui of Mexico City and elevated to Igumeni in August 1994. In 1995 through the tireless efforts and courage of Mother Ines and her fellow nuns, the Antiochian Orthodox Church was formally founded and recognized in Guatemala.

In 1996 the Guatemalan government turned the centennial orphanage, Rafael Ayau, over to the care of Mother Ines. With this, both an Orthodox orphanage and the first Orthodox parish in Guatemala was born. A close relationship was also then formed with the Monastery of the Transfiguration in Ellwood City, PA.

Since that time, hundreds of families around the world have adopted children through the Hogar Rafael Ayau Orphanage. In 2007 the beautiful Holy Trinity Monastery Church was consecrated in Guatemala, and this past year a new home for children on the monastery grounds was completed. Last year, the Open E-Learning University Rafael Ayau was founded, and it will serve Spanish-speaking Orthodox Christians.

The Hogar has received hundreds of missionaries both short term and long term, including teams from both St Herman and St Vladimir's Seminaries. As missiology is further developed at St Vladimir's, an even stronger tie between Hogar Rafael Ayau and the Seminary will likely develop, especially as the Orthodox Christian population continues to grow rapidly in that country.

Obren B. Gerich

Obren B. Gerich was born into a pious family of Serbian Orthodox parents in 1938 in Ventura, California. Within the family context created by Mr. Gerich's humble, hardworking, and God-fearing Orthodox Christian mother and father, kernels of charitable dedication towards others were nurtured in his heart.

Mr. Gerich completed high school and went on to Claremont Men's College, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1960. He then earned a Master's Degree in Accounting in 1966 from the University of Southern California. Subsequently he was licensed as a Certified Public Accountant, Real Estate Broker, and Insurance Broker in the State of California. Currently, he is Senior Vice President of Public Storage, Inc., having previously served as Chief Financial Officer from 1976 to 1993; he has been with the company since 1974.

In addition to his resoundingly successful business and professional career, Mr. Gerich has spent much of his adult life in service and dedication to his local and national church, community, charities, and educational institutions. Using his prodigious intellectual and leadership skills, while always rooted in his love for Christ, he has been a member of St Steven's Serbian Orthodox Cathedral, Alhambra, CA for sixty-one years. His distinguished charitable positions read as a litany of service and include membership as a Trustee of St Steven's Cathedral Board (40 years); Treasurer of St Steven's Serbian Orthodox Cathedral; retired Chairman of the Serbian Orthodox National Stewardship Committee; former board member of International Orthodox Christian Charities; Trustee of St Vladimir's Theological Seminary (24 years) where he has established three scholarship endowments that have provided full annual scholarships for over 50 men and women, primarily of Serbian descent; Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve (FOCUS); and President of the Obren B. & Marilyn Gerich Family Foundation.

His public awards and honors come from religious and public sources. Mr. Gerich is the recipient of the Order of St Sava, 3rd Degree from the Serbian Church (1993); The Order of St Innocent, 2nd degree from the Orthodox Church in America (2002); and the Ellis Island Medal of Honor (2007).

Mr. Gerich is a consummate man of family and faith. Married to his beloved wife and life partner Marilyn (Maile) for 45 years, they have two daughters, Carrie Bullard and Julia Brankovic, and son-in-laws Brian Bullard and Alex Brankovic, and many grandchildren.

St Vladimir's Seminary is particularly grateful for Mr. Gerich's remarkable service, dedication, and financial support to the building up of the Seminary, where he has served on the Finance, Audit, Advancement, and Executive Committees. He was the Co-chair of the Seminary's first major Capital Campaign, successfully resulting in a tremendous expansion of the facilities and programs at St Vladimir's. Mr. Gerich's outstanding financial gifts for the support of the Seminary are almost unmatched throughout his long remarkable tenure and service. He has demonstrated unselfish support of alumni work and the annual budget, and has provided remarkable major gifts to capital projects and the Seminary's endowment. His deep love for Christ and his constant struggle to improve his own spiritual life translates into deep care and concern for the students, faculty, staff, and alumni of this community.

Mr. Gerich's childhood kernels of dedication and service have borne a rich harvest: building up local and national church institutions, feeding and clothing the poor, supporting children, demonstrating care for the handicapped, funding Orthodox Christian projects, and educating those who thirst to know Christ. His exemplary and courageous actions demonstrate his honorable leadership in word, deed, and thought.

Anne Glynn Mackoul

Anne Glynn Mackoul is a member of the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America. Over the years, she has held various positions with the Antiochian Archdiocese, including with the Antiochian Women as North American humanitarian coordinator. In 1999 she was appointed to the Board of Trustees for the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, on which she served until July 2003. She served as executive editor of the Festschrift *The First One Hundred Years: A Centennial Anthology Celebrating Antiochian Orthodoxy in North America*.

She has represented the Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and all the East on the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches (WCC) since 1998, working closely with the international ecumenical team of the patriarchate, and she also served on the WCC Special Commission on Orthodox Participation in the WCC. During those fifteen years, she was engaged in the work of the Palestine Israel Ecumenical Forum for Middle East Peace, and in the restructuring of the governance of the WCC, including the drafting of rules for consensus decision making now in place through all levels of the WCC.

Mrs. Mackoul's ecumenical involvement included her serving as a member of the Board of Directors and treasurer of the U.S. Conference for the World Council of Churches, and as the liaison between that institution and its membership and attorneys, successfully shepherding the merger of the U.S. Conference into the National Council of Churches of Christ, U.S.A.

She served as a member on the Board of Directors of International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) for twelve years. As a member and then chair of the Program Committee she visited IOCC offices and projects in the Balkans, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, and Palestine. Mrs. Mackoul also served as a member of IOCC's Church and Government Relations Committee. She continues her commitment to IOCC as a member of the Board of Directors of the IOCC Foundation.

Mrs. Mackoul has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of St Vladimir Orthodox Theological Seminary since 2003, including service as Corporate Secretary. In 2008 the Board of Trustees unanimously elected her as its first Executive Chair. She served in this capacity for five years, throughout the first terms of The Very Rev. Dr. John Behr as Dean and The Very Rev. Dr. Chad Hatfield as Chancellor, helping to guide the formation of the new pattern of shared governance for the Seminary.

She serves on an advisory committee to the Orthodox Fellowship of the Transfiguration, an environmental NGO, and as an advisor to several committees of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North and Central America.

Mrs. Mackoul earned a B.A. from the University of Tennessee and a J.D. from the University of Cincinnati College of Law. She is a lawyer and private pilot who lives in Princeton, NJ, with her husband Sabry and their daughter Stephanie. They are parishioners at St Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church in Bay Ridge Brooklyn.

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