



Annapolis College Ministry

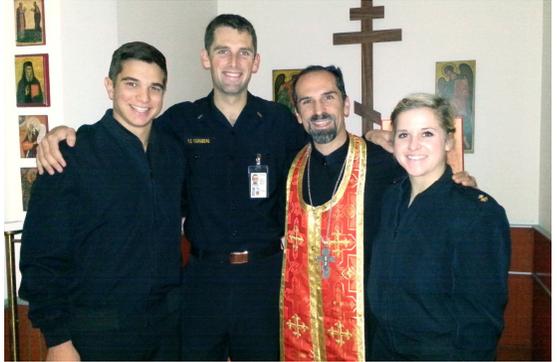
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*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that
I have commanded you..."
(St. Matthew 28:19-20).*

Celebrating our Eleventh Year: 2004-20015

*"Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life." –troparion of Pascha*

Blessed Pascha! Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen!
Dear Friends of Annapolis Pan-Orthodox College Ministry:



1: Weekly 9th Hour Prayers at the USNA

As we journey to Christ's holy resurrection and His victory over sin and death on our behalf, we thank God

for His love and mercy manifested in our own lives. "Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4-6)

It's to this **"newness of life"** that we are all called and which Annapolis Pan-Orthodox College Ministry (ACM) calls all the students and midshipmen whom the ministry reaches.

College—and the USNA is no different in this respect—is a time of asking the questions, "who am I, what do I believe, what is the truth, is there truth, who is God?"



2: Annual Blessing of Dorms

Every week, I reach out to the students to invite them to our weekly on-campus meetings and prayer services and to worship at our nearby Mission, Holy Archangels. I also follow up with any midshipman or St. John's student who is struggling or would like to grow in their Orthodox Faith, or come to a deeper knowledge and love of Christ and His holy Orthodox Church.



3: Applied Orthodox Theology Discussion at St. John's College

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5: A New Catechumen

This year, our weekly **"Applied Orthodox Theology Discussions"** continued to attract a lot of attention on campus. Several of those who participated were from non-Christian backgrounds; most of them had never had an opportunity to explore the fullness of the Christian faith, ask questions, and visit an Orthodox church. Every week we averaged between 10-12 at these discussions that ranged from prayer, fasting, the Sacraments, witnessing and evangelism, purity and sexuality—all of which were chosen as topics by the



4: Metropolitan Tikhon led a retreat at the Mission

students themselves!

Once Great Lent began, the students participated in the **Wednesday Presanctified Liturgies on campus**. Students help set up the worship space for Orthodox use and avail themselves of the timeless worship of Christ's holy Church for their edification and strengthening and growth in the knowledge and love of Christ and participation in the Sacraments.



6: Our OCF Realbreak Romania Student Group

In March, I led the OCF Realbreak Romania trip for eleven college students from around the country, including for the first time, two midshipmen from the Naval Academy!

Realbreak gives these students an opportunity to do something positive with their Spring Break to grow in Christ and give some outside themselves to serve in His Name. **We traveled to Pro Vita orphanage in Romania** where we spent time sharing the love of Christ with the 400+ children there, worshiping with them, visiting them, playing with them, and reminding them of the love their American brothers and sisters have for them.



7: *Painting the walls at the orphanage in Romania*

Do you have a heart for our college students today, who struggle to live their faith in an increasingly secular and nihilistic culture? Help us to continue to offer them Christ and the tools of His holy Church. This ministry is funded by individuals like you, without whom it cannot continue.

One midshipmen (whose name I will not mention to preserve confidentiality) in thanksgiving to God for the ministry **started giving \$100 a month to support it.**

Some of you have a connection with St. John's or the USNA; others among you just care deeply about our college students and the opportunities to be further formed in Christ, to be supported during these crucible and formative years.

We depend on your gracious donations to continue this ministry! Your generous support means that (instead of finding a secular job) I can be on the campuses during the weekdays, to meet with students, to lead services and Bible studies, and discussions on topics of interest and concern to the students. **Thank you for your support!**

In Christ love and prayers,
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11: *Visiting the orphans in Romania*



8: *Hoeing the field in Valea Serezii, Romania - One of many work projects*



9: *Visiting the monastery for Presanctified Liturgy*



10: *Blessing the Romanian Children at Vespers*