



The Orthodox Church in America  
DIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA AND EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA  
The Most Rev. Mark, Archbishop of Philadelphia

November 9, 2022

Dear Rev. Fathers, Esteemed Members of the Parish Councils, and Faithful,

Christ is in our midst! I pray you are well and being continuously renewed in Christ! I am writing to ask that our faithful and parishioners continue to remember our seminarians in their prayers and also consider assisting them financially during their time at seminary. The seminarians are kept incredibly busy and outside employment is simply not an option. All but one family has small children, which makes it difficult for the wives to work. A monthly check could be sent directly to them or to the Diocesan Chancery with a notation. Here are the names of the seminarians and their families:

Dn. John & Mat. Alexandra Black  
Children: Lydia, Joshua, Noah  
St Vladimir's Seminary  
575 Scarsdale Rd  
Yonkers, NY 10707-1699

Dn. Nathan & Mat. Katherine Clausson  
Children: Basil and Lawrence  
5130 Has Pond Rd.  
Madison Township, PA 18444-6809

Seminarian Jacob & Olivia Zawatski  
45 Beech Grove Road  
Honesdale, PA 18431

Reader William and Sara Rusk  
Children: Cora and Ruth  
205 Hemlock Grove Rd.  
Greentown, PA 18426

As the Nativity Fast is rapidly approaching, we also want to remember the children as they prepare to celebrate the nativity of our Lord in the Flesh. Asking your God-pleasing prayers, I remain your unworthy father in Christ,

+ Mark

+MARK, Archbishop of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania