



His Eminence, the Most Reverend
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*Archbishop of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania
Orthodox Church in America*

December 6, 2025
Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker

Dear Reverend Fathers, Esteemed Members of the Parish Councils, and Faithful,

Christ is in our midst! He is and ever shall be!

I greet you all during this Advent season and on the feast of Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker. As we commemorate the guardian of those in need, I invite the faithful to remember our seminarians during this time. Your generosity throughout the year strengthens the life of the Church, and we remain grateful for your recent support of Youth Ministries this past “Giving Tuesday” and for our diocesan seminarians.

On this feast of Saint Nicholas, the Diocese asks the faithful to keep in prayer our seminarians, Subdeacon Jacob Kurtz, Reader Alexander Koropsak, and Nicholas Sheridan, as they continue their formation for service in Christ’s Holy Church. Their studies require their full attention, making outside employment impossible. Your support provides meaningful help. Neither seminary covers rent, utilities, groceries, or books. A monthly gift or one time offering made directly to a seminarian or sent to the Diocesan Chancery with a notation will ease these burdens. Those wishing to send support directly may do so at the following addresses:

Rdr. Alexander Koropsak
St. Vladimir’s Theological Seminary
575 Scarsdale Rd.
Yonkers, NY 10707

Nicholas and Abigail Sheridan
St. Vladimir’s Theological Seminary
575 Scarsdale Rd.
Yonkers, NY 10707

Sdcn. Jacob and Mariana Kurtz
Children: Luka, Noah, and newborn Magdalena Christine
St. Tikhon’s Theological Seminary
P.O. Box 130
South Canaan, PA 18459

May God bless your kindness and our God-protected Diocese!

Your unworthy father in Christ,

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