

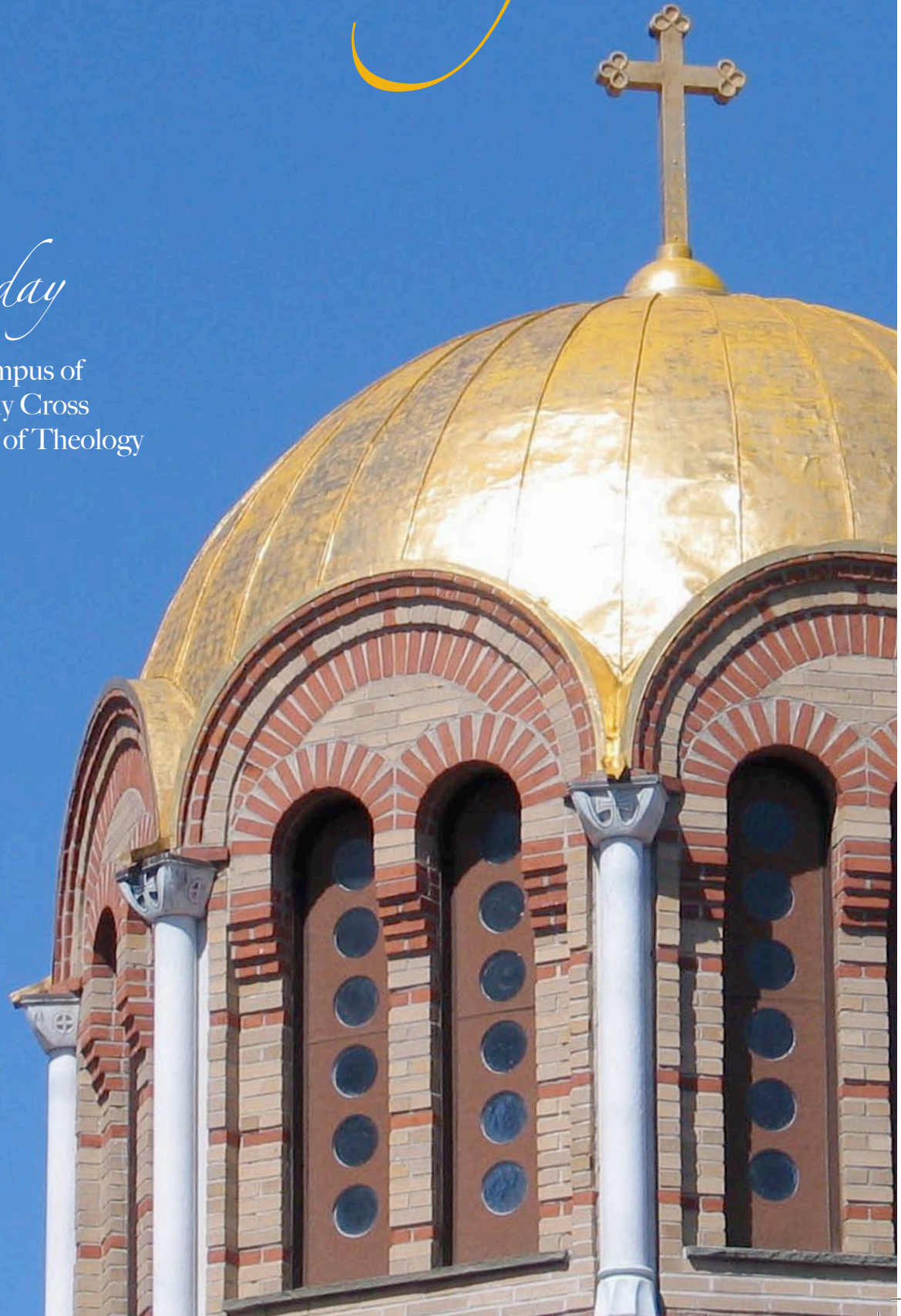
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# TOGETHER *Again*

The Magazine of the Hellenic College & Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology Alumni Association

## *HCHC Today*

Get to know the new campus of  
Hellenic College & Holy Cross  
Greek Orthodox School of Theology



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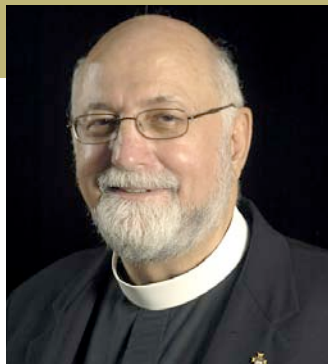
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# From the President

Alumni!

What a wonderful experience it is to reflect on the lives and ministries of you, the Alumni of Hellenic College and Holy Cross. As hierarchs, priests, deacons, lay women and men, you have practically crisscrossed the globe in bringing the joy of Our Lord Jesus Christ to people of all walks of life. You have preached His Gospel and shared His love with young pilgrims and faithful experienced believers. You have welcomed into Christian Orthodoxy through Holy Baptism and Holy Chrismation people from different religious and cultural backgrounds.



Alumni!

What a privilege it is for those of us here at our beloved Scholè to serve you. Each Board of Trustee member, each dean, each faculty member, each staff person and each student respects all of you in our Alumni family, and we know that you do your best to assist us in promulgating the vision and mission of both our Schools. You, the Alumni, are Hellenic College and Holy Cross wherever you live and in each location of your service and offerings.

Alumni!

It has been my pleasure to work with Fr. Jim Gordon, current President, his predecessors and all members of Alumni Boards since the year 2000. I thank Fr. Jim and all of them for their selfless dedication and bold creative thinking – always working for the betterment of our Schools. I am thankful for the faithful diakonia offered by Miss Eleni Geanon during her years of office directorship, as I am grateful to Mrs. Alexandra Roll who currently creatively directs our Alumni Office. Please make plans to visit your School. Please come, pray, study and fellowship with us. This beautiful campus is yours.

Alumni!

How many sections of Holy Scripture describe your lives? The following exhortation from St. Paul to his beloved son, Timothy, is but one description of who you are and how you have fulfilled the portion of the Great Commission entrusted to you. As you again read these verses, know that we at HCHC thank God for all of you.

In His Service,

Fr. Nicholas C. Triantafyllou (SOT'63)

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all Godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle—I am speaking the truth in Christ and not lying—a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

I Timothy 2:1-7

## Alumni Benefits

As Alumni of Hellenic College & Holy Cross you are encouraged to take advantage of your new benefits. Offers include:

### ON-CAMPUS PRIVILEGES

Access to the Leadership 100 Fitness Center, library, bookstore, cafeteria and more.

### SPECIAL OFFERS

Discounts on family entertainment, hotel, car rental and travel.

### GIFTS & GOODS

Discounts on floral orders, Byzantine jewelry, and gear from our Alumni Store.

**Check the Alumni web page at [hchc.edu](http://hchc.edu) for more details.**

## From the Alumni Director



Welcome to the first issue of *Together Again*. The goal of this magazine is to unify the Alumni community of HCHC by providing updates and information about yesterday's classmates and today's students, as well as happenings on campus and around the Boston area.

Whether you were visiting campus last week, last year or haven't been back since you graduated, I hope this magazine helps you to remember the beauty of HCHC. This month's feature article will take you back as well as bring you up to speed with the HCHC environment. *Together Again* will introduce you to some exceptional students and offer the opportunity to reconnect with a classmate through the Alumni Spotlight interviews.

If you are not already doing so, I encourage you to get involved with your Alma Mater. Similar to parish life, I ask you to consider sharing your time, talents and treasures. There are many ways to get involved: get in touch with your regional chapter (if one has not been organized- let's start one up!), venture back to Brookline for reunion and commencement activities in May, become part of the Summer Mentoring Program or simply make a donation to the Alumni Association. Our new programs and benefits cannot survive without your support.

Please share your thoughts with us about *Together Again*-we'd love to hear your comments. Please keep your classmates, current students and your Alma Mater in your thoughts and prayers as we prepare to receive the beautiful and blessed Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In His Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandra Roll".

Alexandra (Sandra) Roll

## From the Alumni Association President



Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

On behalf of the Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology Alumni Board, I am taking this opportunity to greet you and invite you to read this inaugural publication of our Alumni Association magazine *Together Again*.

A great deal of credit for this publication goes to Diaconisa Alexandra Roll, our Director of Alumni Relations Office. Sandra has done an excellent job in coordinating our Alumni meetings, business, events and activities; and has accomplished these duties with charm, class and focus. We are grateful to Fr. Nicholas C. Triantafilou for assigning her to this office.

As you read through the pages of *Together Again*, I pray you will take the time to reflect on the positive memories you had back in the days you attended HCHC and offer your prayers for the current students, faculty and administrators of our beloved Scholè." HCHC is as strong as its Alumni base. Whether you look at the "glass of water" as being half empty or half full, that "glass of water" is still your glass of water.

Every HCHC alum must take ownership of their Alumni Association in helping to assist and sustain the efforts made to support our Alma Mater. Your personal sustenance is needed through your moral and prayerful support, as well as your financial contributions. Together we can "fill our glass of water" and all reap the benefits of a strong and positive Alumni Association.

May our Lord God illumine your heart with conviction and love for our Schools.

In Christ's love, I remain His Servant and Priest,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. James S. Gordon".

Fr. James S. Gordon (HC '73/SOT '76)



*HCA*

By Alexandra Roll

An aerial photograph of a campus. The top half shows a dense forest of green trees. Below the trees, there is a paved area with a red brick path and a building with a grey roof. The letters 'HCHC' are overlaid in white script on the left side of the image.

HCHC

# Today

*S*he is perched atop one of the greatest cities in the country. A city so rich with history nearly 17 million visitors arrive annually to photograph the home of North End native Paul Revere and walk the Freedom Trail visiting all 16 of its historical sites along the way.

A city of firsts for young America: the first public school (Boston Latin 1635), the first college (Harvard College 1636) and the first subway system, known as "The T". A city where you can almost always overhear a conversation about the Sox or Pats. Tucked away among tall trees, overlooking the skylines of Cambridge and Boston where students and staff can sometimes hear the echoing sounds of geese at Jamaica Pond is what has been named the Holy Hill: Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology.

Life at HCHC is busy and ever-changing. Starting off the school year with a celebration of "Tou Stavrou" brings the community together for an introduction of new students, seminarians and seniors. The bell rings twice a day during the week calling students to chapel. Snow fall in early December calls students

to shoveling stairs and walkways making the physical hike to classes a bit easier. Spring brings the thawing of snow, the awakening of flowers and Pascha; there is no place like the Holy Cross chapel during Holy Week.

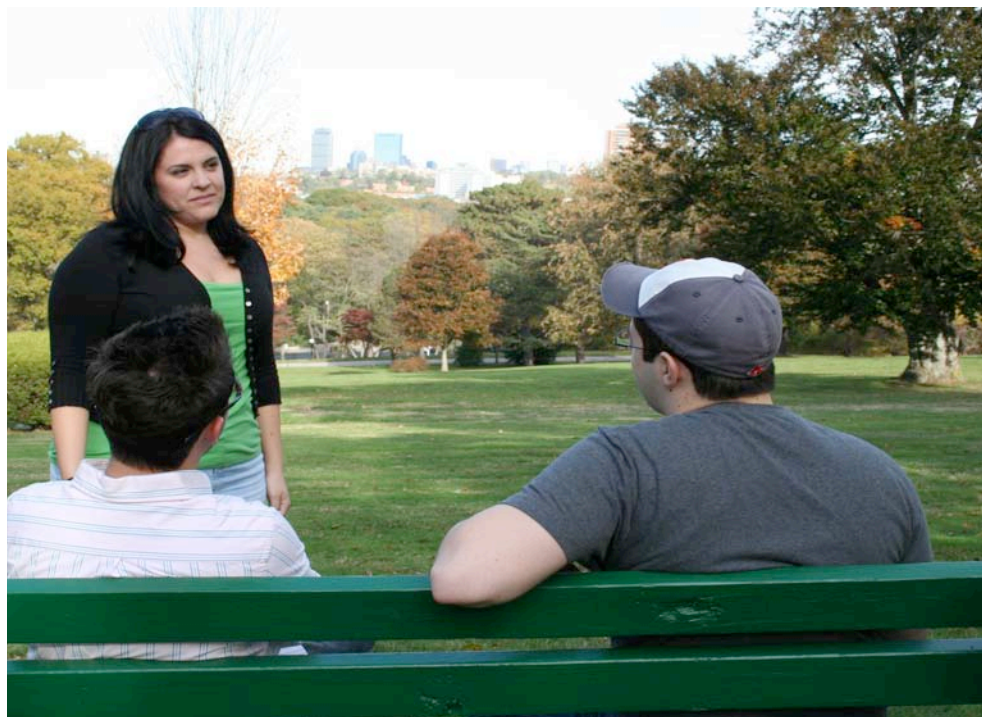
Although it may all sound very familiar, many things have changed around campus. Various updates and modern comforts have been added to make a student's stay more comfortable. Students now have access to a top-of-the-line fitness center. The Leadership 100 Fitness Center officially opened its doors in August 2005, with all new equipment including treadmills and free weights. The JC room in the Polemanakos Dormitory has undergone changes sporting a big-screen television and comfortable sofas. The room hosts NFL Super Bowl parties, small movie screenings and is a favorite spot for students to watch the Red Sox take on the Yankees. Two shuttle vans are constantly moving about Brookline bringing students participating in the BTI (Boston Theological Institute) program to their classes off campus, to the local soup kitchen, nearby T-stops and shuttling students to the airport after final exams are completed.

*"...each hierarch, trustee, dean, faculty, staff, student and supporter all gather at one common table of love for God, respect for one another and commitment to fulfill the calling from God."*

There are many new departments calling Fifty Goddard Avenue home. The Office of Spiritual Formation consists of one ordained priest serving as the Pastoral Care Director and one Licensed Mental Health Counselor serving as the Psychological Care Director. The national headquarters of OCF- Orthodox Christian Fellowship share space with the Office of Vocation and Ministry. The OVM offers career guidance to Hellenic College students and hosts the popular CrossRoad program on campus during the summer months.

Halki and Dendrinis Villages are at full capacity with 36 married couples and families with nearly 50 children collectively. With backgrounds in Pharmaceutical Sales, Financial Planning and Law Enforcement these second-career graduate students left behind successful careers to fulfill God's calling.

Fr. Nicholas C. Triantafilou (SOT '63), Hellenic College and Holy Cross President describes today's campus as "an expansive



Christian Orthodox family home school and center of spiritual growth. Home schooling denotes in our society parental assumption of academic preparation of young teenagers. Family home school in our instance represents the reality that each hierarch, trustee, dean, faculty, staff, student and supporter all gather at one common table of love for God, respect for one another and commitment to fulfill the calling from God.”

He believes the biggest challenge before us at HCHC is “to be able to find the correct articulation of the truth of the gospel and the faith of our fathers in a world culture that is becoming more and more alien to the creational theology of selfless and kenosis verses self-centeredness and self-adulation.”

His goals for campus for the next year are to “continue advancing the love which God grants to us among all members of our HCHC family while providing for our students and their families adequate resources for their respectful sustenance during their years of dedicated prayer, study and service.”

The HCHC campus of today is incredibly international and multi-lingual. During the Agape service this past year, the gospel was read in 19 languages- including Albanian, Romanian, Chinese, Japanese, Hawaiian, Vietnamese, Kiswahili, Ugandan and Armenian. Currently, HCHC welcomes 30 international students from Albania, Bulgaria, Canada, Egypt, England UK, Greece, Kenya, Lebanon, Netherlands, Romania, Serbia and Uganda.

Dr. Lily Macrakis, Dean of Hellenic College, feels that the students of Hellenic College are a “very solid type of student; salt of the earth type. They are a pleasant, cooperative positive force.” As an academic dean she is always looking for new academic programs and new approaches to old approaches. Dr. Macrakis feels the school’s recent hiring of a Chair of Byzantine Studies is a big step toward a stronger Greek studies program, and soon students will have a new area of study to choose from- under the Liberal Arts umbrella students will be able to opt for a History/Literature concentration.

As for Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Rev. Dr. Thomas Fitzgerald (SOT ’74), Dean of Holy Cross states “we have a remarkable student body composed of men



and women of a variety of backgrounds. Their common desire is to serve the Lord and His Church with the benefit of an Orthodox theological education, vocational guidance and spiritual formation.” He also states that the demands upon them are great because the needs of the Church are great. “Our students need the prayers, scholarship assistance, and encouragement of all the clergy and laity of the Church.” On the horizon for Holy Cross is the process of curriculum review and revision. Fr. Tom feels as the faculty engages in this process part of their focus will be to strengthen the important connection between theological study and the contemporary needs of God’s people.

Currently, there are over 20 Alums giving back to HCHC as staff members. In 2002, Mr. James Karloutsos (HC ’66/SOT’69), left his job as Principal of the John F. Kennedy School in the Boston School system to join the staff at HCHC. As Chief Operating Officer, Jim returned to HCHC because he wanted to give back to his Alma Mater, and make a difference in the lives of the students. His dream for the future of HCHC includes the completion a new student center and to increase the enrollment of both schools.

Updates take place as needed around campus all the while we continue to focus on our campus of the future, such as the new student center and new student housing. We place our efforts toward modern updates around campus, such as the Leadership 100 Fitness Center and the Alumni sponsored Coffee Cart coming soon. As a close community, we continue to work through the academic years with love of faith. This is the HCHC of today.

# Freshman Class Slide Show



**ANDREW WILLIAMS**  
**Oxford, England**  
**Patriarchate of Moscow**  
 MDiv  
*Long Term Goal:*  
 To understand what I learned after earning my degree.



**ATHANASIOS PAPAGIANNIS**  
**Chicago, IL**  
**GOA Metropolis of Chicago**  
 Holy Cross  
 MDiv  
*Long Term Goal:*  
 To graduate.



**MICHAEL MARCANTONI**  
**Puerto Rico**  
**GOA Metropolis of Atlanta**  
 Holy Cross  
 MDiv  
*Long Term Goal:*  
 Priesthood.



**ION COMAN**  
**San Jose, CA**  
**GOA Metropolis of San Francisco**  
 Holy Cross  
 MDiv  
*Long Term Goal:*  
 Priesthood.



**EPHRAIM EHRS**  
**Champaign, IL**  
**GOA Metropolis of Chicago**  
 Holy Cross  
 MDiv  
*Long Term Goal:*  
 To serve God and His Church wherever it may lead me.



**JOHN FARLEKAS**  
**Bridgeport, CT**  
**GOA Archdiocesan District**  
 Holy Cross  
 MDiv  
*Long Term Goal:*  
 Graduation and Ordination.



**GEORGE PAPAYANNIS**  
**York, PA**  
**GOA Metropolis of Pittsburgh**  
**Holy Cross**  
 MDiv  
*Long Term Goal:*  
 Continue to grow as a teacher, sharing the beauty of our faith with youth and young adults everywhere.



**SARAH HUGHES**  
**Lawrence, MA**  
**Antiochian Diocese of Worcester**  
 Holy Cross  
 MTS  
*Long Term Goal:*  
 Obtain doctorate and teach at the university level.



**JACOB SAYLOR**  
**Columbia, SC**  
**GOA Metropolis of Atlanta**  
 Holy Cross  
 MDiv  
*Long Term Goal:*  
 To be as good of a priest as my father-confessor.



**DAVID HOSTETLER**  
**Aurora, IL**  
**GOA Metropolis of Chicago**  
 Holy Cross  
 MDiv  
*Long Term Goal:*  
 Ordination.



**GEORGE DEMAS**  
**Portland, OR**  
**GOA Metropolis of San Francisco**  
 Holy Cross  
 MDiv  
*Long Term Goal:*  
 Priesthood.



**KONSTANTINE PIETRONUTO**  
**Elkins Park, PA**  
**GOA Metropolis of New Jersey**  
 Holy Cross  
 MDiv  
*Long Term Goal:*  
 Teaching ministry involving mentoring and counseling, or priesthood.



**BARNABAS POWELL**  
**Ft. Lauderdale, FL**  
**GOA Metropolis of Atlanta**  
 Holy Cross  
 MDiv  
*Long Term Goal:*  
 To Graduate.



**DIMITRIOS KYRITSIS**  
**Cheyenne, WY**  
**GOA Metropolis of Denver**  
 Holy Cross  
 MDiv  
*Long Term Goal:*  
 Priesthood.



**JAMES MACKOUL**  
**St. Louis, MO**  
**Antiochian Archdiocese**  
 Holy Cross  
 MDiv  
*Long Term Goal:*  
 To help the church.



**CHRISTOPHER FAHLBECK**  
**Worcester, MA**  
**GOA Metropolis of Boston**  
 Holy Cross MDiv  
*Long Term Goal:*  
 Ordination.

Not Pictured:

Jacob Christ  
 Konstantinos Kollias  
 Jack Myer  
 Arielle Tselikis  
 Christiana Dorrance  
 Georgios Salpoglou



**RYAN COLLINS**  
**Mauston, WI**

Hellenic College  
Religious Studies B  
*Long Term Goal:*  
Obtain a PhD in Church History and become a college professor.



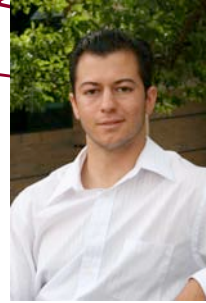
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**Memphis, TN GOA**  
**Metropolis of Detroit**

Hellenic College  
Religious Studies A  
*Long Term Goal:*  
Survive school.



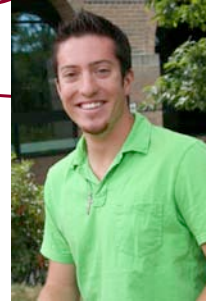
**JOVAN TICA**  
**Fair Oaks, CA**  
**Western Serbian Diocese**

Hellenic College  
Religious Studies  
*Long Term Goal:*  
Serve God to my fullest



**ARISTIDIS GEORGES**  
**Temecula, CA GOA**  
**Metropolis of San Francisco**

Hellenic College  
Religious Studies  
*Long Term Goal:*  
Share my knowledge of the Church to glorify God.



**SAMUEL JOHNSON**  
**Roseville, CA GOA**  
**Metropolis of San Francisco**

Hellenic College  
Religious Studies A  
*Long Term Goal:*  
To Grow in my Faith.



**GEORGE M. TSONGRANIS**  
**Tarpon Springs, FL GOA**  
**Metropolis of Atlanta**

Hellenic College  
Religious Studies A  
*Long Term Goal:*  
To serve the Church in a significant, meaningful manner.



**YIANNI SMYRNI**  
**Roseville, CA GOA**  
**Metropolis of San Francisco**

Hellenic College  
Religious Studies A  
*Long Term Goal:*  
Full time service to the Church.



**NICHOLAS NASHI**  
**Saco, ME GOA**  
**Metropolis of Boston**

Hellenic College  
Religious Studies  
*Long Term Goal:*  
Figure out what God is calling me to do.



**KATERINA GIOVOS**  
**Alberta, Canada**

Hellenic College  
Religious Studies B  
*Long Term Goal:*  
To be worthy.



**IRAKLIS VASILOPOULOS**  
**Athens, Greece**

Hellenic College  
Management & Leadership  
*Long Term Goal:*  
To obtain a PhD.



**SAMIR HARB**  
**Knoxville, TN GOA**  
**Metropolis of Atlanta**

Hellenic College  
Management & Leadership  
*Long Term Goal:*  
Get to know everyone.



**THOMAS MINETOS**  
**Des Plaines, IL GOA**  
**Metropolis of Chicago**

Hellenic College  
Religious Studies A  
*Long Term Goal:*  
Have a family.

A Journal Entry  
Ionian Village  
'07

" I love my family,  
but I don't want  
to go home..... "

SOT '03 Alum, Konstantine Salmas shares his  
reflections from time spent at Ionian Village  
during the summer of 2007.

# Alumni Guest Article

By Konstantine Salmas

**A**ugust 10

*I can't find "Black Ice" here in Athens at any of the Peripetiros.*

**The Nescafe drink tops Starbucks Doubleshot in the flavor and providing of general happiness categories. They were a big hit at the camp and I hope our tired staff can make the day and a half until we see the kids off at the airport on August 12<sup>th</sup>.**

Part of my evaluation of how things are going is through word of mouth. I hear a group of campers say they really liked the lamb at dinner or Triffin will say, 'the staff did a great job at Kefalonia.' Over and over, during the past two sessions, Jason Roll (now Deacon Jason) is praised for his work in Orthodox Life, OL. His biggest merit is his enthusiasm and his ability to be into what George, or Katie, or Sandra, his wife, is saying. OL is tricky because teenagers are tricky and even priests will become intimidated and speechless in the face of sixteen teenage girls or boys. From what I have gathered this summer, and especially this second session, Jason has engaged his cabin groups in great conversations. Congratulations J!

I'm working on the St. Mammias story. He was born in prison because his parents were persecuted Christians. A wealthy woman, Ammia, takes care of Mammias after his parents die as martyrs. She educates him and through this education he converts many of his peers to the Christian faith. The governor hears about this and sends him to the Emperor, where he is tortured. I have that much of the Mammias story committed to memory.

This session, standing on the shore and sitting on the sand is a favorite free time activity of the campers. The bells ring at 5:00 and a third of the campers wander out to the beach, talking with each, playing soccer or football. These kids are happy, talkative, and enthusiastic to hang out in a relaxed way.

Great kids. Now, we're in Athens. There is no beach and the session is coming to a close. Talk of a reunion city began early in the session, which is a sign kids and staff already know they want to see each other again.

Early on, we had Musicfest. During this evening activity, cabins will choose a song and adapt the lyrics to reflect their experience here at Ionian Village. Individuals, duos, and small groups can also sign up to sing something. This session, for cabin dismissal, the staff faced the seated campers and sang the following song, introduced by Triffin Zecy: *Good night my dear (insert cabin name), lay down and take your rest, why don't you lay your head down on your Savior's chest, we love you but Jesus loves you the best, so we bid you goodnight, goodnight, goodnight.*



I was so happy at the close of Musicfest because campers and staff were unified. We were all on the same page in terms of wanting to participate with each other in this program. The candlelighting activity, on the second to last night of our time on the IV grounds, confirmed my hope: people were having a wonderful experience. Stephanie Brown, one of the staff for cabin Olympia, held her candle, looked at the half circle of people in the amphitheatre seats, and said: "I'm thankful for being able to smile and laugh continuously for such an extended period of time this summer." That moment has become a symbol for me of the sort of experience we have had thus far. Another great moment came from a camper: "I love my family, but I don't want to go home." Finally, Perry, a camper in Kerkyra, held his candle and said: "I came knowing no one. I was forced to be resourceful and actually make friends." Near the end of the candlelighting, I turned to Fr. Constantine and said, "We should be video taping this." He said, "We are."

I am thinking about Zembekiko, the dance of one. I feel like this became the unofficial Greek dance of IV this summer. When played at the various glendis, the campers and staff enthusiastically waited for someone to begin the dance of one, the individual moving around invisible obstacles at the feet, as if dodging specific areas of the floor. The intensity of the music and the air of friendship which had moved over the camp through the session made people want to kneel, clap, and wait to watch various people take their turn at the Zembekiko. This place is a breeding ground for an appreciation of the Greek culture and the strengthening of our faith.

As for Saint Mammias of the 4<sup>th</sup> century, the Emperor tortures him. An angel releases him and tells him to go live on a mountain in Caesarea. He builds a church there, and makes friends with the animals, even making cheese for the villagers in the area. His fame spread and the Emperor sent soldiers to arrest him. They went to the mountain side where Mammias was living as a shephard. They didn't recognize him. Mammias invites them in, feeds them, tells them who he is, and says he will come to the city to face the Emperor, not to worry. The soldiers leave and Mammias, accompanied by a lion, comes to the city where he is tried for not worshipping idols. He is tortured, then thrown to lions. The lions back off, which is in line with the effect Mammias had on the animals around the mountain he was leaving. Finally, he is speared and dies soon after. Time passes and people who ask are helped by him.

What a huge addition to the index of saints to whom the people of Ionian Village ask to intercede during their time at IV and after, as they grow in the faith and as time passes in their life.

I'm off to find a can of Black Ice so I can stay awake tonight in the lobby of the hotel.

*Konstantine Salmas (Holy Cross SOT '03) was the Program Director at Ionian Village during the summer of 2007. He resides in Belmont, California where he currently serves as the pastoral assistant at the Church of the Holy Cross. He has a soft spot in his heart for the west coast and denim jeans.*



# *I Am HCHC*

Known around campus at “Jesse,” Macharia is in his second year at Holy Cross working toward his Masters of Theological Studies. He received his Diploma in Theology from B. Comm in his native homeland of Nakuru, Kenya.



## **Macharia Githui**

Age 27  
Holy Cross Senior

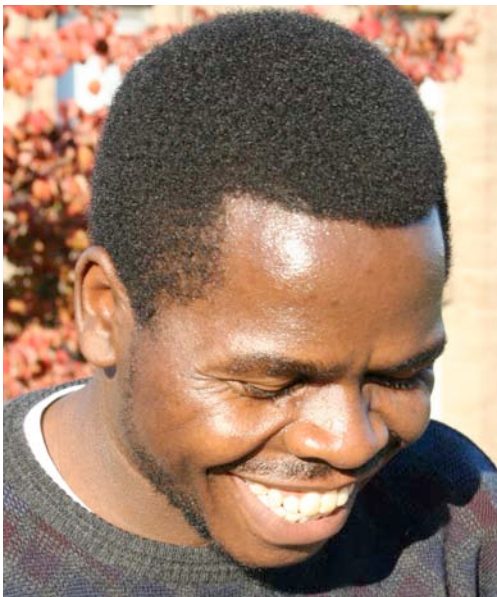
After attending seminary in Kenya, Macharia was seeking more of an academic and spiritual growth in order to educate his people in the Orthodox faith. He decided Holy Cross was the best option for him to obtain these goals. He thanks his Bishop Makarios and his parish priest for guidance in deciding to attend Holy Cross, as well as other Kenyan students who had graduated from Holy Cross.

Macharia carries a full load of courses, rarely misses a chapel service and can be seen working all over campus. His summer was spent working on campus and preparing his research papers. If he is not cutting the grass or tending to the weeds, he is spotted helping in the Department of Religious Education carrying packages to the mail room. During his very limited free time he enjoys reading and playing soccer.

He uses the word “freshness” to describe his favorite characteristic about Brookline and Boston. “The sceneries are beautiful- either around the many parks, the city (Freedom Trail) and just the ordinary people on the street.” However, the winter: “extremely cold!”

His favorite aspect about attending HCHC is “The people. Students, professors and administrative staff. They are friendly and welcoming, easy to associate with. I also enjoy meeting and getting to know new friends. The Library is encouraging with huge volumes of books!”

If Macharia is looking for guidance he doesn’t go too far. “My advisor, James Skedros has offered me exceptional advice on academic issues. Also, Fr. Theodore Stylianopoulos has guided me spiritually and academically. I will remember him for a long time.”



He feels HCHC is a great place for Orthodox Christians to be. “Anyone serious in pursuing theological studies especially in Orthodoxy, this is definitely the place to be. You enjoy and encounter a huge pool of Christians either professors, students or staff with varying interests but accommodative in every way. Academic resources within Brookline and Boston are enormous ranging from public libraries, BTI schools and restaurants quiet enough to write a paper.”

After graduation in spring of 2008, Macharia plans on further studies. He is a huge asset to HCHC and a fine example of a Christian following the path of Jesus Christ.

# Alumni Spotlight



Fr. Christopher P. Foustoukos  
visiting Meteora - Summer 2007

## Rev. Christopher P. Foustoukos Holy Cross Class of 1988

Upon ordination to the diaconate in June of 1989, Fr. Christopher served as the youth director of the Diocese of Boston. Once ordained into the Priesthood in February of 1990, he served the Annunciation in Newburyport while still holding the position as youth director. Other churches he has served include Annunciation in Woburn and the Transfiguration in Lowell. He presently resides in Peabody, Massachusetts with his wife Claire, and son Peter, serving the Parish of St. Vassilios, the parish he grew-up in.

Fr. Christopher recalls that serving his first parish in Newburyport has been the most memorable time of his life since graduating from Holy Cross. "The Annunciation was a parish of firsts: my first baptism, wedding and funeral. The all embracing love of that community was amazing. We bought our first house there and our son was born and baptized there."

Over the past 18-years, Fr. Christopher has had many accomplishments. Some of which include studying towards his doctorate. With successive moves to larger parishes he never had the opportunity to finish his dissertation; however, he continued to keep busy. "I'm grateful to have started St. Basil's Soup Kitchen in Newburyport which began with a modest 12 souls being served. Today, I am told, that upwards of 50 people are its patrons. I am so grateful these 14 years later, the work at the soup kitchen continues."

Remembering the times spent at Holy Cross brings to mind two of the greatest blessings in Fr. Christopher's life. "To have lived with Bishop Gerasimos my last 2 years of graduate school and to have met some wonderful young men who challenged me outside the classroom, as much as my beloved professors, to serve God and His people is something I will never forget. Each of my classmates and friends has left their mark on both my soul and my priesthood."

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## *Congratulations!*

### **ANASTASIA PAMELA BARKSDALE, MDIV (HC '86/SOT '89)**

Anastasia has been selected as an OCMC Missionary to Albania under the direction of His Beatitude Archbishop Anastasios Yannulatos and the Mission Team leader, Nathan Hoppe. Her job will be that of a facilitator, trainer and resource person working with the OCMC mission team and a dynamic group of Albanian youth workers.

**FR. JOACHIM COTSONIS (SOT '79)** The Very Reverend Archimandrite Joachim Cotsonis received the 2007 Alumni Award in Art History from the Penn State Alumni Association. John A. Cotsonis received both his M.A. and his Ph.D. from Penn State in Art History, and is currently the director of the Archbishop Iakovos Library and Learning Resource Center at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology.

**DR. KYRIAKI KARIDOYANES FITZGERALD (HC '77/SOT '80)** for being selected as part of the 2007 edition of "Who's Who in America" for her accomplishments and service as an Orthodox Theologian. Dr. FitzGerald's publications include *Women Deacons in the Orthodox Church: Called to Holiness and Ministry*; *Orthodox Women Speak: Discerning the 'Signs of the Times'*; and *Living the Beatitudes: Perspectives in Orthodox Spirituality* (co-authored with her husband, Rev. Dr. Thomas FitzGerald (SOT '74)).

## *Births:*

**Dimitra (Alexopoulou) Dogias (HC' 97) and Peter Dogias** welcomed baby Varvara in January 2007. Varvara is also the granddaughter of Rev. Fr. Demetrios T. Dogias (SOT '63) and Presvytera Ellie Dogias.

## *Engagements:*

**Congratulations, Pete Sotiris (SOT '05) and Angie Retelas** on their engagement. Pete and Angie will be married in June 2008. Angie is the daughter of Fr. James Retelas (SOT '87) and Presvytera Barbara Retelas.

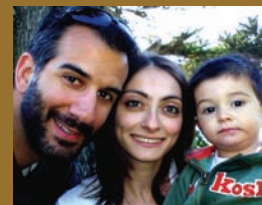
## *Marriages:*

### **Soula Mellos (SOT '07)**

**wed Mr. Peter Kostakis** in San Diego, CA., August 2007. Serving as Koumbara Cynthia Kostas (Holy Cross SOT '07). Congratulations!



# Class Notes



**Fr. Luke Palumbis (SOT '03) and Presvytera Eleni (Goudanis) Palumbis (HC'01)** welcomed Panayiotis in July 2006.



**Fr. Demetrios Costarakis (HC '00/SOT'04) and Presvytera Gloria (Ziagos) Costarakis (HC '05)** welcomed baby Panteleimon Demetrios on April 27, 2007. Panteleimon is also the grandson of the Very Rev. Father Peter D. Costarakis (SOT '63).



**Fr. Constantine Lazarakis (HC '00/SOT '02) and Presvytera Anastasia Lazarakis** welcomed baby twins Konstantine and Xanthi, in April 2007. Konstantine and Xanthi are also the grandchildren of Fr. Alexander M. Karloutsos (HC '66/SOT '69) and Presvytera Xanthi Karloutsos.

# Alumni Spotlight



Chris (far right) pictured with fellow alums and future alums: R to L: Aristidis Garinis (Hellenic College '06/SOT 3rd year), Alex Magdalinos (Hellenic College '01/SOT '04), Konstantine Salmas (SOT '03), George Lamberis (SOT 3rd year), Evan Constantinides (SOT 2nd year), and Jason Roll (now Deacon, SOT 3rd year).

## Chris Avramopoulos

Holy Cross Class of 1998

### *Resides and Worships:*

Chicago, Illinois. I travel with His Eminence Metropolitan IAKOVOS every Sunday to different parishes.

### *What have you been doing since graduation?*

Upon Graduation, I was blessed to serve as a Youth Director/Pastoral Assistant at the community of Saints Constantine and Helen, Palos Hills, IL. For 5 years. For the past 4.5 years, I have been working at the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago as the Youth and Young Adult Ministries Director.

### *What has been the most memorable time of your life since graduating from Holy Cross?*

Driving across the country after graduation with three of my classmates and best friends.

### *Please share some of your accomplishments.*

Continuing and expanding the program entitled "Family Synaxis," a ministry of the metropolis that focuses on family ministry which focuses on the individual, the couple and the whole family in the form of day retreats and weekend retreats.

### *What do you remember most about your time spent at Holy Cross?*

Worshipping in the chapel and the wonderful Byzantine chanting. Also, spending time and building relationships with my classmates.

# I Am HCHC



## Lorena Vangjeli

Age 21  
Hellenic College Senior

If you've called the main line at Hellenic College and Holy Cross in the past few years you may have talked to Lorena Vangjeli. When Lorena is not in class she is answering the phones, sorting mail and greeting visitors with a genuine smile at the front desk of the administration building lobby. Lorena Vangjeli is presently in her last year of studies at Hellenic College. She will graduate in spring 2008 with a degree in Management and Leadership and plans to move on to graduate school. She is originally from Permet, Albania and her dream was to study in America. When thinking about college Lorena says it was important to her to "find a school where I could earn not only an education but also grow in faith. Hellenic College was the right place to be."

It was not a hard decision for Lorena to apply to Hellenic College. "My cousin, Eva, was attending Hellenic College at the time that I was applying to schools. She was the first person to talk to me about Hellenic College." After spending the past four years in Brookline, Lorena feels it is the best place to be if one is looking to acquire an education and a love for God and community.

Not only does she enjoy being on campus, but she loves the city of Boston. "Boston is a city full of life and history. If you are from Europe you will find a little bit of home here and if you are American you will learn a lot about the history of your own country."

Living in Boston does carry some challenges for Lorena. "Being away from home is the most challenging thing I have experienced. Even though I feel that Boston is my 'home away from home' there are times that I find myself in need for the presence of my family and familiar friends."

When Lorena is not enjoying the city of Boston and all it has to offer, she is spending time with her friends, going to the gym, reading, or taking walks around the beautiful HCHC campus. "My favorite thing about living in Boston is that I am able to enjoy J.P Licks ice cream, anytime I desire it. It is the best ice cream that exists!"

## Around Boston



### Twice in a Lifetime!

Die-hard Red Sox fans are beyond grateful to the 2006-2007 Red Sox team for providing them with yet another reason to celebrate as the World Series Championship trophy returns to Boston for the second time in 4 years. Thank you Red Sox!

### Jacqueline Kennedy Entertains - The

**Art of the White House Dinner:** Through January 23, 2008 at John F. Kennedy Library and Museum. This special exhibit portrays Jackie O's distinctive and innovative approach to entertaining in the White House. View gowns, handwritten notes and table settings from her era in the White House. Find out more at: [www.jfklibrary.org](http://www.jfklibrary.org)

### Opera 101: Six Great Operas:

In January 2008, Boston Lyric Opera announces an exciting opera education program for adults. The courses tour the history of opera, visiting a different work each week, including Don Giovanni, La traviata, Salome and others. Find out more at: [www.blo.org](http://www.blo.org)

### The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston:

New Englander Arthur Wesley Dow, Photographer and Printmaker shares his blue-toned photographs with Boston, through February 2008.

### Did you know...

The Museum of Fine Arts houses one of the world's finest collections of mummies, sculpture, ceramic and gold from ancient Egypt, Greece and the Roman Empire? Find out more at: [www.mfa.org](http://www.mfa.org)

# Alumni Spotlight



**Maria Khoury**  
Hellenic College Class of 1982

Maria Kouremenou Khoury (Hellenic College Class of '82) and her husband Daoud Canaan Khoury, also an HCHC Alum (Hellenic College Class of '83) reside in Taybeh, the only 100% Christian village left in Palestine. They are members of Saint George Greek Orthodox Church, where Maria's brother-in-law serves as the parish priest.

In addition to receiving her Bachelor of Arts from Hellenic College, Maria holds a Master of Liberal Arts degree from Harvard University and a Doctorate in Education from Boston University. She has developed and published a series of Orthodox Children's books explaining Orthodox values and traditions. *Christina Goes to the Holy Land* promotes the Christian's presence in Palenstine as well as reflects on her own personal life in the Holy Land. Other published titles include *Christina Goes to Church*, *Christina Learns the Sacraments* and *Christina's Favorite Saints*. Her list of published books and articles continues to grow with the addition of her latest publication, *Holy Land Coloring Book* based on her book, *Christina Goes to the Holy Land*.

Maria has also established the Taybeh Orthodox Church Housing Project under the umbrella of the Metropolis of Boston. This project helped build twelve homes, currently unfinished, for Palestinian Orthodox Christian families to help maintain the Christian presence in the sacred land of Christ's Holy Resurrection. Through book tours in the United States and with the cooperation of the Annunciation Cathedral in Norfolk, Virginia, she helped establish the Holy Land Education Fund helping needy families of Taybeh meet their tuition needs locally in Palestine.

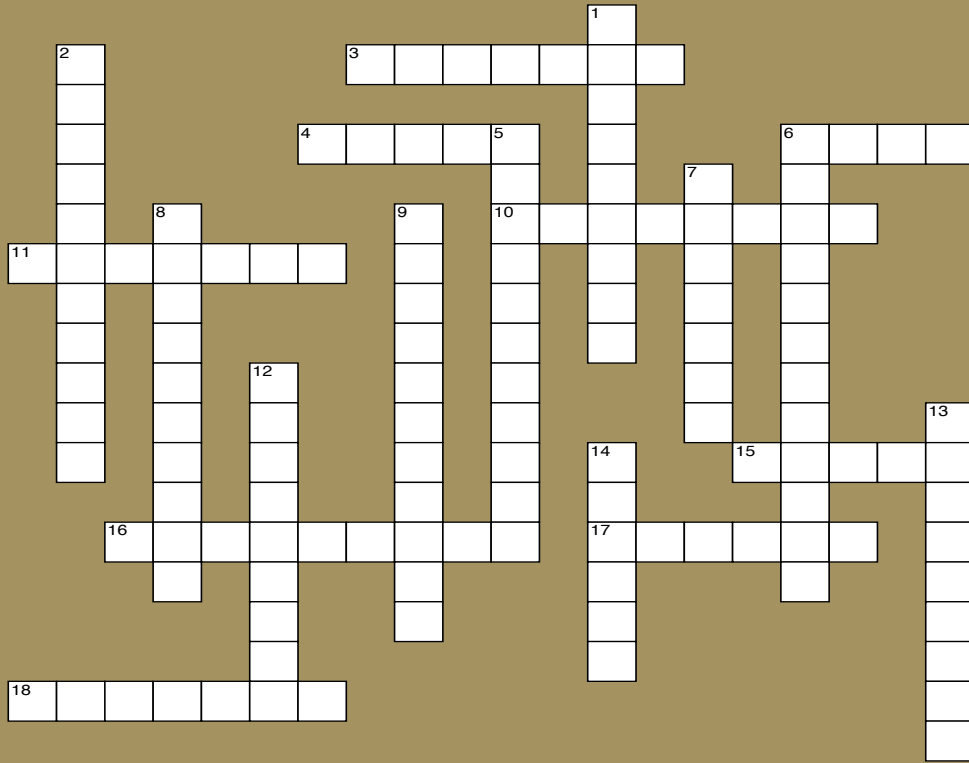
When Maria is not working to preserve Christianity in Palestine, she is visiting Orthodox Christian parishes in the United States, promoting her books and creating awareness of the struggles she witnesses daily in the Holy Land. "When I return to the United States I am always received with Christ's love and the generosity and kindness of others helps sustain me in a very isolated and difficult part of the world full of violence, conflict and bloodshed."



When asked what she remembers most about her time spent at HCHC, it is the simple surroundings. "Living in the Middle East now I especially remember the beauty of the campus and how green it is. It is like paradise compared to where I live."

To learn more about Maria's projects visit: [www.saintgeorgetaybeh.org](http://www.saintgeorgetaybeh.org)

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- 4 Student's late night snack
- 6 Transit System
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- 16 Greek Orthodox School of Theology
- 17 Boston's pride
- 18 Holy Cross in 1937

## DOWN

- 1 City
- 2 Student Housing
- 5 First Dean
- 6 President
- 7 5:00 PM
- 8 Feast Day
- 9 A nice walk
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- 13 Chant
- 14 Connecting students, staff and alumni

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**May 14-17**

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# Missing Alumni

Over time, we've lost touch with some of our alumni. If you have contact information for any of our missing alums please help us update our files. If their name is different from what is listed, please provide BOTH names. In addition, if you know of an alum who has not been receiving information from the office, please pass their information on as well. Together, we will re-connect! Send information to: alumni@hchc.edu or 50 Goddard Ave, Brookline, MA 02445 ATTN: Office of Alumni Relations

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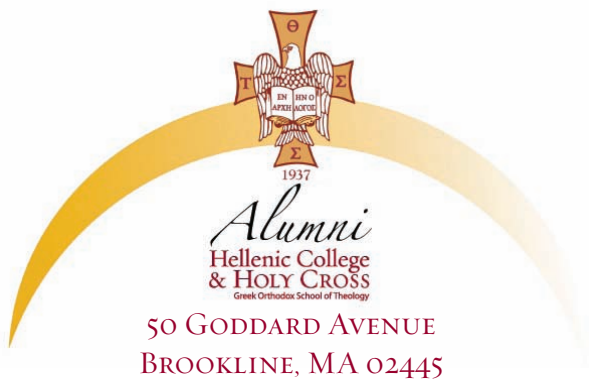
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