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Spring 2011
Dear Alumni/Alumnae,

Christ is Risen! Xristos Anesti!

I pray that this issue of Together Again finds you well and spiritually renewed as we approach the end of the Paschal Season.

As you probably know by now, we have made the decision to “go green” with Together Again beginning with the present issue. In today’s technological world, and as an institution under the Ecumenical Patriarch His All Holiness Bartholomew, the “Green Patriarch”, it would be fiscally and environmentally irresponsible for us to continue printing and mailing hard copies of this publication when we could offer a high-quality product to you electronically via email, Facebook and our website. We will continue printing a limited number of hard copies for archival purposes as well as to meet the needs (upon request) of those who do not have the means to view the material electronically.

I hope that you take the time to flip through these pages and see all the exciting things that are happening on our campus as well as all of the accomplishments that your love and donations have made possible. In addition, you can read about the Alumnus of the Year, discover some of the amazing accomplishments of your fellow alumni/alumnae, see the list of honorees of the classes of ‘61 and ‘86, meet some of our newest alumni members and read about their senior trip to Greece experiences and much more.

In closing, I would ask each of you to update your information on the form provided on our website and be sure to provide us with your current email address so that we can get this publication to as many of you as possible. Additionally, please continue being Ambassadors of our two schools and spreading the word to potential students. Finally, and most importantly, keep us in your prayers, beseeching the Lord to guide us and keep us in the shadow of His wings.

With love in the Risen Lord,
Gregory Floor (SOT, ’05)
Director of Admissions/Alumni Relations

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Beloved Alumnae and Alumni,

My hope and prayer is that this issue of Together Again finds you renewed in faith and the work of ministry through the joy of a blessed Paschal season. The time following Holy Pascha, which leads us to the feasts of our Lord’s Ascension and Holy Pentecost, guides our understanding of our sacred mission to the faithful and to each and every person in the world.

We have seen the true light. We are being transfigured through faith by the presence of the Risen Lord in our midst. We offer a witness through the worship and ministry of the Church and through our lives of service so that all may encounter Christ, hear and see the Gospel of salvation, and believe. All of this is clearly presented to us in this season which culminates in a feast commemorating the coming of the Holy Spirit and the gathering of the community of believers.

This is a memorable time of year for you as alumnae and alumni of Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. For those of you who are clergy, you have found great fulfillment in leading services and offering pastoral ministry during this beautiful journey. For others who are teachers, missionaries, or parish assistants, you have had the blessing of serving in unique and essential ways so that our children and youth, the unchurched, and the faithful of our parishes are offered a much deeper connection to Christ and His Church.

At Hellenic College and Holy Cross you engaged with the spirituality and theology of our faith. You received a foundation of training that helped you make the connections between what we believe and what we do as Orthodox Christians so that you can lead others in lives of faith and service. You explored the spiritual treasures of our identity as people of the Gospel, of life and truth, and now you are serving in communities where you teach and guide others in their understanding and experience of this identity, this manner of life in the kingdom of God.

As we conclude a very edifying season of the year in which we affirm our sacred history and commit to the work of the Church in the world, may each of you consider these commemorations together with a very special time of your life at Hellenic College and Holy Cross. May your hearts be filled with gratitude to God, and may you be inspired in your faithful service to our Lord and his people and in your support and prayers for the ongoing work of our blessed center of learning and faith.

With paternal love in Christ,

†DEMETRIOS
Archbishop of America

Dear Fellow Alumni,

Spring’s tree buds and budding flowers come forth so delicately! They occur also so gloriously! Spring additionally heralds even more quietly and much more gloriously the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As we prepare this edition of Together Again, we also find ourselves in the last stages of Great Lent and in final preparation for the magnificent pilgrimage we call Holy Week. As we do so, we praise God for all our graduates of Hellenic College and Holy Cross School of Theology for their individual pilgrimages of faith and love and for their caring service through so many different venues for God’s people of all walks of life.

I pray that this year’s celebration of our Lord’s Resurrection quietly yet triumphantly embraces each of you, our beloved graduates, and all of your family members.

In His Service,

Rev. Nicholas C. Triantafilou
President
Hellenic College
Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

As we find ourselves in the year of 2011 our Beloved Skoli celebrates its 74th year of existence. From 1937 in Pomfret to now in Brookline, Holy Cross has been the place that students attend with the intention of serving the Holy Church of God and ministering to the Orthodox faithful.

As members of the Alumni we have much to be proud of. Our Theological School and College continue to produce exceptional graduates who will leave the Holy Hill and use the tools that they have acquired in Brookline to better mankind.

Let us always be mindful of the Alumni and faculty who have been laid to pious rest. As their names have been placed on the Memorial wall, may their impact on the Church and Society continue to burn brightly as the candle does on every Church Altar.

To the Graduates of the Classes of 2011, congratulations on reaching this milestone in your lives and we await your support of your Alma Mater and the Alumni Association.

Fr. George Chioros
Alumni Association President

The connection of our commemorations and the anniversary of your graduation affirms the relationships that you share with our beloved College and School of Theology, with your place of service, and with each other.

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I’m excited to be named the new dean of Hellenic College. Allow me to introduce you to some new members of our Alumni Association, and you’ll soon understand why.

Gabriel (pronounced Gabriel) Alemayehu will be graduating in December. Born in Ethiopia, but raised in Seattle, he will pursue an academic career in Old Testament. He majored in Religious Studies, studying ancient Greek, Hebrew, and Ge’ez, the ancient Ethiopian language with more than 160 characters. But he’s no book worm. He has won several national awards and grants for ministry, and his latest grant will explore how the Ethiopian Church in Seattle could minister better to alienated youth. The grant will fund his work with incarcerated members of the East African Posse, a gang that was arrested in possession of crack cocaine, guns, stolen cars, and $100,000 in cash. His findings will be published in a scholarly journal. Not bad for a college kid.

Stephan Kakis had started several small businesses before he entered our Management and Leadership (M&L) program. In his senior year, he found an internship with Chick-Fil-A, a chain restaurant with $3.5 billion in sales. This is no ordinary franchise. It is privately owned and espouses Christian principles in its business operations—all restaurants close on Sundays, it distributes non-commercial, educational items with it’s children’s meals, and ten percent (a tithe!) of its profits are devoted to charity. Stephan’s entrepreneurial spirit and his commitment to his Orthodox Christian faith was a perfect match for the company. He will return to his native Chicago working for Chick-Fil-A in its bid to spread franchises into that region.

Catherine Núñez-Aragon, another M&L student, worked this past semester at the Massachusetts Transportation Authority. She was mentored by its director of diversity, a high-level executive that was recently named one of the nation’s top 80 women by Women of Wealth magazine. Adina Afendoulis is graduating from the same program. She was a physicist in Romania who enrolled in Hellenic College while her husband attended Holy Cross. Her knack for numbers led her to a position at the finance and budgeting department of the Fletcher School of Government at Tufts. She acquired business skills at Hellenic College to find employment more readily wherever her husband might be assigned, and so that she might be of practical use to her new parish.

Our students have distinct interests and abilities, but they all share a commitment to exercising their profession as a vocation. This should come as no surprise, as they came from the core membership of our churches. When they applied, they were graduates of our Sunday school programs, officers of our GOYA chapters, and participants in our metropolis summer camps, oratorical competitions, and dance festivals. They did not enroll in the College to become priests—75% of our students came to study management and leadership, human development, elementary education, literature and history, the classics, and yes, religion. They chose our College to prepare for careers in these fields, and to study and grow in an Orthodox Christian environment. Their jobs will pay the bills and help them witness Christ’s life in their neighborhoods and workplaces.

Wouldn’t you be excited to work or study at a place like this?

Demetrios S. Katos, Ph.D
Hellenic College Dean
Major/Area of Study: Religious Studies

My favorite memory at HC/HC is... My first Holy Week at the chapel. My sister Nicole was in charge of decorating the chapel for the week and I helped her. The services were beautiful and when we were not in church we were decorating so we spent the whole week at the chapel and it was a really peaceful and prayerful Holy Week.

What I’ll miss... The Orthodox community. It’s easy for us to get caught up in the happenings on campus, and forget what a rich blessing it is to be surrounded by people we love who share our faith and devotion to God. Although I am looking forward to moving forward in my life, it will be hard to let go of the strong community life here at HC/HC.

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What I’ll miss... The luxury of having an Orthodox community at all times and more importantly I will miss starting and ending my day in chapel.

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My aspirations for the future are... Although I am graduating with my degree in Religious Studies, I was originally a film major and ended up at HC/HC after realizing that filmmaking was something I loved, and with or without formal education, I would always pursue it. I realized that because I wanted to make Orthodox films, it would be most beneficial to study the faith and get a better understanding so that I could better represent it through the art of film. I intend, upon graduation, to go back to my pursuit of film using my deeper knowledge of Orthodoxy to spread the beauty of the Church.

Name: Demetrios Kazakis

Major/Area of Study: Master of Divinity

My favorite memory at HC/HC is... The first Feast of the Holy Cross Vespers and Divine Liturgy I experienced at school. I was amazed by the beauty of the Services, the chanting and the tradition of receiving the school cross. I was both surprised and honored by the outpouring of love by all members of the Holy Cross community. At that point, even early in my Holy Cross years, I felt blessed and proud to be a part of something so beautiful.

What I’ll miss... Having my closest friends around me. All the people that I have grown to know and love at school have had a profound effect on my life. We have all supported each other throughout our lives at school and I will miss having that support system. Even though we are not together, I know that we will continue to grow closer to God and each other.

My aspirations for the future are... I hope to be ordained.

Name: Styliane Hondros

Major/Area of Study: Master of Divinity

My favorite memory at HC/HC is... Our senior class trip. We took a five week pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey!

What I’ll miss... The small-town feel of a beautiful community with Christ as its center.

My aspirations for the future are... To serve the Church through ministry.
The Gospel of St. John: A Commentary

Thank you to the following who gave so graciously for the publication of The Gospel of St. John: A Commentary by Bishop Gerasimos of Abydos, translated by Fr. Peter Chamberas. The English edition is now available at Holy Cross Bookstore (see below).

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We had a wonderful visit with His All Holiness, Patriarch Bartholomew at the Phanar in Constantinople. His All Holiness addressed our class, we chanted Church hymns and received his blessing.

-Demetrios Kazakis

Senior Trip to Greece

Join the Holy Cross class of 2011 as they reflect on their five-week pilgrimage to Greece, Mt. Athos, and Constantinople.
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"Everywhere we went doors opened and we were invited to participate in experiences that moved us. A small village parish near Souroti welcomed us with open arms when we learned that an all-night vigil at Souroti would delay our arrival."

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He entered Holy Cross in 1955 and graduated in 1961 with the degree of BA in Theology. Father Peter remembers the school as being very different during his years of study. “There was a different sense of community then. Not only did we go to chapel, but we also all ate together at the same time and classes were during the same periods of time.” And, of course, he remembers the work duties expected of all students involving every aspect of need from cleaning, to maintenance to mowing the lawn.

The next thirteen years were spent studying and working at several jobs. He first went to the University of Athens and received a Licentiate in Theology. Then came Boston University where he earned a STM in New Testament and Biblical Studies. He returned to Athens to work on his doctorate in theology. His thesis was on the Transfiguration of Christ in theology and scripture. After returning to the US he became the Greek language secretary to Archbishop Iakovos and taught Old and New Testament at St. Basil’s Academy. He returned to Holy Cross in 1969 to teach and was the secretary of the Diocese of New England and ran the Diocese’s radio program for the next eight years.

Father Peter was married in 1970, to Georgia of blessed memory. While living in Jamaica Plain he helped to found the community of St. Nektarios in Roslindale and became the new parish’s first priest when he was ordained in 1974. He remained at St. Nektarios until 1991 when he became the Dean of St. George Cathedral in Manchester, NH, where for ten years he ministered, as the sole priest, to 1,100 families. He moved to Holy Trinity in Concord, NH, in 2001 and remained there until he retired in 2007. He has two daughters, one of whom is a presbytera, one son and two grandchildren.

Retirement, though, is not an accurate way to describe Fr. Peter’s life during the last five years. Fr. Nicholas Triantafilou asked Fr. Peter to become Chaplain at HC/HC after his retirement and Presbytera Georgia’s repose. Before assuming his duties at HC/HC he spent seven months as interim proistamenos at St. Andrew’s in Miami, FL. Fr. Peter now spends most of the week on campus. He has also been involved with the Hogar Rafael Ayau orphanage in Guatemala City, Guatemala and recently took ten Hellenic College students there for a week long mission/work trip for Real Break.

There is also an ongoing academic aspect to Fr. Peter’s life. He has written four books about the Mysteries: This is a Great Mystery, about marriage; Baptism and Chrismation; Repentance and Confession; and The Divine Liturgy Explained. A fifth book, on fasting, is forthcoming.

He has translated several books, among them The Mystery of Death, Orthodoxy and the West and three volumes of The Spiritual Counselors of Geronda Paisios, with two to come. However, all that being said, Fr. Peter readily admits that his most loved labor has been his involvement with the publication of Bishop Gerasimos’ book, The Gospel of St. John, A Commentary. An exhaustive amount of work was needed to bring the work to press. Bishop Gerasimos left his notes in Fr. Peter’s care and it took several years to put the Greek notes in order, transcribe them and finally translate them into English, as well as fill in as necessary. The English language version has been published by Holy Cross Orthodox Press, assisted in great part by the generosity of HC/HC alumni. The Greek language edition will be available soon.

Fr. Peter’s life has been rich, fulfilling, rewarding and tinged with sadness. Nevertheless, his quiet demeanor, his faith and his dedication to this generation of students at his Mitera Scholi have shone forth in his work as Chaplain and as a truly deserving Alumnus of the Year, in this, the 50th year since his graduation. Chronia Polla!
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By Adam Pantazelos (SOT ’10)

Born in Germany and raised in Queens, NY, Fr. Demetrios Moraitis has always been devoted to serving those who suffer with addiction and poverty. He began his studies at Florida Atlantic University where he was a Social Welfare Major. After transferring to Hellenic College, he graduated as the valedictorian for the class of 1996. He was later ordained to the Holy Priesthood on May 16, 1998, the same day he graduated from Holy Cross with his Master of Divinity.

After graduating, Fr. Demetrios was assigned to St. Demetrios in Chicago, IL where he served from 1998-2000. He was then sent to Ss. Constantine and Helen in Fayetteville, NC and during this time he served as an army chaplain at nearby Fort Bragg. There he ministered to the Russian Orthodox community on post.

Finally, Fr. Demetrios was assigned to St. Paraskevi in Greenlawn, NY where he currently serves, and, since arriving, he has finished his Doctor of Ministry Degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Father often refers to Matthew 25, the parable of the last judgment, as a source of inspiration by stating that he is constantly motivated to serve others. He believes that “It is joyous to ease the suffering of others, and the spiritual reward accompanying this is amazing.”

It is his hope that the local communities in and around Greenlawn, NY, will know his parish not because of their annual food festival, but because of what St. Paraskevi Church is able to do for the community. At St. Paraskevi, he inherited a community that was already active in social outreach. Upon arrival, he embraced programs such as the Life Center which houses low income mothers who have recently given birth, and provides them with necessities such as food, diapers, and toys for their children. He was also made aware of a situation where homeless men living by the local train station had no place to go and often froze to death at night. Fr. Demetrios now co-chairs the Huntington Interfaith Homeless Initiative which takes these people out of the cold and gives them a place to stay and a hot meal. He also established a seven-day-a-week food pantry which is funded completely by the parish and gives out perishables and hundreds of food cards to those in need. He is active in the Good Neighbor Fund Organization, which helps families affected by illness by paying their mortgages, hospital bills, and other necessities that may be too great for them to pay alone.

Father Demetrios is married to Presv. Flora Moraitis and they have two children, Arsenia and Chrisoula. In addition to the wonderful philanthropic work that Fr. Demetrios has done, he has also been a generous contributor to HC/HC as Director of the Long Island Clergy Fellowship. In 2009 he helped to raise $20,000 in unrestricted funds for HC/HC from their golf tournament. We applaud the efforts of Fr. Demetrios Moraitis in his philanthropy and dedication to those less fortunate, and hope that the risen Lord will continue to bless his ministry in the future.
Alumni Bowling Tournament

On February 24th a group of Hellenic College and Holy Cross Seniors bowled against a team of alumni during the second annual HC/HC Alumni Bowling Tournament. Although the Alumni won by a small margin, those who attended the event experienced a great night of fellowship and good old fashioned fun.

Memorial Wall

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to our fundraising efforts for the Alumni Memorial Wall. Your support has yielded approximately half of our target goal of $70,000 for the project. With your continued efforts, this is a very achievable goal for the HC/HC Alumni. If you would like to contribute, please contact Gregory Floor, Director of Alumni Relations, at gfloor@hchc.edu, or by calling (617) 850-1277. To view our current memorial list, please visit either the Hellenic College or Holy Cross Alumni page on our website, www.hchc.edu, and click on the tab marked “Memorial List.”

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Alumni Cafe’

This past year the Alumni Café employed five student workers while selling hot and iced coffees, Greek frappes, and lattes. During fast periods the Alumni Café also offered fast friendly items to accommodate students during such times in the Church Calendar.

Alumni Sponsored Activities

Games and Pep Rallies

To keep school spirit high C.A.B sponsors basketball games and pep-rallies. This year the Holy Cross ladies basketball team defeated the Hellenic College ladies team in an exciting game at the Pappas Gymnasium. For the game C.A.B rented owl (Hellenic College) and eagle (Holy Cross) costumes to represent both schools before the game. In order to ensure fair play, professional referees were hired for the games. Finally, every Columbus Day Hellenic College faces Holy Cross in a flag football match. This year Holy Cross won by a narrow margin of 30-28.

Symposia

Symposia are also sponsored by C.A.B. The latest symposium was entitled Philanthropy in Orthodoxy and Orthopraxy. C.A.B not only invites our own professors to speak but also invites other experts like Dean Triantafilou of International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC). It is C.A.B’s hope to begin new conversations about Orthodoxy as well, and topics on the Liturgy and Technology are in discussion for future symposia.

Panygiris

Each year, on the Saturday following the Universal Exaltation of the Holy Cross and the Saturday following Pascha, C.A.B sponsors a Panygiri open to the entire HC/HC community and the Philoxenia House of the Metropolis of Boston. A DJ provides a full evening of entertainment, including traditional Greek folk dances. A group of student volunteers spends two days planning and cooking, and then serves a delicious lamb dinner.

Movie Nights

Several times throughout the year C.A.B sponsors double header movie nights. For families, movies like Wall-E and How to Train Your Dragon have been shown and for students and spouses of students, movies like The Princess Bride and Vegas Vacation have been shown. The movie nights give students and families relaxing and enjoyable evenings “out at the movies” without the need to spend money going to the theatre. C.A.B utilizes the auditorium in the Maliotis Cultural Center to enhance the movie watching experience.

Karaoke Nights

In the fall C.A.B sponsors a Karaoke night with a live DJ. The day before, students build a stage for singers to stand on so that they can really feel the lime light. This offers a fun evening full of laughs and wonderful talent.

Apple Picking

Apple picking has been a yearly event on our campus for some time now. This C.A.B sponsored event gives students and families a relaxing time outside and off campus. It is a great way for our community to enjoy the best of fall in New England.

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Classes of 1961 & 1986 Reunite

Rev. Apostolos Panos (HC 1986) and Rev. Simon Catau (SOT 1986)

Holy Cross Class of 1961
From left to right:
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2011 HC/HC Alumni Reunion Participants

Alumni Honored at President’s Dinner

Rev. Peter Chamberas, 2011 Alumnus of the Year Award Presented by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America

Rev. Apostolos Panos
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Holy Cross 25 Year Award

Mr. George Patides
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These spectacular awards were handcrafted by HC/HC employee Albert Qose.


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Dn. Aristidis Garinis, HC 2006/SOT 2009, was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on March 20, 2011 at Holy Trinity Cathedral in New York, NY.

Fr. Perikles Kallis, HC 2008/SOT 2010, was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on March 6, 2011. He and Presv. Cassandra, HC 2008 also are expecting their first child in June.


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Fr. Vasiliios Louros, SOT 2009, was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on March 19, 2011 at St. Demetrios in Astoria, NY.

Chris Avramopoulos, SOT 1998, is currently the Youth and Young Adult Ministries Director for the Metropolis of Chicago.

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Chris Kourlos, HC 1987, has been a Sr. Buyer/Contract Negotiator for 24 years. He has negotiated a Global Alliance Agreement with suppliers in Mexico, Brazil, and Italy. Chris has also been a Parish Council Member at St. Demetrios in Weston, Massachusetts for ten years. He works with GOYA, OCF and altar boys. Chris has started a mentoring program with college seniors for future parish council members.

Djordje N. Petrovic, SOT 2008, received his M.A.R. in Systematic Theology and Liturgical Studies at Yale Divinity School in New Haven, CT. He is presently working on his Ph.D. at the Pontifico Instituto Orientale in Rome, Italy for 2012.

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