

Spreading the Good News

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“And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘how beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!’” –Romans 10:15 (The Orthodox Study Bible)



HCHC President Rev. Nicholas C. Triantafilou teaches seminarians in the Holy Cross Chapel. Photo courtesy of Tzetis.com

Hellenic College Holy Cross prepares men and women for service and leadership to both church and society. We asked Fr. Ted to explain the above passage to show how Christ’s call impacts our work preparing the next generation to proclaim the good news.

The preaching of the gospel is a mandate from Christ: “go forth and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Mat 28:19–20).

“And how shall they preach”

With the above words, St. Paul celebrated the apostolic ministry of the preaching of the gospel, which was the spearhead of the power and growth of the early Church. The Greek word behind the first verb “to preach” is *κηρύξωσιν* from the verb *κηρύττειν*, meaning

“to herald” or “announce publicly.” The Christian missionaries were like town criers, properly commissioned, who “heralded” to all the authoritative Christian message of salvation.

According to St. Paul, “the gospel is the power of God for salvation to all who believe” (Rom 1:16). By its self-authenticating truth and power, the gospel was primarily to be proclaimed forthrightly, thus letting it do its saving work by the grace of God, and secondarily to be explained or defended.

“How beautiful”

“As it is written, ‘how beautiful are the feet of those who preach...’” Here, St. Paul quotes Isaiah 52:7 from the Septuagint (the Greek translation of the Old Testament). He lauds the life-giving ministry of the Christian preachers. In the original context, the Prophet Isaiah envisioned messengers appearing over the Judean hills announcing good news of deliverance and restoration to God’s suffering people in Jerusalem.

“Those who preach the gospel”

In St. Paul’s interpretation, “those who preach the gospel” and “who bring glad tidings” (*τῶν εὐαγγελιζομένων*) are the Christian “evangelizers” of the good news of Christ. For St. Paul, Isaiah’s reference turned out to be a prophecy fulfilled by the work of Christian missionaries preaching the good news of God’s peace (*εἰρήνη*) and many other blessings (*ἀγαθά*) in Jesus the Christ and Savior of the world.

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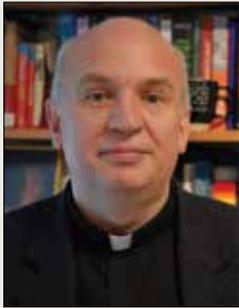
The core of being saved, according to St. Paul, is the heartfelt confession of faith in Jesus as Lord, risen from the dead, and involves specific steps (Rom 10:9–14). As St. John Chrysostom succinctly comments on St. Paul’s text, “being saved comes from calling upon Him [Jesus as Lord], and calling upon Him from believing, and believing from hearing, and hearing from preaching, and preaching from being sent.”

How beautiful indeed it is for the Church to continue to prepare and send forth worthy messengers of the good news of God’s peace, love, and forgiveness in Christ to a spiritually starving world!

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Fr. Pentiu Working on “The Bible of the Twenty-First Century”



Rev. Dr. Eugen J. Pentiu, Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, was invited to be a team leader in an exciting

new annotated translation of the book of Hosea by the École Biblique et Archéologique Française de Jérusalem.

The Fr. Pentiu-led Hosea project is a major contribution to a new multimedia Study Bible project called The Bible in Its Traditions (BEST). With the blessing of the Vatican, BEST will be the successor to the Jerusalem Bible, one of the most acclaimed study Bibles of the 20th century.

Fr. Pentiu assembled a select group of biblical scholars to assist him with translation and exhaustive annotations. He is the only Orthodox biblical scholar to lead the translation of an entire book.

"This is a great honor for Holy Cross and for our Church," said interim Holy Cross Dean Dr. James Skedros. "This project has an enormous scope that will bring together biblical scholarship from throughout history and from many different confessions—Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant, and Jewish. Never before has anyone attempted anything of this scope or using these new media tools."

The Bible in Its Traditions, already dubbed “The Bible of the Twenty-First Century”, will be launched online as each book is finished. There will be tiered levels of access to notes and secondary material for the public and for scholars. This enormous undertaking will be completed by 2025.

Mavroudis Attends Workshop on Integrating Spirituality into Psychotherapy



Athina-Eleni G. Mavroudis, the Psychological Care Co-Director of the Office of Spiritual Formation & Counseling Services at Hellenic College Holy Cross, attended Dr. Kenneth I. Pargament’s workshop “Integrating Spirituality into Psychotherapy” on June 14, 2013. This workshop was co-sponsored by the Danielsen Institute at Boston University and the Samaritan Institute. Holy Cross alumnus Dr. George Stavros (MDiv '91) is Executive Director of the Danielsen Institute.

The all-day workshop provided a framework for understanding and addressing spirituality in psychotherapy. Dr. Pargament identified common stereotypes about religion and spirituality, raised questions to facilitate spiritual dialogue and assessment in psychotherapy, and identified ways to help clients draw upon their spiritual resources.

“I’ll now be able to more effectively integrate Orthodox spirituality into psychotherapy to further enhance emotional and spiritual development in students,” said Mavroudis.



Dr. Bruce Beck, Assistant Professor of New Testament and Director of the Pappas Patristic Institute, led a discussion on the final day of the Summer Patristic Studies Program.

To learn more about this program, please visit www.hchc.edu/patristics.

Holy Cross Now Offering Certificate in Byzantine Music



Photo courtesy of Tzetis.com

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology is now offering a two-year program of musical studies, available for all levels from beginner to advanced, that leads to a Certificate in Byzantine Music. Through this program, students will develop a mastery of the skills required for chanting the sacred hymns of the Church.

“For hundreds of years, the liturgical life of the Greek Orthodox Church, as well as the private prayer lives of the faithful, have been inextricably linked with the sacred art of chanting,” said Assistant Professor of Byzantine Liturgical Music Grammenos Karanos. “This art, conventionally known as Byzantine music, functions as the ‘liturgical vestment’ of the grace-filled hymnology and emits the sweet fragrance of Orthodox spirituality.”

Upon completion of the program, students will be able to perform all musical parts of the daily liturgical cycle and the sacraments of the Church.

The Certificate in Byzantine Music reflects Holy Cross’s objective to serve the pastoral and liturgical needs of the Orthodox Church in this country and abroad. With its daily services and supportive community, the school is the ideal setting for an in-depth study of the sacred art of chanting and the formation of well-trained cantors.

For more information, please contact Prof. Grammenos Karanos at gkaranos@hchc.edu or 617-850-1236.

New Director of Mary Jaharis Center for Byzantine Art and Culture



Brandie Ratliff has been named the new Director of the Mary Jaharis Center for Byzantine Art and Culture. Ratliff is a well-respected Byzantine art historian with extensive project management and curatorial experience at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

Ratliff will raise public awareness of Byzantine art and culture and promote the expansion of Byzantine studies within universities and cultural institutions. “I am excited and humbled to be given this opportunity to join the Mary Jaharis Center as it enters into a new phase of outreach to academia and the public-at-large,” said Ratliff. “My vision is to turn the Mary Jaharis Center into a nexus for intellectual and cultural exchange centered on Byzantium’s rich heritage.”

According to Hellenic College Dean Dr. Demetrios Katos, “This appointment signals HCHC’s commitment to becoming an important center for the dissemination of Byzantine art and culture in both the academy and Church.”

Orthodox Christian Spiritual Formation for Early Childhood



Catherine Varkas (MA ‘83) brought her Montessori-informed approach to Orthodox Christian Spiritual Formation for Early Childhood to the HCHC campus for two weeks this summer.

For more information about this program, please visit www.orthodoxcatechesis.org.

The Healing Power of Music

by JOSH COLE
Manager of Marketing & Communications



The CD recording was all planned out. We had two days to record the Holy Cross Romanos the Melodist Byzantine Choir. It was an ambitious schedule for an ambitious project—capturing a selection of the music from the Orthros of Great and Holy Friday, the service of the Crucifixion and the Twelve Gospels.

Professor Grammenos Karanos had been rehearsing the selections with the choir for months. The majority of the musical settings were being recorded for the first time ever.

The Greek compositions were by Petros the Peloponnesian (d. 1778), widely acknowledged as the greatest post-Byzantine Greek ecclesiastical composer. There was also a rarely performed arrangement of a hymn by Konstantinos Vyzantios (d. 1862).

The English settings were composed by John Michael Boyer, a Holy Cross MDiv candidate and Protopsaltis of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco, under the supervision of Dr. Karanos. Despite the 250-year gap between Petros's and Boyer's work, there is a meticulous unity of musical content, an incredible achievement by itself.

The CD was to be recorded in celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology.

Then, the Monday before the recording was to happen, there was a bombing at the Boston Marathon. Over a dozen of our students were on the scene, including some eye witnesses. It was a very difficult and draining day for our students and everyone in Boston.

We realized more than ever that the Orthodox understanding of the co-suffering love of Christ and healing through the power of the Cross was what our city needed. The recording would go on.

When the manhunt locked down the whole metro Boston area, we weren't sure if we would be able to get the equipment to the Holy Cross Chapel. We made contingency plans. But because we were using state-of-the-art sound equipment that had been shipped in from Switzerland and because the students were about to take finals and many then graduate, the recording had to take place.

Through the grace of God and the heroism of our local emergency responders, the bomber was captured and the streets opened just in time to begin the first recording session with the men's choir that Sunday (we recorded the women's Byzantine choir on Saturday, so stay tuned).

“Hour after hour, these men poured their anguish into music written expressly to transform anguish into joy, suffering into healing, death into life.”

As the choir gathered together after chanting earlier in the day at local parishes, there was a deep solemnity and sense of purpose that permeated the chapel. Hour after hour, these men poured their anguish into music written expressly to transform anguish into joy, suffering into healing, death into life.

On Monday, there was to be a city-wide moment of silence followed by the ringing of bells at 2:51 p.m., exactly one week after the bombings and the ninth hour in the ancient reckoning of our Faith, the same hour that Jesus died on the cross and “all creation saw and trembled.”

All the men of the choir went outside, somber in their cassocks, and gathered around the bell that always calls the campus to prayer. We opened all the doors of the chapel. The recording equipment was running.

And the bell tolled.

The solemn toll of the bell outside Holy Cross Chapel opens the CD entitled All Creation Trembled. The CD will be released on September 14, 2013, on the school's feast day, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

**Life is not about a Title.
Life is about a Person.**



CATHERINE KATINAS (BA '13)

I actually applied to thirteen schools. I may have gone a little overboard, but I didn't want to leave any stone unturned. Some schools were a reach for me, while others seemed pretty safe.

It eventually came down to one school with an exclusive honors program in the Midwest. They had a great music program, which was very important to me as I was applying to schools.

My interview with the program really turned me off. I felt like some

kind of product to them; they seemed to only want me for my singing and academics—not for the person who I was.

It made me think about my time at the CrossRoad program at Hellenic College, where I learned that “Life is not about a title. Life is about a person.” I had applied to Hellenic and always felt as if they cared about me as a person rather than just as a piece of paper.

Since I had won the Oratorical Festival through my parish in Kansas City, I knew that I qualified for a scholarship to Hellenic College. After my interview at the other school, I realized that I wanted to be at a place that would nurture me and care for me.

A few days later, I received the acceptance call from the Midwest school's honor's program. I turned them down. I knew that Hellenic College was the place for me. There, life would be about who I was as a person.

This past May, I graduated with a degree in Human Development. I always had a close relationship with my advisor and with all of my peers. I also took private voice lessons at Boston College and sang in their University Chorale through Hellenic College's cross-registration arrangement with BC.

My internship led me to a full-time job as a Research Assistant at Boston University's Twin Project. I plan to eventually study for a PhD in Developmental Psychology.

I know that I will be prepared for anything because Hellenic College has helped shape me for the one role that matters—being the best person I can be.

**Nick Lionas (MDiv '13)
New GOA Young Adult
Ministry Coordinator**

The summer before I started my undergraduate work at Michigan State University I attended the CrossRoad Summer Institute at Hellenic College, and it changed my life.

While I had always been active in the Church, it was the first time I really felt like I understood what it meant for me to live as an Orthodox Christian. When I got to MSU, I became involved with Orthodox Christian Fellowship and later worked for OCF in Indianapolis.

As time passed and I spent time serving college students and young adults, I saw another door open in front of me, and I decided it was time to go to Holy Cross. I wanted to learn more about my faith and find my calling.

My time at Holy Cross helped shape me theologically and pastorally and prepared me to see that my calling was to keep working with young people. So many parishes are struggling to reach the next generation, and thanks to my HCHC education, I have the tools to do something about it.

As I was finishing my MDiv last spring, the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries offered me the new position of Young Adult Ministry Coordinator. I am blessed with the opportunity to begin this work for Christ.



NICK LIONAS (MDiv '13) with wife Amanda.

Hellenic College Holy Cross 75th Anniversary Jubilee Sept. 12-15

Hellenic College Holy Cross will celebrate its 75th Anniversary Jubilee September 12-15, 2013. The extended weekend event coincides with the school's name day feast—the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

"I strongly believe that this school is the heart and the mind of our Church in America," His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America said recently.

Jubilee festivities begin with a ticketed Gala Recognition Banquet on Thursday, September 12, 2013, with FOX News Chief Congressional Correspondent Mike Emanuel serving as Master of Ceremonies. All are invited to celebrate this exciting milestone in the life of the school.

Friday will feature a public lecture, "The Spiritual Value of Education," by Hellenic College Dean Dr. Demetrios Katos. There will be tours and a tennis tournament at Longwood Cricket Club, followed by the Great Vespers of the Holy Cross with His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America officiating.

The Saturday of the Great Feast will begin with a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy served by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America. Worship will be followed by an iconography exhibit, curated by Archon Elias Damianakis, featuring the works of HCHC alumni and other living iconographers. Rev. Dr. Thomas FitzGerald, Professor of Church History and Historical Theology, will offer a second public lecture, "Ambassadors for Christ: Looking Back and Striving

Forward," followed by Mike Emanuel, who will discuss "Traveling the World: Taking Your Faith with You."

Dr. John T. Chirban, author and director of the Human Development program at Hellenic College, will give a seminar entitled "Understanding Human Sexuality: Talking with Your Kids about Sex." Dr. Grammenos Karanos, Assistant Professor of Byzantine Music, will then speak on "Redemptive Suffering: Good Friday Hymnology" with selections from the Holy Cross St. Romanos the Melodist Byzantine Choir's new CD, which is to be released this weekend as well.

Sunday will begin with His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America officiating the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, followed by a campus-wide festival and open house. There will be food, music, Greek dance troupes, and activities for children as well as tours around the beautiful campus overlooking the Boston skyline.

To learn more, register, or sponsor, please visit:

www.hchc.edu/75years

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Donor Spotlight:

Aphrodite Skeadas, National Philoptochos President



The National Philoptochos Society has always been a generous supporter of Hellenic College Holy Cross. President Aphrodite Skeadas recently shared her thoughts on the value of HCHC.

1. How do you envision HCHC preparing women leaders?

HCHC students have embarked on a most special journey as they respond to the Lord's calling and accept a preeminent responsibility. The HCHC women I meet are shining stars. They are bold, strong and decisive; they lead in Philoptochos, in the parish, and in the community. The academic, theological, and practical education they receive from HCHC enables them to serve ethically, lovingly, and spiritually.

2. How can HCHC support Philoptochos now and in the future?

HCHC may continue to educate the student body about Philoptochos by illustrating the many programs Philoptochos offers. The students at HCHC presently and upon their graduation may enlighten those they serve by sharing the Philoptochos mission and the good works of our venerable 82-year-old philanthropic sisterhood of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

3. Where would our parishes be without HCHC?

Our parishes would suffer a tragedy of enormous magnitude impacting our faith and society: academic, social, cultural, and spiritual. Our faithful would lose the brilliance that emanates from our holy *Scholi*.

Antigoni Papadimitriou to Head Management and Leadership



Antigoni Papadimitriou, Ph.D., will be joining the Hellenic College faculty for the spring 2013 semester as Assistant Professor and Director of the Management and Leadership program. Dr. Papadimitriou specializes in quality management, strategic planning, and organizational change.

According to Hellenic College Dean Dr. Demetrios Katos, “Dr. Papadimitriou is an exciting new addition to the faculty of Hellenic College. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in an area that demonstrates our commitment to being the educational and intellectual center of the Church. Her energy and enthusiasm is infectious. She loves teaching and mentoring students.”

Dr. Papadimitriou has coordinated the fieldwork of 750 students, 43 faculty members, and 12 professional collaborators at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, where she was a member of the research and teaching staff in the department of economics for eight years. This experience, coupled with her extensive research and publications in outcomes assessment, will provide Hellenic College students with more effective and exciting opportunities to expand their education in business with practical, hands-on training that will strengthen their resumes and lead to better employment opportunities.

Author of *The Enigma of Quality in Greek Higher Education: A Mixed Methods Study of Introducing Quality Management into Greek Higher Education* (Enschede, the Netherlands: University of Twente, CHEPS, 2011) and more than ten peer-reviewed articles and book chapters, Dr. Papadimitriou received her Ph.D. from the University of Twente, School of Management and Governance, Center for Higher Education Policy Studies (CHEPS) in Enschede, Netherlands. She holds a Master of Science in higher education administration from Baruch College, School of Public Affairs, City University of New York, and a baccalaureate in economics, from Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece.

Sustaining Faith, Education, and Service Together



REV. DR. JAMES KATINAS (MDiv '91)
Director of Institutional Advancement

As we look forward to our 75th Anniversary Jubilee Celebration September 12–15, we’ve begun a strategic planning process to help us meet the growing needs of our students, school, Church, and communities.

This plan will help our trustees, faculty, students, benefactors, administrators, and alumni to work intentionally and collaboratively to advance the academic programs, student experience, campus facilities, and financial position of Hellenic College Holy Cross.

Academics

We are identifying specific ways to enhance our programs in order to advance HCHC as the educational, intellectual, and spiritual center of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, stimulating, developing, and sustaining ordained and lay vocations for service to Church and society.

Student Life

We approach student life holistically by addressing the moral, intellectual, and spiritual development of HCHC students for Christ-centered service and leadership. We are preparing tomorrow’s leaders today.

Operations

We are identifying ways to improve our buildings, grounds, and resources so that our students, faculty, staff, volunteers, and guests will have the safe, comfortable, inspirational, and technologically advanced spaces they need to foster interaction, collaboration, and learning.

Institutional Advancement

One clear imperative of this strategic planning process that we all share—trustees, faculty, administrators, students, benefactors, and alumni alike—is that our institution needs more sophisticated fundraising initiatives. To meet this need, HCHC is creating and implementing a systematic, comprehensive, integrated institutional advancement program to partner with our constituents to meet the growing financial needs of our beloved institution.

Please keep Hellenic College Holy Cross in your prayers, and thank you very much for your generous support!

Ten Years of CrossRoad



Photo courtesy of Tzetzis.com

The CrossRoad Summer Institute of Hellenic College Holy Cross is celebrating ten years of inspiring Orthodox high school juniors and seniors to deepen their faith and discover how they can serve God throughout their lives and professions.

To date, CrossRoad has offered 16 sessions to over 480 participants from 39 states, the Bahamas, and Canada. Due to overwhelming demand and interest in this rigorous theological and vocational program, it was doubled in size to two sessions starting in 2008.

“CrossRoad gave me the foundation I needed to begin truly living my life for Christ. It provided me with friendships and a support system that navigated me through college and will continue to keep me Christ-centered for the remainder of my life,” said CrossRoad alumna and business analyst Michelle Torski ('05).

CrossRoad's impact goes far beyond the students. It has also served as a vital source of inspiration and enthusiasm for staff, teachers, parishes, and the broader Hellenic College Holy Cross community.

According to Fr. Stavros Chatzis (MDiv '05) of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, “Being on CrossRoad staff helped prepare me to lead the community of faithful that I now serve. As we lead the younger faithful who have leadership positions in our Church, Presbytera and I focus on putting our faith into practice so that it is lived and not simply an inward expression—one that truly permeates hearts in everyday life.”

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FR. STEVEN KLUND (MDiv '13)

Ordained to the diaconate by Metropolitan Alexios of Atlanta, assisted by Bishop Gregory of Nyssa of the Carpatho-Russian Diocese, on January 1, 2013 at St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church in Charlotte, NC. Ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Demetrios of America, assisted by Metropolitan Alexios of Atlanta, on June 30, 2013 at St. Mark Greek Orthodox Church in Boca Raton, FL.

DN. ALEXANDROS PETRIDES (MDiv '13)

Ordained to the diaconate by Metropolitan Savas of Pittsburgh on January 21, 2013 at Holy Cross Chapel.

DN. STAMATIOS SFIKAS (MDiv '12)

Ordained to the diaconate by Metropolitan Iakovos of Chicago on February 24, 2013 at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Chicago, IL.

FR. DAMASKINOS ISSA (ThM '13)

Ordained to the priesthood by Antiochian Bishop John of Worcester and New England on March 10, 2013 at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Norwood, MA.

DN. ELEFThERIOS CONSTANTINE (MDiv '11)

Ordained to the diaconate by Metropolitan Savas of Pittsburgh on June 16, 2013 at St. John the Forerunner in Youngstown, OH.

FR. PANAGIOTIS BOZNOS (MDiv '13)

Ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Demetrios of Mokissos on June 29, 2013 at Sts. Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church in Glenview, IL. Ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Demetrios of Mokissos on July 28, 2013 at St. Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church in Aurora, IL.

DN. MATTHEW SWEHLA (MDiv '13)

Ordained to the diaconate by Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco on July 14, 2013 at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Modesto, CA.

DN. DEAN KOKANOS (MDiv '13)

Ordained to the diaconate by Metropolitan Savas of Pittsburgh on July 27, 2013 at Presentation of Christ Greek Orthodox Church in East Pittsburgh, PA.