Holy Cross

ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

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Psalm 43:3
Welcome, new students! On behalf of the community, I congratulate you on your decision to attend HCHC. I am excited that you have made the choice to call Hellenic College Holy Cross your home away from home for the 2015-2016 academic year and beyond. HCHC is committed not only to high academic standards but to your intellectual, moral, and spiritual formation. As such, you should expect the start of this academic year to be full of opportunities and challenges which will contribute to your growth as a member of our Orthodox Christian community.

New Student Orientation is scheduled for August 26-30, 2015, and is mandatory for all new students so that you can have the best possible transition into the joyful, vibrant life at HCHC. When you arrive on campus, you will begin your academic and co-curricular journey as members of a community seeking your formation and development into a service-oriented leader.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 617-850-1297 or to email me at nbelcher@hchc.edu.

Again, welcome to HCHC. I look forward to greeting you on August 26th!

Love in Christ,

Rev. Dn. Nicholas Belcher
Dean of Students
Wednesday, August 26, 2015

**MOVE IN/REGISTRATION | Polemanakos Dormitory**
10:00am
Welcome to Hellenic College Holy Cross! Orientation staff will be on hand to assist students with moving in to their dorm rooms.

**LUNCH | Condakes Refectory**
12:00pm-2:00pm
Lunch will be provided for all incoming students, parents, families, and orientation staff.

**PRESIDENTIAL WELCOME | Library Reading Room**
2:00pm
Incoming students, parents, and families will meet with HCHC president, Fr. Christopher Metropulos, and the deans of Hellenic College Holy Cross.

**SMALL GROUPS | Polemanakos Dormitory**
3:00pm-4:15pm
New students will be split into small groups for staff-led ice breakers and a campus tour.

**PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION | Library Lobby**
4:15pm
New students, parents, and families will have an opportunity to mingle with HCHC faculty, orientation staff, and other incoming students. Refreshments will be served.

**VESPERS | Holy Cross Chapel**
5:00pm
Students and parents are invited to join the entire HCHC community for Vespers in the Holy Cross Chapel.

**DINNER | Condakes Refectory**
5:45pm
Dinner will be provided for all incoming students and orientation staff.

**ORIENTATION SESSION I | Maliotis Cultural Center**
7:00pm
Led by Dn. Nicholas Belcher, Dean of Students, this session will introduce new students to student leaders of campus organizations, including the Campus Activities Board, Student Government Association, and Married Student Association.

**MOCKTAIL MINGLE | Outside Administration Building**
9:00pm
A social event for all new students sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.
Thursday, August 27, 2015

ORTHROS | Holy Cross Chapel
8:00am
Join the HCHC community for Orthros in the Holy Cross Chapel.

PRESIDENT’S WELCOME BREAKFAST | Condakes Refectory
8:45am
Breakfast with the HCHC president, staff, and faculty.

MEET THE DEAN AND FACULTY | Library Reading Room
10:15am
Students will meet Dr. James Skedros, Dean of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, and members of the faculty. They will also hear brief presentations by Dr. Ann McClenehan, Executive Director of the Boston Theological Institute; Alban Pagan, Registrar; and Dr. Aristotle Michopoulos, Chair, Greek Studies Program.

FACULTY ADVISEMENT | Library Reading Room
11:30am-5:00pm
Student meetings with academic advisers.

LUNCH | Condakes Refectory
12:00pm
Lunch will be provided for all students and orientation staff.

REGISTRATION | Registrar’s Office
1:00pm-5:00pm
Students will meet with the Registrar to register for classes for the Fall semester.

PLACEMENT TESTING | Faculty Office
3:00pm
An optional Modern Greek exam will be offered for seminarian students who wish to place in a level beyond Beginning Modern Greek.

GREAT VESPERS | Holy Cross Chapel
5:00pm
Join the HCHC community for Great Vespers in the Holy Cross Chapel.

DINNER | Condakes Refectory
5:45pm
Dinner will be provided for all students and orientation staff.

SHOPPING TRIP | Target
7:00pm
The HCHC vans will transport students and orientation staff to Target in Watertown for a supply run.
Friday, August 28, 2015

ORTHROS | Holy Cross Chapel
8:00am
Join the HCHC community for Orthros in the Holy Cross Chapel.

BREAKFAST | Condakes Refectory
8:30am
Breakfast will be provided for all students and orientation staff.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION ORIENTATION | Maliotis Cultural Center
9:30am
Learn about spiritual life at HCHC and meet with spiritual fathers.

SESSION I: Seminary or Graduate School? | Library Reading Room
1:00pm-2:00pm
Led by James C. Skedros, Dean.

SESSION II: Academic Integrity | Library Reading Room
2:00pm-3:00pm
Led by Dr. Bruce Beck, Assistant Professor of New Testament.

BREAK
3:00pm-3:30pm

SESSION III: Seminary Life | Library Reading Room
3:30pm-4:30pm
Led by Dn. Nicholas Belcher, Dean of Students.

VESPERS | Holy Cross Chapel
5:00pm
Join the HCHC community for Great Vespers in the Holy Cross Chapel.

DINNER | Condakes Refectory
5:45pm
Dinner will be provided for all students and orientation staff.

SESSION IV: Icons and the Orthodox Spiritual Life | Library Reading Room
7:00pm-8:30pm
Led by Fr. Maximos Constas, Senior Research Scholar.
Saturday, August 29, 2015

ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY | Holy Cross Chapel
8:00am-10:00am
Join the HCHC community for Orthros and Divine Liturgy commemorating the Beheading of St. John the Baptist.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST | Condakes Refectory
10:00am-10:30am

GROUP OUTING | Clinton, MA
10:30am-4:00pm
Students will visit the Museum of Russian Icons and St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Clinton, MA. Lunch at Zaytoon Mediterranean Restaurant will follow.

VESPERS | Holy Cross Chapel
5:00pm
Join the HCHC community for Vespers in the Holy Cross Chapel.

BOSTON ‘T’ PARTY
6:00pm
Orientation staff will accompany students into Boston, teaching them how to navigate the Boston public transportation system along the way. Eat, shop, and explore!

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Sunday, August 30, 2015

ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY | Holy Cross Chapel
8:30am
Join the HCHC community for Orthros and Divine Liturgy in the Holy Cross Chapel.

COOKOUT | Outside Administration Building
12:00pm

FR. CHRIS’ WATER PARK EXTRAVAGANZA
12:00pm
The entire HCHC community is invited to join in the fun! Activities will be available for all ages. Bring your bathing suit!

Monday, August 31, 2015

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES