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A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FR. MICHAEL LAMBAKIS

THE SACRED MISSION BEFORE US

As President of Hellenic College Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, I serve with profound gratitude, humility, and joy. It is an honor and a sacred responsibility to help lead this beloved institution at such an important moment in its history.

I am mindful that I stand on the shoulders of those who came before me - faithful presidents, faculty, clergy, staff, trustees, alumni, and benefactors whose sacrifices and vision have sustained this School for generations. Because of their dedication and God's grace, this school is not merely enduring; it is flourishing.

HCHC has experienced record enrollment and six consecutive years of sound financial stewardship. Our academic and spiritual programs continue to grow both on campus and online, extending the reach of HCHC across America and



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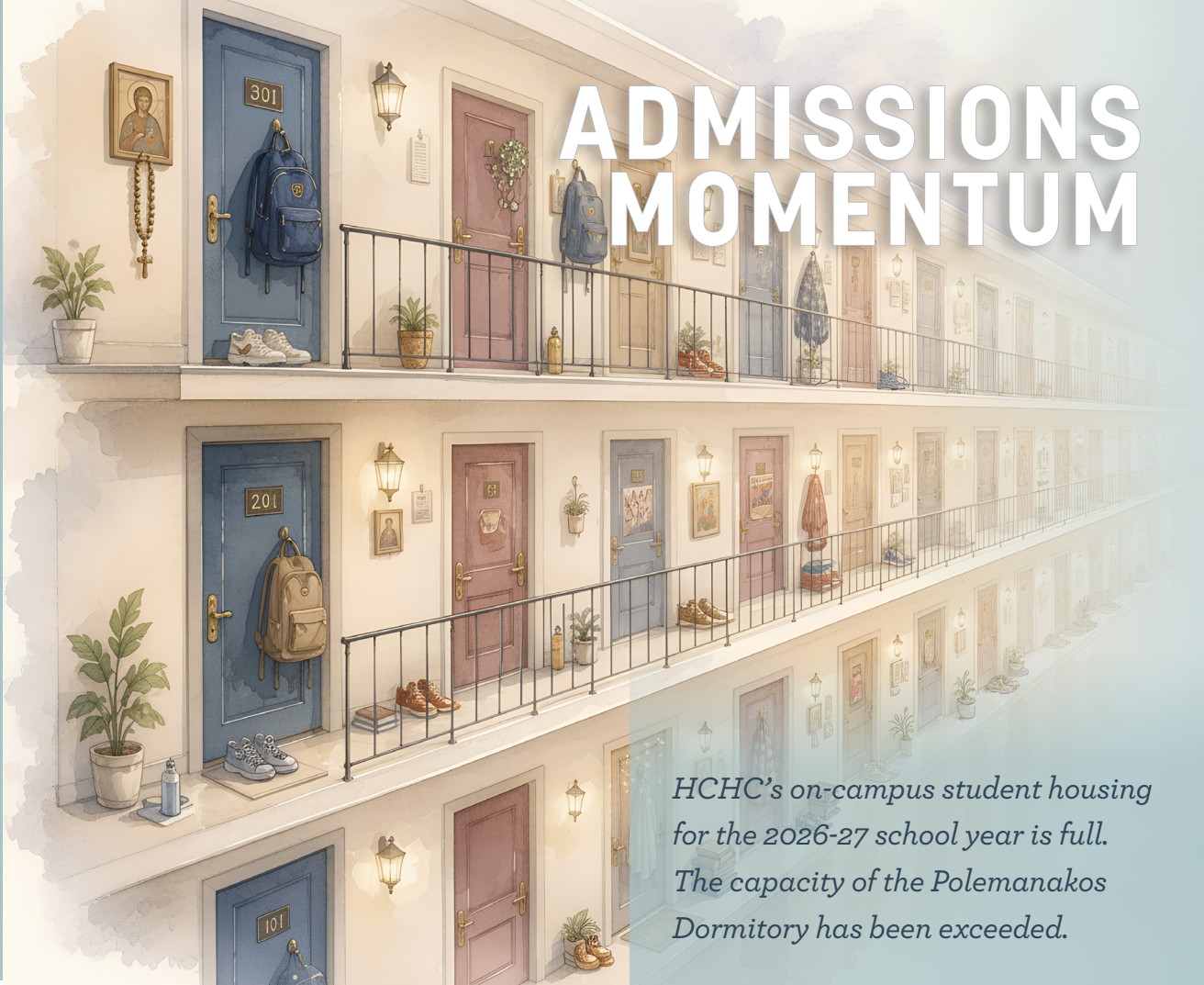


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GROWTH AT HCHC

ADMISSIONS MOMENTUM



HCHC's on-campus student housing for the 2026-27 school year is full. The capacity of the Polemanakos Dormitory has been exceeded.



STYLIANOPOULOS, RANGLAS AWARDED HONORARY DEGREES

In different but significant ways, 2026 Hellenic College Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology honorary degree recipients Rev. Fr. Theodore (Ted) Stylianopoulos and Jeannie Ranglas have served, supported and stewarded the school and its students for decades.

For their dedication, the Board of Trustees selected them to be recognized at this year's commencement ceremony. Fr. Stylianopoulos was awarded a Doctor of Divinity degree while a Doctor of Humanities degree was conferred upon Mrs. Ranglas.

“These honorary degrees reflect our school's appreciation for two outstanding individuals whose faith, dedication, and leadership in serving others has strengthened the Church and inspired future generations. Our students, faculty and staff are blessed to have such role models,” said HCHC President Fr. Michael Lambakis.

Fr. Stylianopoulos is a 1956 graduate of Holy Cross who later taught theology and the New Testament at the school for more than 40 years.

FAITH INFORMS XANTHOS' WORK WITH VETERANS

And married housing apartments have been fully occupied since Spring 2025 with students and their families. This is a wonderful challenge, and a sign, by the grace of God, that the school is experiencing robust growth.

At the same time, adult learners and graduate students are demonstrating that online courses and degree programs (MTS and ThM) are meeting a need for remote Orthodox education - a need only dreamed of three years ago. Through the Open Learning program and master's and undergraduate online degree programs, HCHC has welcomed 183 remote students into our community. The program invites anyone to take Hellenic College or Holy Cross courses online for credit or as an auditor. To explore our course offerings, search for the school website for "online courses HCHC enrollment."

Over the past three years, HCHC has experienced a steady increase in student enrollment. This growth reflects the continued commitment of the school to provide quality education and spiritual formation to our Orthodox community. ❖❖



As a teenager, Danielle Xanthos (MDiv '14) was already contemplating a career in psychology. Today, at 38, she is a licensed clinical psychologist and the current PTSD Clinic Team Lead at the Northport Veterans Administration Center in New York. Moreover, she is recognized for her work in integrating clinical psychology and Orthodox Christian theology, with a specific focus on trauma recovery for veterans and active-duty service members.

Xanthos is an accomplished academian. In addition to her MDiv, she has earned a PhD in psychology from the University of Denver, a Master of Teaching from the Teaching College at Columbia and an undergraduate degree in psychology (with a minor in music) from the University of Vermont.

"I attended HCHC - unexpectedly - because I realized that I needed to have a more solid foundation in my own faith before I could support others," said Xanthos, whose home parish is St. Paul Greek Orthodox Church in Hempstead, NY. "It was never in my plan to go to school there."

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He holds a Master of Theology from Boston University and a ThD from Harvard Divinity School, and is a prolific author of books and articles written throughout his distinguished career. A native of Greece, Fr. Stylianopoulos' family emigrated to the U.S. in 1951, first residing in San Francisco before settling in Seattle. In New England, he served parishes including Annunciation Cathedral in Boston, St. Nicholas in Lexington, MA, St. George in Keene, NH and Kimisis in Dracut, MA.

Mrs. Ranglas has dedicated her life to the service of the Greek Orthodox Church through visionary leadership, philanthropy, and ministry. Under her leadership as President of the Metropolis of San Francisco Philoptochos, the Bishop Anthony Philoptochos Student Aid Endowment Fund has provided more than \$4 million in scholarships and financial aid over 40 years to Hellenic College Holy Cross students from the San Francisco Metropolis. Mrs. Ranglas is also a longtime member of the National Philoptochos Board of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, which has provided the school scholarship support, money for campus infrastructure improvements and more. ❖❖

"Well done, good and faithful servant." - Matthew 25:21





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throughout the world. Our clergy and lay graduates faithfully serve the Church on every continent. What was once seen by some as an island, our school is increasingly becoming a hub for Orthodox Christian theological education, leadership formation, and spiritual renewal.

Yet the need before us remains urgent. Across our Archdiocese, many parishes are currently without a priest, while a significant number of clergy serving today will reach retirement age within the next few years. At a time when society faces profound spiritual, cultural, and moral challenges, the Church needs well-formed leaders more than ever before.

I invite you to join us in this sacred work.

Please remember HCHC in your prayers. Share the good news of the school with your family, friends, and parishes. Encourage someone within your circle to explore our programs and offerings. And if you are able, please support this mission financially - through a one-time gift, by becoming a monthly supporter, or by remembering HCHC in your estate planning. Some of the most meaningful gifts we receive come from faithful people whom we never had the blessing to thank during their lifetime.

Together, with faith in Christ and commitment to His Church, this “city on a hill” will thrive for generations to come. ❖❖



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In her work with combat veterans, questions of faith and God inevitably arise in most discussions. Yet during her years of study and training, Xanthos found a mutual resistance between psychology and Orthodox - so much so, that she felt she was “pulling at the opposite ends of the same rope.”

“Many veterans can tell you the exact moment that they became Atheists,” she added. “My HCHC education opened my eyes to life, death, God, joy, suffering - all of those things that cannot be grasped. It helps me in my clinical work and with what veterans have faced in life-end-death situations.”

Toward that end, Xanthos isn't trying to mend a relationship with God, but instead trying to heal from the trauma that led her patients to cut themselves off from communicating with those most important in their lives.

“Healing from that trauma means being capable of returning their humanity to others. This is the work I've always wanted to do, with the people I am most drawn to,” said Xanthos. “As Orthodox Christians, we are called to clothe, feed and visit our brothers and sisters. There is so much we - all of us, our parishes - can do for service members and their families.”

Xanthos views her work as a ministry and is increasing awareness by speaking to parishes, serving as part of the mental health initiative from the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America, working closely with military chaplains and more. Further, she is working with HCHC classmates who are ministering more mental health services.

“I'm so grateful for my time at HCHC. That is where I received many of the tools that I am now using in my work every day,” concluded Xanthos. ❖❖