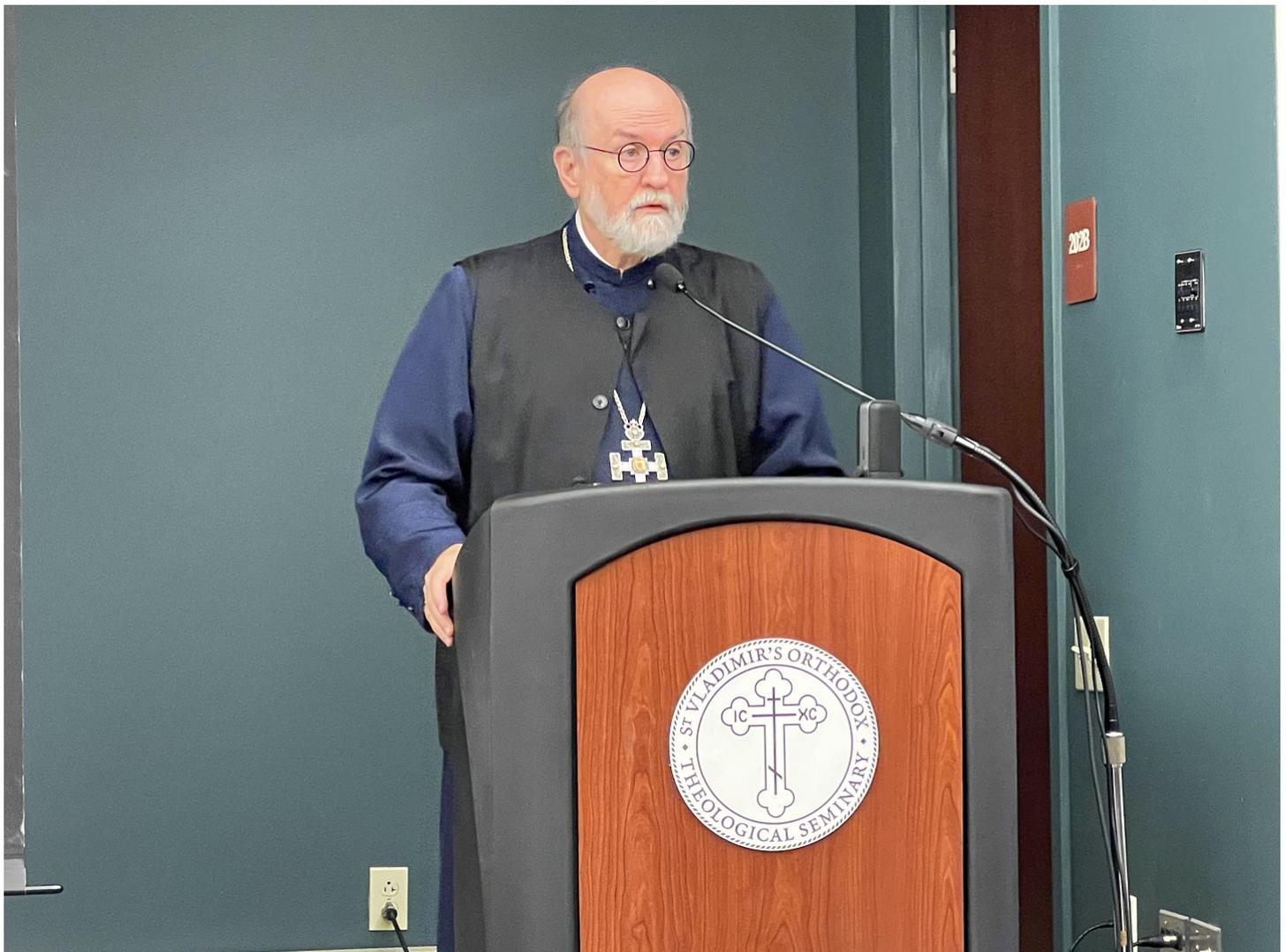




Foundation named after His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia is instituted at St. Vladimir's Theological Seminary of the Orthodox Church in America



On the occasion of the upcoming celebration of the 75th birthday of the Primate of the Russian Orthodox Church, St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary has instituted a Foundation named after His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia with a purpose of encouraging Biblical Studies. The announcement of this news came from the president of the seminary Very Rev. Chad Hatfield on November 11, 2021, before an academic theological conference on "Search for Scriptures" began its work at the seminary.

Archpriest Chad Hatfield pointed out that it had been a unanimous decision of the seminary's Board of

Trustees to name the Foundation after the Primate of the Russian Orthodox Church in recognition of His Holiness as a principled and consistent advocate of the canonicity of the church order at the time of crisis in world Orthodoxy.

The president of St. Vladimir's Seminary said that the appearance of the Foundation had become possible thanks to the involvement of the chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, an honorary Doctor of Divinity of the Seminary and a member of its Board of Trustees for many years. The raised funds will significantly expand the possibilities of St. Vladimir's Seminary in the area of studying the Bible: part of the funds will go to the scholarships for the students working in this area. There are also plans for opening the position of Professor of Biblical Studies at the seminary.

The conference at St. Vladimir's Seminary brought together leading biblical scholars from the universities of the United States. Many guests attended the opening session of the conference, including His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon of All America and Canada; Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations; hierarchs of Local Orthodox Churches; and representatives of other Christian confessions.

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