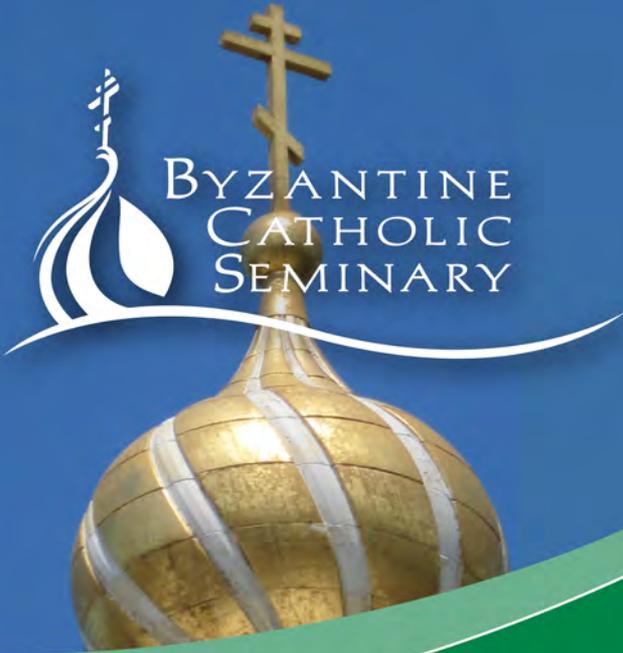
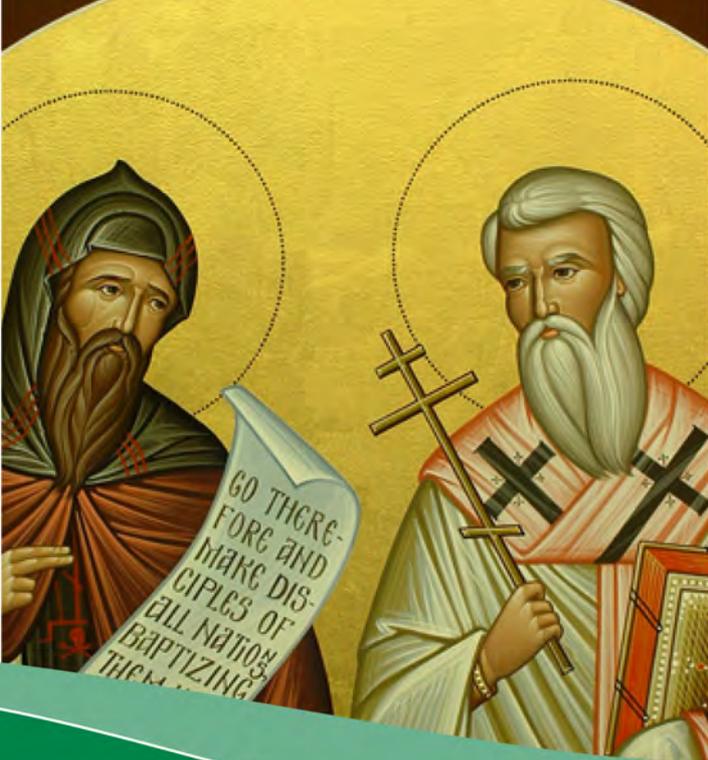


Testimonials

My time of study at the Seminary has broadened my theological understanding, challenged my intellect, and deepened my spiritual reflection. The community pursues God's truth in a spirit of joy and grace that is palpable both in and outside the classroom. I would strongly recommend Ss. Cyril and Methodius to anyone interested in graduate theological study in general and in the orientale lumen in particular.

Geoffrey, now a member of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary faculty



I plan to use my M.A.T. for teaching and believe my education at the Seminary enhances my ability to do this. As the professors at the Seminary are teaching me, they are also showing me how to teach others. The educational tools provided have ranged from the standard research paper, developing and presenting classroom lectures, constructing historical interviews, book reviews, poster presentations, group projects, and even a Socratic dialogue! I am confident I have been exposed to comprehensive scholastic experiences I can share with future students.

Helennane

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Chris

Mission

As the Byzantine Catholic Seminary, we continue the mission mandate of our Lord Jesus Christ, "...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you..." (Matthew 28:20).

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- undertake independent theological research;
- engage in clear theological discourse both in writing and in speech;
- integrate various theological disciplines and methods into a coherent and relevant vision of Byzantine Catholic faith.