



## Annapolis College Ministry

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*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that  
I have commanded you..."  
(St. Matthew 28:19-20).*

Dear Friends of Annapolis Pan-Orthodox College Ministry (ACM):

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory to Him forever! This last semester of ACM has been an amazing opportunity to see God at work in the lives of many of the students in this ministry that you help make possible.

Following our full summer ministering to the plebes (the incoming class) at the Naval Academy (USNA), we began the Fall semester with a special Great Vespers and dinner at Holy Archangels, attended by 20. We had a larger number of interested students sign up for our email list at St. John's at the "Club Fair," and a successful first week at the Academy.



### **Applied Orthodox Theology Discussions: Putting the Faith into Practice in our Daily Lives**

This year, we started something new at the USNA: in addition to our regular Tuesday Sixth-Hour prayers, we added a monthly discussion over pizza of a topic of particular interest to the midshipmen. This same "applied Orthodox theology discussion" has been a big success at St. John's, where our average participation held around 10 per week throughout the semester. The students suggest the topics and we've seen a wide variety of interest from the St. John's student body.



*1: Fall Retreat Discussion*

### **New Catechumen**



*2: Joseph enters the Catechumenate*

My individual meetings with the students and midshipmen continue, made possible through your financial contributions which keep me full-time. We've seen some wonderful fruit this semester from these opportunities to put into the students and share with them the fullness of the truth of Christ. One of those with whom I meet regularly, Joseph, was brought into the Catechumenate this Fall, adding himself to a long list of those who have journeyed to Christ and His holy Church through ACM and the ministry's church, Holy Archangels.

### **Fall Retreat**

Our Fall retreat followed with our focus for the weekend: "You are what you eat—living life sacramentally." The retreat, like our applied Orthodox theology discussions, drew both Orthodox Christians and those who knew nothing about Orthodox Christianity.

### **Your Faithful Support**

Your support makes a critical difference in keeping this ministry full-time, which means that I can devote my time during the daytime hours, week in and week out, to meeting with the students and midshipmen, hearing confessions, leading services, providing pastoral council and encouragement. This full-time ministry is bearing fruit, as seen in the



*3: Heading out for a hike on the Fall Retreat*



tremendous participation we see every weekend among those students who make it a priority to come to Great Vespers on Saturday evenings to pray and worship God the Holy Trinity instead of partying, and the faithful midshipmen who get themselves to Holy Archangels Sundays for the Divine Liturgy.

### More Worship and Opportunities for Growth in Christ

Our Fall semester culminated in some important worship opportunities: the Akathist of Thanksgiving, the Akathist of St. Nicholas, the Nativity Paraklesis, and a caroling outreach in downtown Annapolis—just a few of our many activities and opportunities for participation and growth among the midshipmen and St John’s students.

### Can you Help us with a Special End-of-Year Gift?



5: Akathist for St. Nicholas at the Naval Academy

Please remember Annapolis Pan-Orthodox College Ministry in your prayers. We thank God for your participation in this ministry through your prayers and financial contributions. Please help us finish the year financially strong with an extra gift.



4: Caroling at St. John's

May Christ our true God bless you and grant you and yours a most blessed Nativity of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ!

In Christ’s love and prayer,

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6: Nativity Paraklesis at St. John's



8: ACM participant, Roman, dancing at the Patronal Feast



7: Patronal Feast at Holy Archangels



4: Caroling in Downtown Annapolis