



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).

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

Glory to Jesus Christ and blessed Fast of the Nativity!

We are so grateful for your faithful support of this ministry on the campuses of Annapolis that is making a big difference in the lives of these young people seeking growth, healing, and life in Christ who is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life." (Jn. 14:6)

Three Catechumens: *Evangelism and Outreach are at the Center of our Ministry*
We now have three catechumens journeying to Christ and His holy Church through the ministry and worshipping with us at our Mission: Maggie Mohr, Brian Merriweather, and Michael Janikis.

We have a name for the Mission! *The Students are Growing a Mission*



Usually, a church is founded and then years down the road starts a college outreach. In our case, the tables are turned: the college students asked for a Mission and were given one so that they can participate in the liturgical life of the Church throughout the week. His Beatitude Metropolitan JONAH has given us the name, *Holy Archangels*. We rejoice in our new name for the Mission and the angels whom God sends to protect us and this holy ministry!

First Patronal Feast: *Worship, Service, and Joy*

Many students came out—even missed class—to participate in, sing, lead the choir, serve in many ways, cook, and host our guests and visitors who joined us and His Beatitude Metropolitan Jonah for Great Vespers and the Divine Liturgy on November 7 and 8, the Feast of the Holy Archangels and All the Bodiless Powers of Heaven.

ACM Worship and Bible Study: *Growth in the Life in Christ*

Small Compline is prayed on Tuesdays at the Naval Academy and the Sacrament of Confession is offered following the service. Wednesdays we pray Vespers at St. John's followed by Bible study after confessions are heard. We've had a strong core group join us for Bible study each week, first to study Ephesians, then Philipians, as wells as individual studies on various topics of importance for the life in Christ in His Church.

Saturdays and Sundays at the Mission: *Student and Midshipmen Leadership*

The students choose to come to worship on Saturdays instead of partying, showing the difference that this ministry is making in their lives. **Our Saturday Vigil service at the Mission is largely attended by the**



1: Fall Backpacking Retreat



2: Michael enters Catechumenate



3: Divine Liturgy at Patronal Feast



4: Divine Liturgy on Sunday

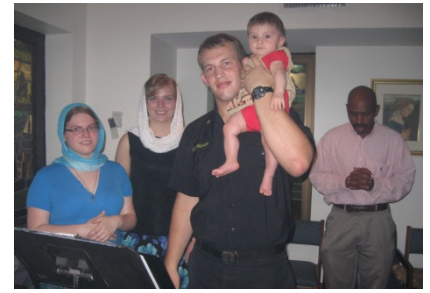
students and midshipmen. On Saturdays and Sundays, one of the students, or one of the midshipmen, leads the choir!

Annual Fall Retreat: *An Autumn Backpack Trip and Great Fellowship*



6: Evening around the fire; hymnody of Church

This year for our annual Fall retreat we took in some spectacular Fall weather and went backpacking along the Appalachian Trail. This was a bonding time for our group and a welcome respite in God's creation for all.



5: Great Vespers for the Elevation of the Cross at the USNA

What your Prayers and Contributions do: *Your Participation in the Fruit of this Vital Ministry*



8: Giorgi reading for Great Vespers

God willing, we will be able to continue to expand ACM. Your faithful prayers and regular contributions enable me to minister the Gospel and Orthodox Faith **full-time** as a missionary to the students and all those whom God brings our way. Your contributions mean that I can meet with students individually throughout the week, hold services and hear confessions, lead Bible studies, catechize, and reach out to all those seeking Christ. **All our regular meetings, retreats, community service, outreach, and more cannot happen without the faithful support of God's people. Please pray for us and continue to give generously as God provides!**



7: New house blessing for Nini and Noel

Looking Ahead in 2012: *How we can Grow the Ministry more...*

- ❖ In 2012 we hope to fundraise enough to continue our internship program for recent seminary grads. The internship is open to men and women of all Orthodox jurisdictions.
- ❖ Additionally, we hope to begin reaching out to yet another Annapolis area college in 2012: Anne Arundel Community College. Your support will make this possible!



9: Trapeza fellowship on Sunday

Wishing you every blessing as we look to the celebration of the holy Incarnation and Nativity of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ,

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11: Sunday Homilies



10: Brave backpackers starting out on the trail



12: Students helping with Patronal Feast