

HC/HC NEWS

Hellenic College–Holy Cross Begins 75th Anniversary Observances

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BROOKLINE, Mass. – Hellenic College–Holy Cross School of Theology, the oldest and largest Christian Orthodox institution for higher learning in North America, will begin celebrating its 75 years of service to the Church and society.

Activities will begin Oct. 16 with an inaugural dinner cruise in Boston harbor. Several additional events are being planned to mark the 75th over the next two years, recognizing the hierarchs, theologians, professors, students, administrators, alumni, donors and all those who have contributed to what is the most important academic institution for the Church in America. The anniversary celebration will culminate at the May 2013 commencement.

Over the years, Hellenic College–Holy Cross has grown into one academic community comprised of two distinct schools that have evolved together. Hellenic College is the only accredited four-year undergraduate program in the United States that is based on Orthodox Christian principles.

Holy Cross, the theological school of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and member of the Boston Theological Institute, is the oldest and largest Orthodox Christian school of theology in America, offering three higher education degrees; Master of Divinity (M.Div.), Master of Theological Studies (MTS) and Master of Theology (Th.M.).

More than 80 percent of the priests currently serving in the Archdiocese are Holy Cross–Hellenic College graduates.



Aerial view of the HC–HC campus in Brookline with the Boston skyline in the background.

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Holy Cross has alumni in more than 20 countries around the world.

While Hellenic College–Holy Cross continues to fulfill its original charge of educating men for priestly service in the Archdiocese, it has blossomed as a small and vibrant Orthodox Christian college

and graduate school of theology offering nine different majors for both women and men. Holy Cross Orthodox Press has published more than 300 books (with eight more in the works), which have advanced Orthodox Christian theology, provided liturgical resources for parishes and edified people throughout the world.

HC–HC also has become an international center for Orthodox Christian education, has prominent graduates in more than 20 countries throughout the world, and its enrollment is growing steadily in terms of both the quantity and the aptitude of its students.

“Together, Hellenic College–Holy Cross now provides programs that include elementary education, professional studies, religious studies and liberal arts,” said Fr. Nicholas Triantafilou, HC–HC president. “Integrating faith, learning and service, HC–HC has left a substantial and positive imprint in Orthodox churches and societies in America and

around the world.”

About Hellenic College–Holy Cross

Hellenic College Holy Cross was originally founded as Holy Cross Theological School in 1937 in Pomfret, Conn. In 1946 the school was moved to Brookline, Mass., where the students and faculty could take advantage of the educational and cultural opportunities of Greater Boston.

In 1968, Holy Cross expanded its collegiate division to a four-year professional studies and liberal arts program. Hellenic College is a small but vibrant Orthodox Christian college offering six different majors for both women and men. Today the faculties and students of the undergraduate and graduate schools continue to form one academic community, engaged in the education and formation of the future leaders of our Church and society.

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I hope to someday become a teacher.

I am learning about the word of God, while fine-tuning the skills He has provided me.

I am an Orthodox Christian.

I am Hellenic College.



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2011 CrossRoad Program participants gather in front of the Holy Cross Chapel. CrossRoad is one of several activities taking place at the HC/HC Campus during the year. Established in 2004, the program draws high school-age students from throughout the United States. (Story on page 26)