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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Christ is in our midst!

I am delighted to announce that Holy Trinity Orthodox Seminary in Jordanville, New York, has met our goal of raising a record \$91,000 in contributions to our Giving Tuesday campaign!

That campaign began on November 28, 2017, and concluded with collections in parishes of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia on Sunday, February 11, 2018, the eve of the Feast of the Three Hierarchs, the heavenly patrons of our Seminary.

To all who contributed during this campaign: thanks to your exemplary generosity and love for our Seminary and for Holy Orthodoxy, that sum of \$91,000 will be matched by a truly extraordinary donor, yielding 13 tuition scholarships of \$7,000 apiece for students in our Bachelor of Theology degree program. That is just short of the *full* cost of tuition (\$7,500). Our degree program is demanding and life in our Seminary / Monastery community is rather rigorous. But our seminarians will not have to graduate with crippling indebtedness through government or bank loans!

The number of contributing individuals and parishes amounted to 444, and single contributions ranged from as little as \$1 to as much as \$8,000. But every donation and every contributor made the campaign a rousing success!

You are like the new Christians in Macedonia whom the Apostle Paul commends to the Church of Corinth: “for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of liberality on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints” in the mother Church in Jerusalem (2 Corinthians 8:2-4).

However, your joy and generosity, in many cases even giving freely beyond your means, has overflowed for the relief of our seminarians and the support of the *only* seminary—and “mother” of future priests—in the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia throughout the world. You have sown “bountifully.” My prayer to God the Holy Trinity is that you “will also reap bountifully” (2 Corinthians 9:6).

On behalf of the seminarians, faculty, administration, and rector of Holy Trinity Orthodox Seminary, I thank you for your vision, your love, and your generosity. Please be assured that, as we continue through the current Spring 2018 semester and plan for an even better academic year beginning next September, we shall keep you informed, regularly, of the progress and achievements that you have made possible.

Yours in Christ,

Archpriest Alexander F. C. Webster, PhD

Dean and Professor of Moral Theology