

To His Eminence LUKE, Bishop of Syracuse, Rector of Holy Trinity Theological Seminary in Jordanville

Your Eminence, dear Vladyka!

I sincerely congratulate you, the faculty, mentors and students of Holy Trinity Theological Seminary in Jordanville on the 75th anniversary of its founding. Over the past years, many worthy clergymen have come forth from the walls of this theological school, who have proven themselves in the service of the Church in different regions of the world. Of particular value is the fact that the school is located at Holy Trinity Monastery, the well-known monastic center of the Russian Diaspora. While receiving a quality theological education, students simultaneously have the unique opportunity to be partakers of spiritual education in the traditions of Orthodox asceticism.

The contribution of Holy Trinity Seminary to the study of theology is also significant. The names of its laborers Archbishop Averky (Taushev), Protopresbyter Michael Pomazansky, church historian Nikolai Talberg and other outstanding scholars are well known.

On this solemn day I wish you, dear Vladyka, and all those who teach and learn many successes, new achievements, and the unfailing help of God in your further labors in the field of Church education and enlightenment.

With love in the Lord,
Chairman
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of the Moscow Patriarchate
ANTHONY, Metropolitan of Volokolamsk