

East Coast teens, young adults invited to explore serving the Church May 14

“Exploring Ministry: A Day in NYC to Discover How You Can Serve the Church” will be the focus of a gathering for Orthodox Christian teens and young adults interested in exploring the many opportunities available to serve the Church at Holy Virgin Protection Cathedral, 59 East Second Street, New York, NY on Saturday, May 14, 2016.

Sponsored by the Orthodox Church in America’s Diocese of New York and New Jersey and funded by a grant from the Forum for Theological Education, the day will begin at 10:00 a.m. with prayers and opening remarks by His Eminence, Archbishop Michael, followed by a panel discussion and question-and-answer session on vocations. Panelists who will share their stories and field questions include men and women currently serving the Church in a variety of ways as hospital and military chaplains, parish priests, deacons, choir directors, and theology professors.

After lunch in the cathedral hall, attendees will engage in a spiritual gifts inventory, enjoy a tour of the historic cathedral and learn of the community’s unique urban ministries. At 2:00 p.m. the group will travel to [Saint Vladimir’s Seminary](#), Yonkers, NY—transportation will be provided—for a tour led by Dr. Peter Bouteneff, the seminary’s Professor of Systematic Theology and Director of the Master of Theology Program. Participants who wish may attend the Resurrection Vigil at the seminary chapel or the cathedral.

The event is open to Orthodox Christian teens and young adults of all jurisdictions.

New SVS Press book presented to Pope

On April 6, 2016, His Grace, Bishop David of the Coptic Orthodox Diocese of New York and New England and a trustee of [Saint Vladimir’s Seminary](#) here presented a copy of *The Life of Repentance and Purity* by [His Holiness Pope Shenouda III](#), recently published by [St. Vladimir’s Seminary Press](#) [SVS Press], to Pope Francis.

The book is the first in SVS Press’ groundbreaking Coptic Studies Series.

Bishop David was in Rome on a personal trip with Timothy Cardinal Dolan of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York, when he presented the book.

The Life of Repentance and Purity was first translated from Arabic in 1989 by Series Editor, His Grace, Bishop Dr. Anba Suriel [Guirgis], SVOTS alumnus and Bishop of the Coptic Diocese of Melbourne and Affiliated Regions, Australia. This new translation by Bishop Suriel includes editions and patristic references, and is the first joint publication between SVS Press and Saint Athanasius College Press, the fledgling publishing house of [St. Athanasius Coptic Orthodox Theological College](#) in Donvale, Australia, where Bishop Suriel serves as Dean.

The Life of Repentance and Purity was officially launched at Saint Vladimir’s Seminary campus on March 12, 2016, during a [well-attended afternoon](#) of reflection on the life of Pope Shenouda III. In the few weeks since its release more than 5,000 copies have been sold, making it the fastest selling SVS Press title in history.

The [book is available](#) from Saint Vladimir’s Seminary Press and Bookstore.



St Athanasius the Great the Patriarch of Alexandria

Commemorated on May 2

Troparion — Tone 3

You were a pillar of Orthodoxy, Hierarch Athanasius, / supporting the Church with divine doctrines; / you proclaimed the Son to be of one Essence with the Father, / putting Arius to shame. / Righteous father, entreat Christ God to grant us His great mercy.

Kontakion — Tone 2

You planted the dogmas of Orthodoxy / and eradicated the thorns of false doctrine; / you propagated the seeds of the Faith watered with the rain of the Spirit. / Therefore, we praise you, Righteous Athanasius.

Christ Is Risen!
Indeed He Is Risen!

