



# SAINT TIKHON'S

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His Grace  
The Right Reverend THOMAS  
Bishop of Charleston, Oakland and the Mid-Atlantic  
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Your Grace, Bishop THOMAS,  
Beloved Brother in Christ:  
*Christ is in our midst!*

In the Name of Our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ, I extend my warm greetings, sentiments of esteem, and prayerful best wishes to Your Grace!

On behalf of His Beatitude, Metropolitan TIKHON, the Board of Trustees, the Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students of St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary, it is my joy to invite Your Grace to deliver the Commencement Address at this year's Graduation at our theological school and receive an honorary doctorate in recognition of your faithful, tireless and yeoman service to the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America, the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the United States, and Holy Orthodoxy throughout the world, as well as to theological education in particular.

Graduation ceremonies are scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 27. They should be completed before 4:00 p.m. If we need to make an accommodation for Your Grace's schedule, please let us know.

Your Grace is of course invited to attend all the festivities that weekend that mark the Annual Pilgrimage to St. Tikhon's Monastery – services beginning Friday afternoon, May 26, continuing Saturday and Sunday, and culminating with the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on Monday morning, May 29.

If Your Grace would be so kind, please let us know at your earliest convenience what your schedule will permit.

With sentiments of deepest esteem and with love in our Saviour,

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Rector of St. Tikhon's Seminary

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