MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

In these difficult times that we live in we see how important a good sane Christ-centered education is for a healthy and strong Parish, Community and Church. St. Andrew’s College in Winnipeg has for 76 years helped form and prepare proper candidates for ordination in our Church.

In the last few years, we have seen negative examples of how confused or bad Theology lead to disastrous actions:
- One clear example, from our southern neighbours is when a mis-directed Theology helped a non-democratic tyrannical conman become a type of “Christian” president who must be followed beyond all reason.

Without a doubt, the biggest example of confused religious thought or Theology leading to a tragic war is what we see now in the attack by one evil tyrant on the good people of Ukraine. There are many so-called reasons in the twisted tyrant’s mind, but bad theology makes it easier for some to support the tyranny.

There has been a long tradition in Muscovy of treating the Tsar as if he were a special representative of the Lord God Himself. To oppose him was to oppose God. This has produced a cult of emperor worship like that which challenged the Church in the Roman Empire. They have changed out Christ for the wannabe Tsar and the Kingdom of God for Руський Мир/ the Russian World. All this in time has emboldened a tyrant to attack Ukraine, lay siege to cities, and bomb civilian sites such as maternity hospitals simply because he has decided that Ukraine has no right to exist.

We are directed and warned in the first Epistle of St. John that we should “test the spirits, whether they are of God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world” (1 John 4:1). Is it God’s will that there should be a war in Ukraine? In the words of the New Testament: “Certainty not” / “жодним способом”.
It is a just use of force to oppose an evil tyrant and to protect one’s home and loved ones. Let us not be fooled by the words of a false prophet/tyrant serving the evil one and his minions.

Orthodoxy follows Christ and protects those in danger and need - not as others who think their beliefs allow them to attack and kill the innocent. Ukrainians are protecting themselves and others in danger and neighbours are feeding and sheltering the needy. It is blessed Christ – centered (Orthodox) work to oppose the evil tyrants.

Now is the time to support Ukraine, the suffering people of Ukraine, and her determined defenders prayerfully, politically, and financially. They need our help now.

After you have helped Ukraine and her people in their hour of need, I hope that, in God’s good time, you will be able to donate to St. Andrew’s College to enable us to continue to prepare new clergy candidates for these difficult times and for the better days ahead.

May God bless and protect Ukraine, her people and each of us here in Canada.
В п’ятницю, 14 січня 2022 року, Преосвященніший ІЛАРІОН, Єпископ Едмонтону і Західної Єпархії, Місцеобійний Митрополичої Катедри, Канцлер Колегії Святого Андрея, рукоположив Диякона Василя Маскаля в сан священика в Українській Православній Церкві Всіх Святих (Саскатун, Саскачеван).

On Friday, January 14, 2022, His Grace Bishop ILARION, Bishop of Edmonton and the Western Eparchy, Locum Tenens of the Metropolitan Cathedral, Chancellor of St. Andrew’s College, ordained Rev. Fr. Deacon Vasyl Maskal to the Holy Priesthood at The Ukrainian Orthodox Church of All Saints, Saskatoon, SK.

18 грудня 2021 року Його Преосвященство владика ІЛАРІОН рукоположив у сан Диякона Марка Думанського під час Архиєрейської Св. Літургії в Українському Православному Соборі Зіслання Святого Духа (Реджайна, Саскачеван).

Subdeacon Mark Dumanski was ordained as Deacon by His Grace Bishop ILARION during a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at the Ukrainian Orthodox Sobor of the Descent of the Holy Spirit (Regina, SK) on December 18, 2021.

Бажаємо отцеві Василеві та отцеві Диякону Маркові успіхів у науці та праці у Божому Винограднику. Бажаємо щастя, здоров’я та многих літ їм та їхнім родинам!

We wish Fr. Vasyl and Fr. Deacon Mark great success in their continued studies and in work in God’s Vineyard. May they and their families have great health, happiness, and many years!
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DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY (DIP. TH.)
- two-year program for mature students; special permission is required.