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## WHY GIVE TO THE ST. GREGORY OF NYSSA SCHOLARSHIP FUND?

All churches need an educated lay leadership. Because the Orthodox Church in America (OCA) is a comparatively small denomination and St. Gregory of Nyssa Orthodox Church is a campus parish with a small membership whose student members come from all of Ohio and the nation, neither the Church as a whole nor the St. Gregory parish have the financial resources to support many young parishioners. At best, the parish can provide token support for a handful of students. St. Gregory of Nyssa students who received scholarships have distinguished themselves and the parish with outstanding achievements as physicians, dentists, teachers, engineers, artists, and business leaders. Funds to assist a larger group of worthy students more generously must come from many donors.

“*St. Gregory’s scholarship fund helped me conduct research in several different states for my dissertation, and really helped with unexpected car repairs during my travels! It was a tremendous blessing to have the financial and spiritual support of my parish community through my time in graduate school.*”

– Jessica Wallace,  
PhD Student at OSU



*Two of the most recent scholarship fund recipients*

## WHY A BETTER-EDUCATED LAITY?

Young people today cope with an increasingly complex social, political, ethical, moral, scientific, and cultural reality. Their understanding of Orthodox belief, spirituality, theology, and traditions must grow with the institutions and ideas unfolding in North American societies. Among them are powerful trends that Church leaders must grasp and address because the Church is the one institution with a commanding historical and moral context for understanding and responding to forces that diminish moral perspectives and balance.

In the current era, educational levels have risen dramatically in Eastern and Western societies, driven by the global marketplace, political ferment, and military competition. To keep pace, both Orthodox clergy and laity must be better educated or the Church will weaken as a moral influence in North America.

Our Church will require an educated lay leadership to navigate these issues, preserve a wise and judicious Orthodox faith, and support a clergy that increasingly will need to address mounting poverty, instability, intolerance, and fears of terrorism. Scientific and biological discoveries will raise moral questions requiring careful attention and resolution by laity and clergy together in Christ.



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