



2019 College Student Sunday Encyclical October 6, 2019

Beloved Clergy and Faithful,

We greet you with joy as we announce the date for College Student Sunday, benefiting Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF). To support the incredible efforts of our students, College Student Sunday will be the first Sunday of October, running in conjunction with OCF's Orthodox Awareness Month. This year the date falls on **October 6**.

We are asking that a special collection be taken on College Student Sunday in support of the good work of OCF, and we encourage the entire faithful family—clergy, parents, grandparents, godparents, aunts, uncles, and friends of our treasured college students—to be generous in your offering of support to this ministry on their behalf. If October 6 is not a good date for your parish, please make the collection on another Sunday in October. Donations may be sent to the OCF National Office, 50 Goddard Avenue, Brookline, MA 02445 or made online at www.ocf.net/donate.

The vision of the Orthodox Christian Fellowship is to be the loving presence of Christ and the Orthodox Church on college campuses; to be an integral part of students' spiritual formation by challenging them to explore the Faith; and to inspire students to commit to living an Orthodox Christian way of life daily. This is accomplished via a growing network of on-campus OCF chapters led by talented students, clergy, and lay advisors as well as through programs such as Regional Retreats, College Conference, Real Break, and the Summer Leadership Institute.

We are grateful for both your prayers and support. May our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ who calls all of us to contribute to the ministry of His Church guide and strengthen our cherished and beloved college students.

Working in His Vineyard with much love,

+Metropolitan Gregory of Nyssa

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