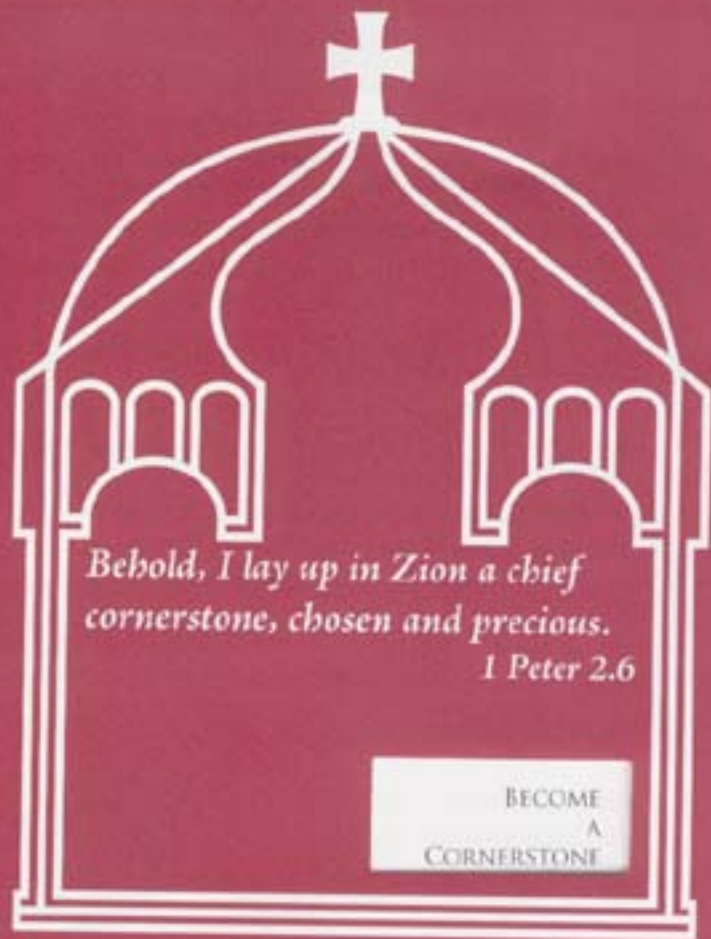


PATRIARCH
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INSTITUTE

The time has come for
Orthodox Christian Studies
in the Western United States



OUR MISSION

The Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute is the only independent Orthodox educational center in the western United States offering graduate programs in Orthodox Studies.

The Institute exists to educate, communicate, promote, and sustain the traditions, values, teachings, and culture of Orthodox Christianity. The Institute advances a strong, effective and highly visible witness of Orthodoxy in the western United States through: teaching; offering academic lectures and symposia; housing a museum; publishing books; sponsoring the Orthodox campus ministry (OCF) effort at the University of California, Berkeley and the Graduate Theological Union; providing scholarships to PAOI students; and offering on-going educational programs for visitors from across the United States.

OUR HISTORY

Established in 1981 through the combined efforts of local Orthodox Church leaders and members of the faculty and administration of the Graduate Theological Union, the Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute has advanced opportunities for Orthodox theological education in America.



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Over the last 25 years, the Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute has:

- Continuously offered courses in Orthodox Christian Studies at the Graduate Theological Union.
- Inaugurated the Master of Arts program in Orthodox Christian Studies, the only graduate degree program in Orthodoxy west of Pennsylvania.
- Established the Alexander G. Spanos Chair in Eastern Orthodox Studies.
- Sponsored the Distinguished Lecture Series, featuring internationally known scholars.
- Sustained a campus ministry program (OCF) for students with a weekly gathering for worship, dinner, discussion, fellowship and service.
- Received the distinction of being designated "patriarchal" by the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. The Institute is the only center of learning in the United States with this designation.

WHO IS A CORNERSTONE MEMBER?



Cornerstone members are among the Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute's most valued partners. These individuals believe **the time has come for a premier, full-fledged academic program of Orthodox Christian Studies in the western United States.**

As visionaries, Cornerstone members believe that the Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute at the Graduate Theological Union across from the University of California, Berkeley, is positioned to accomplish this goal.

Cornerstone members are committed to strengthening the existing programs offered at the Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute: the M.A. in Orthodox Christian Studies, campus ministry, community education, and book publishing.

We invite you to be a part of laying a new foundation for the future of the Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute.

Patriarch Athenagoras was Archbishop of America (1930-1948) and Ecumenical Patriarch (1948-1972).

OUR FUTURE

The Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute is poised to become the first major center for Orthodox Christian Studies in the western United States. With your participation in the Cornerstone Stewardship program, the Institute will be able to fill that vital need.

Specifically, our vision for accomplishing this goal is to:

- Secure and strengthen the present level of programming and operations offered by the Institute and expand to include four faculty members, develop the first Ph.D. program for Orthodox Christian Studies in the United States, and eventually establish a Master of Divinity program.
- Offer scholarships for students enrolled in PAOI programs.
- Eliminate all mortgages to clear the way for development of a new facility to house faculty offices, classrooms, a new chapel, a rare book room, housing, and additional parking.
- Develop a Certificate program for those interested in ordination to the Diaconate or for those interested in pursuing a vocation in Parish Ministries.
- Offer Community Education programs each semester for those interested in learning more about the Orthodox Christian Faith and Heritage.
- Support InterOrthodox Press by publishing three new Orthodox theological books each year.

THE CORNERSTONE STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Our goal is to raise \$1.5 million to help launch the next phase of the Institute's quest to become **the Orthodox center of learning in the western United States.**

We invite you to take the lead in helping us accomplish our goal by participating in this vital program and becoming a foundational "cornerstone" in shaping the future of the Institute.

HOW CAN YOU JOIN?

Members of the unique Cornerstone Stewardship Program agree to make a gold level pledge of \$5000 to the mission of the Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute. You may also participate at the \$3000 level. In recognition of this historic pledge you will receive a beautiful commemorative "cornerstone" for your home or office and your name on a special plaque at the Institute.

Four ways to give:

- One time gift of \$5000 or \$3000
- Two gifts of \$2500 for two years or \$1500 for two years
- \$1000 annually for 5 or 3 years
- Monthly or quarterly pledges in an amount you designate

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Please charge my MasterCard or VISA (circle one) in the amount of \$_____.

I authorize the Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute to charge my MasterCard or VISA (circle one) in the amount of \$_____ per month/per quarter (circle one) to fulfill my pledge

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