

The 23rd Annual
Knippa Interfaith/Ecumenical
Lecture Series

Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko

Dean Emeritus

St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary

“Humanity in God’s Image:
An Eastern Christian View”

Sunday, January 31, 2010 at 7 p.m.

An informal reception will follow in Knippa Hall

Grace Lutheran Church
2331 East 5th Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma
918-592-2999

Parking Shuttle Service Available
from Educare Center and Kendall Whittier Elementary School,
one block east of Grace Church at 5th Place and S. Atlanta Ave.

In recognition of the distinguished ministry
of the Rev. Dr. Clarence W. Knippa,
an endowment fund for a lecture series
was established on the occasion
of the 50th Anniversary of his ordination.
The purpose of the Knippa Interfaith/
Ecumenical Lecture Series is to foster
and promote understanding, respect
and appreciation for the religious and ethical
traditions and concerns of others.



“How good and pleasant for brothers
and sisters to dwell together in unity.”

About Fr. Thomas Hopko...



Thomas John Hopko was born on March 28, 1939 in Endicott, New York, where he was educated in the public schools. He graduated from Union-Endicott High School in 1956. He was baptized and raised in St. Mary's Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Church in Endicott.

Fr. Hopko holds a B.A. in Russian Studies from Fordham University, 1960; a M. Div. from St. Vladimir's Seminary, 1963; an M.A. in Philosophy from Duquesne University, 1969; and a Ph.D. in Theology from Fordham University, 1982.

He holds the rank of Protopresbyter in the Orthodox Church in America and is now in his 47th year of priestly service. He served as pastor of churches in Warren, Ohio (1963-68), Wappingers Falls, NY (1968-1978), and Jamaica Estates, NY (1978-1983). He was rector of Three Hierarchs Chapel at St. Valdimir's Seminary from 1992-2002.

From 1968 to 2002 he was on the faculty of St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary in Crestwood, NY where he taught courses in Dogmatic Theology, Practical Theology, Homiletics, Hagiology and Spirituality.

He served as Dean of SVS from September 1992 until retiring from this office in July 2002. He was given the title of *Dean Emeritus* by the SVS Board of Trustees.

Fr. Hopko served as a member of the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches and as a delegate from the Orthodox Church in America to the World Council of Churches' Assemblies in Uppsala, Sweden and Nairobi, Kenya. He also served as President of the Orthodox Theological Society in America.

Fr. Hopko presents regular podcasts *Speaking the Truth in Love* and *The Names and Titles of Jesus* on Ancient Faith Radio. You may listen to these talks, and other lectures on various subjects, at www.ancientfaithradio.com

Married to Anne Schmemmann in 1963, Fr. Hopko and his wife have five married children (a son and four daughters) and 16 grandchildren. The Hopkos now live in Ellwood City, Pennsylvania where Fr. Hopko serves at the Orthodox Monastery of the Transfiguration, a monastery for women founded by Mother Abbess Alexandra (Princess Ileana of Romania).