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## **Annual Fr. Schmemmann Lecture to celebrate 50 years of OCA autocephaly**

ST. VLADIMIR'S ORTHODOX THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, ON THE OCCASION OF THE FEAST OF THE THREE HIERARCHS & THE 37TH FR. ALEXANDER SCHMEMMANN MEMORIAL LECTURE, PRESENTS A SPECIAL CELEBRATION:

# **THE ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA 50 YEARS OF AUTOCEPHALY**



**JANUARY 30, 2020**

The 37th Annual Father Alexander Schmemmann Lecture, slated to be held on the campus of Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary [SVOTS] on Thursday, January 30, 2020, will commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the autocephaly of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA). The event is one of many being planned by the Orthodox Church in America and her institutions to celebrate the dual anniversary of autocephaly and the glorification of Saint Herman of Alaska. Read the anniversary proclamation by the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in America.

His Eminence Archbishop Michael of New York will deliver the annual lecture. The title of Archbishop Michael's lecture will be "The Gift of Autocephaly". Archbishop Michael's address will cap a day of presentations and workshops by other notable speakers who will address various aspects of the granting of autocephaly by the Church of Russia in 1970. The day will also see the launch of a 50th-anniversary commemorative book edited by Dr. Alexandru Tudorie, Academic Dean of the seminary, and published by SVS Press.

All presentations and lectures will take place at the Metropolitan Philip Auditorium of the John G. Rangos Family Building.

The special, day-long celebration is free to attend, and attendance counts toward

the Orthodox Church in America's Continuing Clergy Development (CCD) requirements.

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