

## Christ is risen!

This summer we will be visiting the U.S. to raise support in preparation for our third two-year term of teaching at the Resurrection of Christ Orthodox Seminary in Albania. We are looking forward to speaking in parishes and visiting groups interested in supporting our work. Let us know if your parish or groups are interested in having us visit and speak about the seminary and the Church in Albania. We are now trying to complete our travel schedule for the summer. At present, we are planning to travel through Texas and the eastern half of the US between late June and early September.



**Resurrection of Christ Orthodox Theological Seminary in Shen Vlash  
On the feast of Theophany, we had the first snow in Shen Vlash since 2010**

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To continue our work here, your monthly support will make possible another two years of service teaching future clergy and lay leaders in Albania. On-going gifts designated for the Macdonald Family can be made through the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) at [www.ocmc.org](http://www.ocmc.org) or by calling (904) 828-5132.

As we finish our fourth year teaching at the Resurrection of Christ Orthodox Theological Seminary, Jeffrey is teaching courses in church history and on the writings of the Fathers of the Church. Caryn is teaching two English courses, and is also taking a class to learn Byzantine chant, which has given her more opportunities to interact with the students. We are very grateful to those whose support makes it possible for us to teach at the seminary to prepare students to serve Christ in the Orthodox Church in Albania. The seminary continues to pursue accreditation with the hopes of further developing its educational ministry and expanding the opportunities available to our students.

This winter we had an unusual period of severe cold that killed some of the fruit trees and brought the first snow since 2010. The cold was accompanied by a flu epidemic which closed Albania's schools for a week. The cold has finally ended in a green, flower-filled spring. We have had a beautiful holy week. The students travelled to ancient Apollonia in central Albania to hold a service at a medieval monastery which survived the communist period as a museum. We are looking forward to the end of classes, and our trip home to see our family, friends, and supporters.



**Caryn speaking to the women's group at the Cathedral  
of St. Paul and St. Asti, in Durrës.**

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Yours in Christ,  
Prof. Jeffrey and Caryn Macdonald