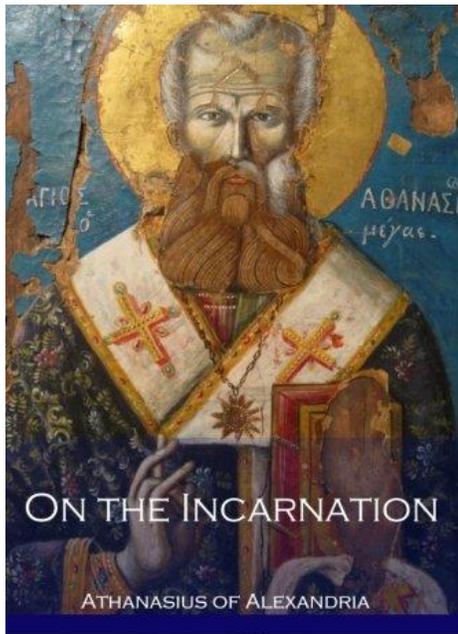


Fourth Year Seminarian Nathaniel Brown's Journey

September 2020

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia! It has been a full month for me, mostly in getting back into the routine of normal coursework at the Seminary.

This month was when classes started. I love being in the classroom again, and for my fourth year, many of my classes are elective classes, so I get to take classes that I am excited to take. One of my classes is a half semester class on Athanasius, the



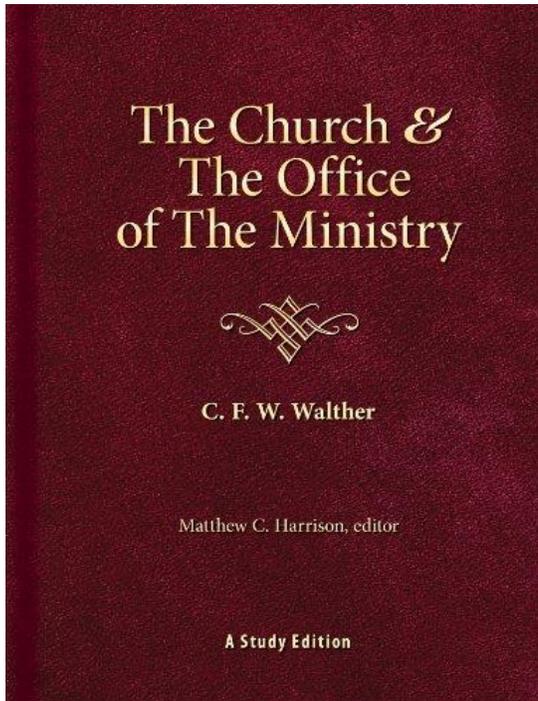
early Church Father from Egypt. Part of the class involved reading one of his works, "On the Incarnation." It was a wonderful book that everyone should read! One of the highlights was how Athanasius described the crucifixion as when Jesus took His Kingship

and was enthroned before all of heaven, and creation literally shook in awe of that moment. The class is wonderful, and getting to read some of the Church Fathers this year helps me to see our world in a different lens as well.

Prayer List:

- For all people, that they may come to the knowledge of Christ and so be saved.
- For all our leaders, that the rules they enact may lead us to quiet and dignified lives.
- That the Church may be strengthened in her mission.
- For the Seminaries in St. Louis and in Ft. Wayne, that they may be led faithfully.
- For all those affected by the Coronavirus pandemic, and for all people working to protect others through this.
- For all pastors and professors that they may be faithful in their service to the Church and to the Scripture
- For all graduates that they may be strengthened in faith as they transition into being called and ordained servants of Christ.
- For my professors as I complete my fourth year, that they may continue to be a well of knowledge needed in training future pastors.

If you have prayer requests, or want to talk, please send them to me! My email is brownn@csl.edu, and my address is: 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105



Another class that I have been loving is my Systematics class. We have been talking about what the Church is and how Pastors are an integral part of the Church. It has been humbling being in this class, realizing that as long as God wills, in a few months, I will be the Pastor of my own congregations. The Pastor is called to a congregation to give Jesus to people, with the water sprinkled on our heads in Baptism, with Jesus literally on our tongues with His Body and Blood in with, and under the bread and wine, and in telling

God's people that their sins are forgiven.

Since this is my fourth year, another exciting thing for me was that the meetings helping us get ready for Call Day, graduation, and our future calls have started as well! The first meeting for me was about a week ago, and we received all of the paperwork to get the process started. I don't like paperwork as much as some people in my class, but this paperwork is pretty important to receive a call in April, so that is motivation enough for me to get it done.



God's blessings to all of you this month! My address for the next few months is Nathaniel Brown, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105.†