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**FR. GEORGE S. STEPHANIDES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
AWARDED AT HOLY CROSS**

Presvytera Elaine and Dr. Steven Stephanides traveled to Boston to attend the Awards Ceremony at Hellenic College-Holy Cross School of Theology where they



awarded the first annual scholarship in memory of Father George Stephanides, founding pastor of St. Paul's Church. Dan Hoarste was selected from a group of highly qualified applicants. He is a young man of Romanian Orthodox background who emigrated from Romania to the United States with his family ten years ago and graduated from the University of Michigan before enrolling in Holy Cross. He now is a member of the senior class and will graduate in May 2008. He is an excellent student who not only demonstrates leadership ability, but possesses those qualities necessary for a dedicated pastoral priest of our Church. He served as class president for three years, student representative to the Faculty Council and has been chosen to serve as Ecclesiarch during his senior year. In describing his vision for his future ministry, he said " I hope to be a parish priest someday, by the Grace of God, and to minister a community of faithful people with love, patience and compassion. I pray that I will be able to reach to all: young people, married couples and the elderly and to be able to guide them on the path toward

salvation." We congratulate this outstanding young man and pray that the Lord grant him continued success in his studies and a bright future in the Holy Priesthood.

The Stephanides Family offered this scholarship in memory of Father George on the tenth anniversary of his death, to honor his priesthood, and to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his graduation from Holy Cross School of Theology.. By the Grace of God, the fund will continue and a scholarship will be awarded annually to a student at Holy Cross who plans to be ordained to the priesthood.

Those who have expressed a desire to contribute to this fund are welcome to do so by sending their contribution to St. Paul's Church with "Father George Stephanides Scholarship" on the memo line.