

## Academic Activities of our Czech Clergy

The senior clergyman of our Holy Synod's mission in the Czech Republic, the Reverend Hieromonk Father Dr. Gorazd (Vopatrný), who teaches at the prestigious Charles University (founded in the fourteenth century) and directs the program in Orthodox studies in the Hussite Theological Faculty, is the author of a chapter in a recent book, *Burial and Cemeteries*, published by the Czech publisher Wolter-Kluwer. His contribution, "Pravoslavná Církev" (The Orthodox Church) discusses Orthodox Church history, faith, and spirituality, as well as the burial practices and services for the reposed in Orthodox practice.

Father Gorazd also recently delivered an address at a conference, "Churches in the Czech land and the Question of Nationalism," held on October 21 and 22, 2011, at the historical Imperial Hall of the Carolinium (Charles University's oldest building). His topic was "The Orthodox Church and Nationalism."

In addition to these activities, he has been asked to submit entries to the forthcoming *Encyclopedia of Eastern Christianity*, to which two other of our Czech married clergy—the Reverend Father Dr. Jirí Ján, who is serving in Greece, and the Reverend Father Dr. Chariton Mrázek, who serves in the Australian Exarchate of our Church—have been asked to submit entries.