

Anton Vladimirovich Tikhomirov was born on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 1971 in Leningrad. He spent most of his preschool years with his grandmother and grandfather in the city of Luga in the Leningrad oblast (state). He finished school in 1988. After an unsuccessful attempt to gain admittance into the philosophy department at Leningrad State University, he worked for a short time in the Leningrad Optical/Technical Factory. Afterwards he served two years in the army, more exactly, in a special services brigade of the National Guard of the USSR. He served in zones of conflict, including Nagorniy-Karabakh.

In 1992 he was accepted at St. Petersburg State University in the journalism department; he finished his studies there in 1997 with honors. He has been a member of St. Ekaterina Lutheran church on Vasilevskii Island since 1991. In 1993 he was blessed for service as a deacon (preacher) of that congregation and was ordained in 1996. He participated in the organization of the congregation and its joining of the ELC. He continued to serve as a pastor of that congregation, where he worked with Estonian and Russian-speaking congregants. He also regularly served in the congregation in the city of Archangelsk. In addition he cooperated frequently with those working in the church magazine "Der Bote." He was a participant in the preparation of the new hymnal for the ELC. He studied in our seminary from 1997-2000, where he met his wife Sofia, a classmate.

After finishing the Seminary he was sent for further studies in Germany (the University of Erlangen - Nurnberg) where he first received a master's of theology and then defended his doctoral dissertation on the Russian translations of German church hymnody. In Germany, the Tikhomirov's gave birth to a daughter, Arina, and two sons – Nikita and Arseniy.

Anton has been working in the Seminary since September 2005.

Favorite author: probably Andrey Platonov.

Favorite poets: Joseph Brodsky and Nikolai Gumilev.

Musical tastes: Boris Grebenshchikov, a number of jazz movements, musicals.