

29.11.05 - Guests from America

The Seminary had the opportunity to host a number of guests from the United States on Nov. 13-16.

These guests were – Rafael Malpica-Padilla, Executive Director for the Division for Global Mission (DGM) of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), Said Ailabouni, DGM Area Director for Europe and the Middle East, and Twila Shock, DGM's regional representative. During their stay they were able to take part in the weekly Holy Communion service and to meet with the Seminary's students and faculty in an informal atmosphere. On Monday the 14th there was an important meeting between the American guests, the seminary President, and the leadership of ELCROS – Archbishop Edmund Ratz, Head Administrator Hans Schwan and President of the Synod, Alexander Pastor. There they discussed the future paths and opportunities for partnership between the churches. Besides visiting our seminary, the guests' program also included visiting other church structures and institutions, including a visit to the seminary of the Church of Ingria in Koltushi.