SILVESTR OF BILOHOROD

The Vocation of Academic Monasticism. The Example of Kiev Theological Academy

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In the 19th century Russian monasticism developed a tendency to scholarly research in theology and patristics, often referred to as a vocation to "learned monasticism". This phenomenon gave rise to great figures of theologians, patrologists, church historians. An important role in this process is that of the Theological Academies, and in particular the Theological Academy of Kiev, which still today carries out its ministry of theological education in close contact with the monastic environment of the Lavra of the Caves.