Dinner Discussion Mon, 12/04/06

- Compline service
- Upcoming events:
  TODAY – Last dinner discussion for fall
  Dec 27-Dec 31 : OCF Conference St. Nicholas Ranch
  Jan 12-15 : YAL Tahoe Ski Trip
  Fri, Jan 19 – Movie night!!!!  Potluck.  Movie?
  Church trip together?
  Speakers for fall?
  Day of week for fall dinner discussions – restart week of Mon, Jan 8th

- Discussion:
  o The Doctrine of the New Birth Through the Instrumentality of the Word of God
    - Biola's Doctrinal Statement Concerning the New Birth and the Word
      - “Men…are born again by the quickening, renewing, cleansing work of the Holy Spirit, through the instrumentality of the Word of God”.
      - In stating that the new birth is effected by the Spirit through the instrumentality of the Word of God with no reference to any other instruments, the writers of this statement can be assumed to believe that no other instrumental means are necessary for the effecting of new birth.
    - The Orthodox teaching on the instrumentality for being born again as involving the necessity of the sacraments and the hierarchy of the church denies that the new birth is effected solely by faith through the instrumentality of the Word of God.
      - The new birth is effected through the sacraments (especially baptism)
      - The new birth is effected through the necessary instrumentality of the Orthodox hierarchical ministry