

Lecture at the Center for Traditionalist Orthodox Studies Etna, California

ON SATURDAY, evening, August 16/29, 2009, Mr. Brooks Alexander, the well-known religious writer and retired President of the Spiritual Counterfeit Project (SPC), a Christian “think tank” headquartered in Berkeley, California, was invited to give a talk in the lecture hall of the Center for Traditionalist Orthodox Studies at the St. Gregory Palamas Monastery. (*See photograph below.*) Mr. Alexander is a nationally recognized expert on cults and has written widely on the growth of witchcraft and the occult in American society.

A 1960s activist at the height of the “psychedelic” era, he converted to Christianity after a profound spiritual experience. Using his



educational background in politics and law, he became an active defender of Christian rights and social values.

In his fascinating talk, Mr. Alexander described his conversion, his subsequent Christian activism, his involvement with the Campus Crusade for Christ and the original founders of the so-called “Evangelical Orthodox Church,” and subsequent developments in his personal faith. He also graciously expressed his deep appreciation for the profundity of traditional Orthodox Christian teachings.

His audience of some forty listeners was thoroughly captivated by the speaker’s candid, theologically perceptive, and objective presentation.

