

Summer Newsletter 2016

The monastery brotherhood greets you with the blessing of Pentecost at the descent of the Most Holy Spirit. It has been a busy time since Nativity and many activities are happening here at the Monastery.



Fr. Archimandrite Athanasys, one of the beloved members of our community, passed away on Friday, February 6th, 2016. He was the keeper of St. Anna and a favorite of the Seminarians and community, always willing to counsel, help and pray for those who asked his aid. He will be deeply missed by our entire community and we pray that his memory be eternal!

In January and May, the Monastery Chamber Choir was on WVIA Radio (NPR) which highlighted the Choir during a special program to promote the Monastery and the Chamber Choir. During the Memorial Day

pilgrimage, Benedict Sheehan and the Chamber singers performed at St. Stephen's Cathedral to the delight of all present including Metropolitan Tikhon, Archbishop Benjamin, Archbishop Michael and many who were encountering Orthodoxy for the first time! Our goal is to continue to reach out and engage the surrounding area and culture while proclaiming the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ through the most powerful medium we have: Our Orthodox Liturgical Music.



Memorial Day this year was a wonderful success thanks to the work, support and prayers of our entire community. The miraculous myrrh-streaming Hawaiian Icon of the Mother of God was present, consoling and bring great joy to the faithful.

Archbishop Demetrios, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church, during his first visit to our monastery, was honored with an honorary doctorate at the Seminary Graduation commencement.

Archbishop Demetrios not only visited the monastery but also blessed us with the commencement address at this year's graduation.



On Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, Fr. Maximus, one of the brothers, was ordained hierodeacon for our monastery community. We ask God to grant him many faithful years of service. Axios!

During the three days of the Memorial Day pilgrimage we also had the first ever young singer's conference sponsored by the Monastery and PATRAM (The Patriarch Tikhon Russian American Music Institute.) We had nearly 25 participants for the three-day intensive workshop that hosted young singers (ages 18-40) from across America. It was a great success! For information on next year's young singer's workshop, please contact PATRAMINSTITUTE.ORG. We hope to see you there to sing for the main Hierarchical Liturgy on Monday of Memorial Day.



We invite all of you to our upcoming pilgrimage days: St. Anna's Day on July 24th, St. Tikhon's Day, our Patron, on August 13th, Founders Day on October 9th, and next year's Memorial Day Pilgrimage on May 26th-29th. Come and receive the great grace and hospitality given during these special days!

St. Anna has been busy visiting parishes during retreats with Fr. Sergius at the following churches: Christ the Savior, San Francisco, California; Holy Ascension, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina; Icon of Unexpected Joy Church, Ash Grove, Missouri; St. Stephen's, Orlando, Florida; and St. Anthony's & St. Nikolai of South Canaan, Butte/Bozeman, Montana. We thank all the parishes for hosting St. Anna. Please visit our website for upcoming visitations in your area!



The brotherhood continues to work diligently for the Church and our Lord, offering prayers and daily Liturgy for the salvation of all. Fr. Gabriel continues to help at Holy Annunciation Greek Parish in Wilkes-Barre, PA. Fr. Innokenty works hard packing your books for shipment at the Bookstore. Fr. Nicodemus labors tirelessly in the Church readying for the next service (two or more every day.) Fr. Michael continues to work at the Seminary library helping students and faculty. Fr. Kyril makes the seasonal honey you purchase at the bookstore. Hierodeacon Herman is returning to join the brotherhood in July and will continue his good work in liturgical publishing. Hierodeacon Maximus is already busy working on next year's calendar. Br. Stephen, our guest master, now helps roast our monastery coffee which is now available. Br. Anton restores icons and frescos in the Church and around the property. Br. Stephanos labors night and day making candles which are available for purchase through the bookstore while Br. Daniel directs the choir and helps with the choral typography. We also welcome Seraphim and Hesychios who have joined us as postulants and are exploring their potential vocations.

Please remember us in your prayers as the monks remember you and your requests. Prayer requests can be sent through the monastery website at Sttikhonsmonastery.org.



St. Tikhon's Monastery is now roasting coffee and has been a great success. Burning Bush Coffee is unique in that it is manually roasted (by a 'real person') on the monastery grounds. The coffee is purchased from high quality, unique, specialty grade beans from around the world. St. Tikhon's offers coffee beans that carry organic, fair-trade and Rainforest Alliance certifications as well as non-certified coffees from reputable farms that have socially, environmentally and economically sustainable practices in place. Currently coffee imports are from Ethiopia, Guatemala, Brazil, Tanzania and more. Customers can choose whole bean or various ground coffee options. Please contact the bookstore directly for more information at stspress.com!

We thank you again for your continued support of the important work that happens here at America's oldest Orthodox Monastery. Be assured of our prayers for you and your families and may the Lord grant you a blessed and restful summer season. May God bless you all!

In Christ,
St. Tikhon's Monastery Brotherhood