

ST. TIKHON'S MONASTERY NEWSLETTER

Summer 2019

WE GREET YOU with the Feast of Pentecost and the beauty of springtime. Our Memorial Day pilgrimage has just finished, and many commented that it was one of the best. His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon presided along with many guest hierarchs and visiting clergy during the weekend of festivities which included the visitation of the Hawaiian-Iveron myrrh-streaming Icon and the premiere of Benedict Sheehan's new *Liturgy*. The Seminary's graduating class numbered fifteen, and we are grateful to God to be able to send out many new priests to work in the vineyard of the Lord.



The new dean of the Seminary, Archpriest John Parker, has been a great blessing to Seminary and Monastery both. We are thankful for his work and witness as we labor together in our respective capacities. So many good things are happening for the both communities, and we can only rejoice in God's mercy and your prayerful support!

Last November we were visited by Archimandrite Zacharias from the Monastery of St. John the Baptist in Essex. He spoke to a large gathering of students and guests at the Seminary, and also gave a conference in private to the monastic Brotherhood. It was truly a great blessing to host a holy elder, wise in God, and we eagerly look forward to his next visit!



Our press has released a new title: *The Life and Work of Metropolitan Leonty*, edited by Dr. David Ford. And our revised and expanded prayer book will be available, God willing, later this summer, along with several other titles by year's end. Our Burning Bush coffee roasting continues to grow as we offer micro-lot fair trade beans from around the world. Please check out www.burningbushcoffee.com online and consider using our Agape Meal subscription program for your parish's Sunday coffee hour!

Fr. Sergius has travelled extensively with the miraculous Icon of St. Anna, giving retreats and talks at Holy Virgin Mary Cathedral and Christ the Savior Church, both in San Francisco; St. Seraphim's (Santa Rosa, Calif.); Holy Apostles' Mission and OCF (Cornell, N.Y.); St. Mary Magdalene (Fenton Mich.); St. Ignatius (Twin Falls, Ind.); St. George (Charleston, W.V.); St. Seraphim's Cathedral and Holy Nativity Monastery (Dallas, Tex.); and St. Anthony's (Bozeman, Mont.). These parish visits help to encourage awareness and support of the work at St. Tikhon's. We look forward to visiting *your* parish in the future!



The Monastery Church exterior recently underwent extensive brick repair to both north and south transepts. Serious water damage had acted on a bad batch of bricks resulting in decay requiring immediate attention. With God's help, we found the best workman in the area who did an excellent job. Due to the potential for further damage, we are also planning to beautify the outside of the Church with a special paint that will seal the brick from further, costly damage. The entire project will cost about \$35,000—a large sum! If you would like to support this necessary work with your donation please put a special note!

We welcome Hieromonk Alexis (Trader) back to St. Tikhon's Brotherhood. After twenty-five years on Mount Athos and in Greece, Fr. Alexis has returned to share his years of experience with our community and with the Church in America.

On the eve of Lazarus Saturday, Archimandrite David (Griffith) was tonsured to the small schema; as his health has been failing, we ask your prayers for his renewal and strength. Later that week, on Holy Wednesday, Fr. Stephen and Fr. Stephanos were both tonsured as rasophore-monks. And the newest addition to our community, George, has recently completed his seminary studies and is now discerning his vocation as a postulant in the Monastery.



All the fathers and brothers remain prayerfully busy in their faithful and obedient service to Christ and His holy Church, at times working around the clock to ensure that everything here gets done. Cooking, cleaning, landscaping; iconography, candle- and coffee-making; illustrations and editing for the press; teaching at the seminary;—and now: coffin-making and other carpentry in our new wood shop!

The Saint Tikhon Choir will have a busy Fall, performing Benedict Sheehan's *Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom* in Washington, DC, in concert at St. Peter's, Capitol Hill, Saturday evening, October 19, and in church at Sunday Liturgy at St. Nicholas Primatial Cathedral, October 20. To learn more, go to sainttikhonchoir.org online.

It has been a busy year, and we can't thank you enough for your love, financial support, and prayers. We do what we can, but it is only by your prayers and God's mercy that everything continues to hold together and work well. May the Lord remember you all in His Kingdom, and please be assured that we always remember you here. Our prayers are with you, and if you wish to support the Monastery in a more enduring way, consider becoming a millennial benefactor! May God bless and keep you and those dear to you in the beautiful summer ahead!

With much love in Christ,
St. Tikhon's Monastery Brotherhood