



ST. TIKHON'S MONASTERY NEWSLETTER

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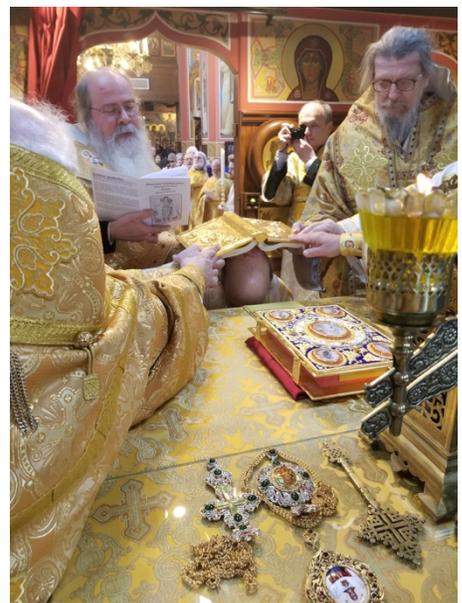
We greet you all with the Feast of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Church of God. This has been a year full of heavy trials and disappointments for us all. The pandemic and, on its heels, the mounting civil unrest are challenges that we must continue to approach with faith and trust in God. Here at the monastery we're grateful that we've been able to maintain our daily round of services and prayers for the Church and the whole world as we all continue to face uncertainty together.



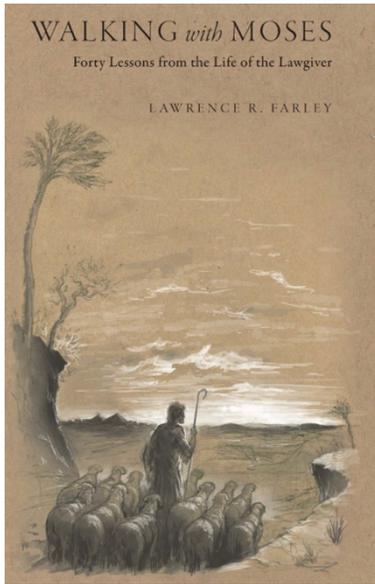
The brotherhood currently numbers eighteen after one of our monks, Archimandrite David (Griffith), fell asleep in the Lord on May 31. His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon presided at Fr. David's burial a few days later. Before coming to St. Tikhon's in 2017, Fr. David served for many years as a priest in the Antiochian Archdiocese and, for a time, in the Church of Greece. Please remember him in your prayers!

In January, our own Archimandrite Alexis (Trader) was ordained a bishop of Christ's holy Church at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Washington, D.C.. His Grace Bishop Alexis of Bethesda now serves as an auxiliary to Metropolitan Tikhon, assisting him in overseeing the Church's stavropegial institutions and in various other capacities. His Grace continues to reside here with the brotherhood.

Sadly, due to the COVID pandemic the monastery has been closed to the public since March 17. We are hoping to open the bookstore



with the required safety guidelines by mid-June. The monastery itself, however, will continue to refrain from receiving guests due to safety concerns for the monks. Stay tuned to the monastery Facebook page and website for developments.



Our bookstore and press are busy with many irons in the fire. We've recently released two new publications: *Walking with Moses*, a forty-day reflection by Fr. Lawrence Farley, and *Sing to Your Soul*, a selection of passages from St. John Chrysostom arranged by topic and translated by Dr. David Ford. A new book of music for Great Vespers, ideal for small choirs, is in the final phases of editing, and several other titles are in the works. For updates, visit our brand new bookstore and press website: STMpress.com.

On Lazarus Saturday, we began to live-stream our services on YouTube and Facebook. Many have written to let us know what a great blessing this was for them. Indeed, for us too it has been a blessing to be a part of so many people's celebration of Pascha and now of Pentecost, not only by sharing our services online, but also by commemorating the thousands of names submitted for prayer. We want to assure you all of our continued love, prayers, and readiness to help. Please send us your commemoration cards or request prayers at stikhonsmonastery.org.

We know that the shelter-in-place orders have been a difficult cross to bear. But we also know that all things work for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose. Circumstances have forced us to look within, and this has been an opportunity for spiritual growth. This is what the providence of God offers us if we can receive this and all the circumstances of our life with faith, prayer, and hope.

We want to thank all those who support us financially and all those who remember us in prayer. We are especially grateful to our Millennial Patrons who donate \$1,000 or more each year and who, in turn, are commemorated each morning at Divine Liturgy, are sent all new publications from our press, and are presented with a gift when they renew their annual patronage. As our brotherhood continues to grow, we are in immediate need of an additional house. Please prayerfully consider a special donation toward that goal. For more details, search online for "GoFundMe New Monk House." You can donate there or by mailing a check marked for "new house."

No matter who you are or how you help, we are deeply grateful for your continued support, especially during these troubling times. May the Lord bless you all, keep you healthy and strong in His service, and give you the peace that passeth all understanding.

In Christ our Savior,
St. Tikhon's Monastery Brotherhood

