

ST. TIKHON'S MONASTERY NEWSLETTER

Summer 2022

BELOVED of the Lord, we greet you at the beginning of the Nativity Fast as we prepare to journey to the cave and meet the newborn Christ. As usual, so many activities and good things continue to abound by God's mercy at St. Tikhon's Monastery.

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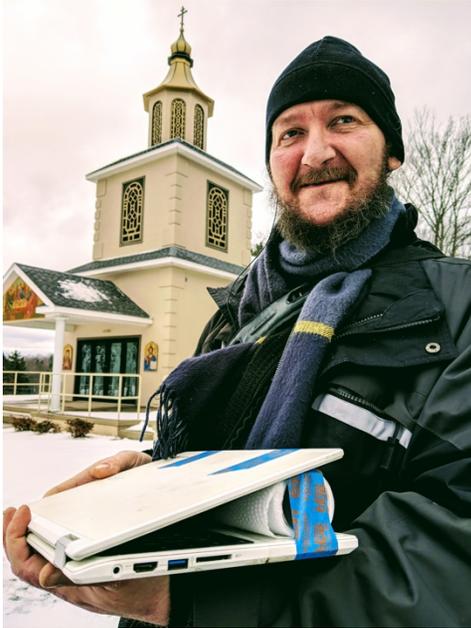
In June we broke ground to begin the building of our new school of iconography which is being made possible thanks to a generous donation of funds restricted to this purpose alone. We are currently pouring the walls for the school and hope it will be ready by next Fall. Anton and Ekaterina Daineko have arrived from Belarus and, together with Ivan Rumiantsev, our long-time resident iconographer, they will be the primary teachers for the new school. Anton and Ekaterina

have already created a world-class program of iconography at St. Elizabeth's Convent in Minsk and, by God's grace, they will do the same at St. Tikhon's. Please stay tuned for updates; God willing, applications for the program will be open next summer.

The brotherhood has twenty members and even after building our new St. Nicholas House two years ago, we have only one or two rooms still available for those who might want to join. The brotherhood continues its work in both contemplation and ac-



tion, with our life focused first on prayer and second on activities: teaching, preaching, visiting parishes with the icon of St. Anna, candle-making, icon-painting, woodworking, coffee roasting, hospitality, art and design work, outreach to community, and more! This is all thanks to your continued love and support for America's oldest Orthodox Monastery.



Sadly, in recent months we have lost two important longterm members of St. Tikhon's Monastery: His Beatitude Metropolitan Herman and Monk Arseny. Metropolitan Herman served the community here since 1959, offering his life for the building up of St. Tikhon's Seminary and Monastery. He served the diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania as the ruling bishop from 1981 to 2002, and as primate of the Orthodox Church in America from 2002 to 2008, laboring tirelessly for the Church as a faithful servant of the Lord. Both he and Fr. Arseny offered so much of

their lives to the community here and both will be greatly missed. May their memory be eternal!

Our new course of studies in liturgical music has four students this year and continues to offer a one-year program for choir directors. Please see sttikhonmusicprogram.com for more information, and note as well our offerings of monthly weekend workshops, available in person and often by Zoom!



Fr. Archimandrite Sergius visited the Monastery of St. John the Baptist in Essex, England this past Summer to spend time with Archimandrite Zecharias and the community there. The monastery here at St. Tikhon's has now been designated the unique American distributor of all of Fr. Zecharias's new books, whether in English, Greek, or Romanian. For more details and many forthcoming titles, please visit stmpress.com.

We cannot thank you enough for your support! All that we do, we do with your help, love, and prayers. We especially thank our millennial patrons who go above and beyond to help the monastery each year and make our work possible on so many levels. May the Lord continue to bless and keep each of you! Be assured of our prayers for you and all of your petitions. Wishing you a blessed and wondrous Nativity Season, we remain

Yours in Christ,

St. Tikhon's Monastery Brotherhood