ST. TIKHON'S MONASTERY NEWSLETTER

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Beloved of God, it's again that time when we experience the renewal of Pentecost not only in our hearts but in the environment around us as it emerges from the darkness of winter to the light of life. A busy winter and spring have flown by here at St. Tikhon's as we continue to labor diligently to build and maintain this holy habitation.

Work continues on the new icon studio which, God willing, will provide America with its first-ever icon school! We anticipate a large part of it being completed by the end of the year. Anton and Ekaterina Daineko from Belarus will be teaching here as well as our own Ivan Roumiantsev. To learn more and even apply as a student, please contact abbotsergius@gmail.com. More information is forthcoming and a workshop for potential students is planned for the last weekend of July.

The monastery music program for choir directors begins its third year this coming Fall after graduating four students this May. This one-year curriculum has some of the best and brightest faculty to bring about a wonderful transformation in each student. To explore further, please visit sttikhonsmusicprogram.com.

The twenty members of the monastic brotherhood continue their prayerful labors for building up not only the monastery but the entire Church. Praying, teaching, preaching, pastoral duties, publishing, and various other labors: these are a few of the ascetic tasks of the monks who offer their lives to the Lord and His Church. By God's mercy, Divine Liturgy is celebrated here daily, so if you have special prayer requests for the sick and suffering, please send them to us in the mail or online at sttikhonsmonastery.org/prayer_requests.

At the Memorial Day Pilgrimage, Archimandrite Zacharias will be joining us from the Monastery of St. John the Baptist in Essex, England. As the heir and carrier of the legacy of St. Sophrony and St. Silouan, Elder Zacharias will be speaking to the general public along with the Archimandrite Peter, the Monastery's abbot, who will offer the commencement address at the Seminary. St. Tikhon's continue to be the sole American distributor of the elder's new books, so please visit us online at stmpress.com to see all his new and forthcoming titles.

The new welcome center and pond is near completion. We're grateful for everyone who has helped with work on the pond and supporting the project. Handicapped accessible, it provides a large area to gather, relax, and have a picnic or a cup of coffee. A magnificent new mosaic of the Dormition was donated by Ann Quinlin in memory of her family, the Schuster family. Thank you, Ann, for this offering! A beautiful path leads to the mosaic and then on to the church. We hope you'll enjoy the new welcome center on your next visit. Many passers-by have stopped in because of the inviting beauty that opens up the monastery for all.

Lent and Pascha seemed to go by very quickly this year. Metropolitan Tikhon was with us during the first week of Lent and set the tone for a season of renewed repentance, love, and prayer that culminated in a glorious Pascha. We are so thankful to God for His Beatitude's continued support for the Monastery of St. Tikhon of Zadonsk. His Beatitude celebrated ten years as Metropolitan last November. Please join us in keeping him in prayer and congratulating him on his anniversary. Eis polla eti, Despota!

Archimandrite Sergius, together with the wonderworking icon of St. Anna, has given several recent retreats to parishes across America. Last month he visited St. Innocent's Cathedral in Anchorage, Alaska as well as St. Herman's Church in Wasilla. It's wonderful to see so many alumni formed at the Monastery and Seminary doing good and godly work in their parishes. So often it's not just those whom we visit who are benefitted but we ourselves are enriched when we encounter the faith, hope, and love of the members of the Body of Christ. It is always a mutual blessing for all! Bookings for retreats are for one year ahead, and if you are interested in hosting one, please contact us.

As always, we thank you for your love, your support, and your prayers for our community that embraces so many and has been here so long. It is our privilege to continue carrying the cross here—and the light and joy which it offers to all. But we can't do it without you! May God continue to bless and keep you all! Be assured of our prayers and gratitude for you always.

With love in Christ,
The Monastery Brotherhood