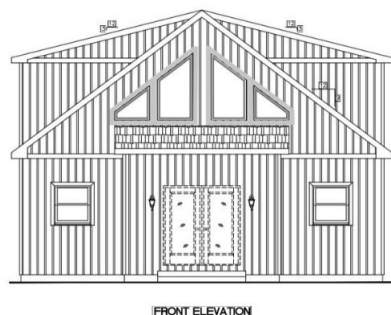


SAINT TIKHON'S MONASTERY
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SPRINGTIME, bursting with all of the flowers and gardens, and moving warmly towards summer is a beautiful time here at St. Tikhon's Monastery. We give thanks to God for all the good things He continues to do for us and a special thanks to you for all your love and support! The past year has been filled with events and opportunities for outreach, prayer, teaching, and growth, with many pilgrims and faithful enjoying the fruits of our monastic labor for the Church in America.

The most prominent new development to mention is the work begun on our monastic dining hall. After some discussion and prayer, we decided that we would build a new commercial dining facility where the monastics and overnight pilgrims and families will be able to eat together with plenty of room! Currently, we are out of room for new monastics as well as space and seating for extra guests. We are also going



FRONT ELEVATION



to address the extensive work that the old dining hall next to Church so desperately needs as well, including a new roof and interior redo of everything from floors to bathrooms to finishing the final work on the plumbing. This is the most cost-effective approach to our situation and we could use your help if you are able! Through the kindness of several people, we have already raised \$400,000 of the \$600,000 needed for the new dining hall and the building is in process as we speak. The plans for the front of the building are pictured to the upper left and the foundation progress is on the lower left. If you would like to assist with the project just mark "New Dining hall" in the memo of your donation. At the very least, we ask you to pray! We always are trying to pray here, but your prayers are absolutely essential to us, too. With your help, we will be able to continue our efforts towards making St. Tikhon's Monastery a place for everyone to enjoy more and more in future years. The big dining hall renovations next to the Church will continue as well as money becomes available, but the roof is a non-

negotiable need and should be done by June.

In the fifth week of Great Lent this year, Hierodeacon George was tonsured to the small schema and is now Hierodeacon Gerasim. We congratulate him on his tonsure and ask God to grant him many fruitful years of repentance and fidelity to our Lord and His Church. The more tonsured monastics reside at St. Tikhon's Monastery, the more stability and grace is available to be offered to the Church for growth and renewal. So let us all pray for the monastics, and by doing so help our own local Churches!



The music and arts programs continue to provide opportunities for many, far and wide, to study at the monastery. One of our resident iconographers, Anton Dianeko, recently painted the new icon of All Saints of North America, with all nineteen saints of North America. Prints will be available from the national Church in the near future. We felt privileged for our icon school to paint this important and historic icon. The iconography program currently has six students and will be accepting new students for the coming year.



The music program strives to produce high quality choir directors with both our one-year residency certificate track as well as many weekend workshops throughout the year, for musicians of all levels to grow and advance in their vocation at their parishes. For more information for workshops and the programs visit www.stmarts.org and stikhonsmusicprogram.com, or the monastery website which has links to them all. Pictured below is one of our recent basic conducting workshops in February which had more than thirty attendees!

Recently, Fr. Igumen Raphael returned to the monastery after being gone for several decades serving a parish in Canada. We welcome him back home! This brings our current number to twenty, which is just about full capacity.



We want to thank you for your continued support and love of St. Tikhon's Monastery—especially our millennial members! We remember you all always, and please do not hesitate to contact us with your prayer requests and questions through the website so we may continue to help you on your spiritual journey. Divine Liturgy is served daily at the altar and place that St. Tikhon of Moscow, St. Raphael, St. Nikolai of Zicha, and many other saints served. We are privileged and honored to be here working for you and the Church through the many faceted ministries which the monastery continues to offer. May God bless and keep you all in the grace and comfort of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ!

With much love,
St. Tikhon's Monastery Brotherhood