

Monastery Newsletter Fall 2011

Beloved of the Lord,

As fall begins here in Northeastern PA, we give thanks to God for another year of blessings: crosses, resurrections and trials which purify our souls and make them fit



vessels for His grace and mercy. By God's grace, we currently have 17 monastics in the Monastery Brotherhood. So much has occurred since our last newsletter, it will be difficult to remember it all. We thank all of our supporters, friends and visitors who have come to see us during the past year and we again extend an open invitation for all to come to visit for a service or over-night in one of our guest facilities.

It is with great joy that the Brotherhood recently welcomed Fr.

Athanasios and St. Anna when they joined the Brotherhood here at St. Tikhon's Monastery. St. Anna is now in the St. Theodosius Chapel of the Monastery. Every Sunday, when St. Anna is not traveling, we have a molieben for healing and help to her in the All Saints of North America Chapel (formerly the icon repository) at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome to come visit every Sunday at 1:00 p.m. to partake of the Grace that St. Anna so abundantly bestows on those in need. If you would like to have St. Anna or any of the treasures of the Monastery come to visit your parish, please contact us at monasteryinfo@gmail.com. We have also received 3 new novices this fall, Brothers Roman, Patrick and Anthony.

Since our last newsletter we have continued work on the All Saints of North America Chapel, installing a new Iconostasis. Br. Silouan and Ivan have begun painting the icons and will hopefully be done at the beginning of next year. We also replaced the steps leading into the monastery church (which were becoming hazardous). Unfortunately, we recently found out that the entire floor with all of the support beams on the right side of the altar area in the Monastery Church is completely rotten and we will begin replacing the entire floor with supports, the outer door and closet as soon as possible. It is a huge project and your prayers and support are invaluable.



The Monastery Bookstore has continued to improve its customer support and service by replacing the old bookstore website with a new and improved site which will facilitate ease of ordering. We also just released a new CD entitled "Bless the Lord, O My Soul" sung by the Seminary and Monastery choir and continue to make our candles for

Churches and personal use. For more details and to see our new fall catalog visit our site at stspress.com.



In August of this year, Fr. Igumen Sergius went to Alaska to give a series of lectures at the Eagle River Institute. At that time, Father was also able to make a pilgrimage to Spruce Island and to venerate the relics of St. Herman of Alaska, America's first canonized Saint and a truly wondrous intercessor for our land. In November, Fr. Igumen Gabriel visited St. Herman's Orthodox Church in Gradyville, PA with the Miraculous Monastery Icon of "She Who is Quick to Hear" along with many other treasures of the Monastery Repository and Museum (such as St. Innocent's Chalice and St. Nikolai of Zicha's relics, vestments and mitre.) During the same time, Fr. Archimandrite Athanasy took the Myrrh-streaming Icon of St. Anna to Holy Cross Seminary for a meeting of Orthodox Medical Doctors, a group of which St. Anna has become the patron.

In October, our curator, Fr. John Perich took a military Chaplaincy exhibit to St. Vladimir's annual education day along with several icons from the Museum's collection. The event was a tremendous success and was a great opportunity for the Monastery to promote the rich historic heritage that we house at the Metropolitan Museum and Monastery Repository. The collection currently numbers more than 400+ icons as well as many relics, historic vestments, crosses, paintings, chalices, and



other important items of historic significance.

Again, we thank all of our supporters, benefactors, and those who love St. Tikhon's Monastery. We continue to serve the Divine Liturgy every day for the salvation of the world and for your needs and intentions. Please e-mail us or write us with your prayer requests which we can offer during the Divine Liturgy or at the Molieben to St. Anna. We ask God's blessing upon you all as we enter this holy Season of the Nativity of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ, wishing you a blessed preparatory season and a holy and blessed Nativity.



With Love in Christ,

St. Tikhon's Monastery Brotherhood