

Summer Newsletter 2013

We greet you all with the Feast and Season of Pentecost and with amazement that another year has passed so quickly. As we enter again into summer, the brotherhood



continues to labor to assist the world with its prayers and work done through the Seminary, bookstore and publishing. Many things have happened since our winter newsletter. Before Lent, Fr. Igumen Sergius was appointed acting dean of St. Tikhon's Seminary taking over for Fr. Alexander Atty who had stepped down for health reasons. Fr.

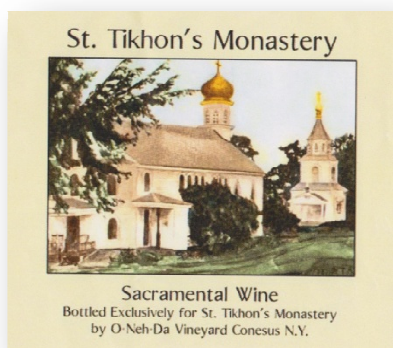
Sergius will be the interim dean until the new dean is chosen (which is hoped for by August 1st.)

Memorial Day was another great success. Multitudes of devout faithful from all over the country came to the 109th Annual Memorial Day Pilgrimage. Special guest hierarchs in attendance were Metropolitan's Tikhon, Hilarion, Herman, and Jonah, Archbishop's Justinian and Benjamin, and Bishop's Michael, Melchizedek, and Mark.



We are grateful for the visitation of so many esteemed hierarchs and faithful for our pilgrimage. St. Anna was at the center of the Pilgrimage along with a beautiful (but cold) outdoor Seminary commencement program. The Seminary graduated 20 students and honored Mr. Paul Chernay with an honorary doctorate for the countless time and resources he has given to St. Tikhon's.

Recently, the Monastery created a custom Sacramental wine blended and bottled by one of only two sacramental wineries in America and it is now available from the Bookstore for parish usage. The Bookstore has been busy publishing and republishing several books this year: Marriage as a Path to Holiness (expanded and revised,) Divine Liturgy Book (3rd edition, revised,) Holy Tradition (a new book by Dr. Boosalis,) the Soroka Matins book (reprint,) Memory Eternal (a new Male Chorus Pannikhida CD,) An Abridged Typicon (newly revised reprint,) and the Divine Liturgy (1974 Male Chorus reprint.)



Among our monastic community, we have been working hard the past several months with Theophany, Lent, and Pascha. Fr. Gabriel continues to serve at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Parish in Wilkes-Barre, PA helping the community with Liturgy on Sundays and pastoral calls. Fr. Athanasy has gone on many visitations with St. Anna, traveling to Canada, New York and parishes in PA. Fr. Silouan is currently assisting Fr. David Mahaffey in Alaska at St. Nicholas Parish in Juneau. During Lent, Fr. Dn. Konstantin gave a talk, served, and brought the miraculous Icon “She Who is



Quick to Hear” on a visitation to the “Joy of All Who Sorrow” Parish in Princeton, NJ. Fr. Sergius visited several Parishes in the Colorado/Utah area during Nativity Season and gave clergy retreats for the Greek Archdiocese in Denver as well as to the Connecticut clergy brotherhood. Last but not least, one of our brotherhood, Metropolitan Tikhon, was officially enthroned in his Cathedral in Washington D.C. as the Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of all-America and Canada. Eis Polla Eti Dhespota!

In February of this year, Fr. David Mahaffey was tonsured a stavophore monk by Fr. Igumen Sergius. We wish Father Archimandrite David well with his new assignment as the administrator of the Alaskan Diocese.

In the spring, the Monastery brotherhood painted the outside of the Seminary a beautiful golden yellow color to match the work that had been done on the façade of the Seminary last year. The brotherhood also helped to renovate the Orphanage building and finished the last of the painting projects for the buildings around the Church. Thanks be to God and all the brothers who accomplished the great work (especially the Novice Anton, our professional painter!) We are just about to begin the final project for the summertime by resurfacing our asphalt around the Church and Monastery.



Again, we cannot thank you all enough for your love, interest and support that you show our Holy Monastery. Our prayers and love are with you all as we enjoy the mercy of God with the beautiful weather here at the Monastery. Be assured of our labors to do whatever we can to build up the Church in America and to glorify our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ with the work offered here at St. Tikhon’s Monastery. May God bless and remember you all!

With love in Christ,
St. Tikhon’s Monastery Brotherhood