



Holy Assumption Monastery Newsletter – October 2019

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Dear Friends of Holy Assumption Monastery,

Have you ever noticed how things in life seem to go too slow or too fast? The car in front of us is too slow. So are our coworkers. The people in our lives are so slow at changing their bad habits. As for our own bad habits? When we're not ignoring them, doesn't it feel like we never make any progress? But then other things are too fast. Weekends and vacations, time till a deadline, times with our loved ones ...

Wouldn't it be nice to be like Goldilocks? She just kept trying beds, chairs, porridges, etc., till she found the one that was just right. (Never mind being scared almost to death when the bear family came home!) Maybe one of these days life will cooperate with us and everything will happen at just the right speed? On the other hand, maybe everything IS happening at just the right speed? Maybe WE are the ones going at the wrong speed? Maybe it's because we don't know what time is for in the first place? Like everything else in creation, time is a gift given to us so that we may love God with our whole being and love our neighbor, and it's a gift that we need to use wisely. St Paul tells us to redeem the time for the days are evil. The only way to do that is to refer our lives to the Timeless One who created time and then entered it to bring us to Himself. That's a challenge, for sure. But to the extent we do that, we, unlike Goldilocks, will find that everything and every time is just right.

with love in Christ,

*Mother Melania
and the community
of Holy Assumption Monastery*

ZOO UPDATE – Close Encounters of the Stinky Kind

One thing about skunks – you know they're around even when you can't see them. So, we've known for awhile that we have skunks around the monastery. Recently, though, one made our acquaintance. When one of the sisters was walking past the back garden at night, she was startled to see a skunk about 10 feet away. The skunk was startled, too, but skunk and sister both decided that "live and let live" (or in the skunk's case "live and don't stink bomb") was the best policy. So, for the moment, we have a truce going, and if the skunk(s) want to make it a full-blown treaty, we'll be happy to sign!



*Our skunk's
famous cousin*



DON'T FORGET OUR 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY!!!!

Saturday October 19

Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, 9 am
celebrated by Archbishop BENJAMIN
Please join us!

Tuesday October 22

Open House from 5 to 8 pm
Food and Fellowship
Please join us!

HAVE BOOKSTORE WILL TRAVEL

St. Timothy Church, Fairfield, CA

September 7-8



Who's got the best smile?



Chiming right in

St. Demetrios Church, Concord, CA

September 13-15



Be right back!



Too cute for words

Ss. Constantine & Helen Church, Vallejo, CA

September 21-22



Who can resist a saleswoman like this?



When you need help again, let me know.

St. Nicholas Church, Saratoga, CA

September 28-29



Open air market



Can I get down and start shopping now?



COOKIE MONSTER & FRIENDS



Do you like my new shades?



Cookie Monster leads an impromptu band – Let's play "C is for Cookie"!



Cookie Monster, Grandpa & admirers



SAINT NICHOLAS HOUSE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

Our friend Yunette has been spearheading garage sales to support our St. Nicholas House fund. The last sale until spring was on October 1. Thanks to Yunette and to everyone who came to the sales!



We've got it all under control.



And so do we!

We have raised over \$43,000 in just two months towards the new St. Nicholas House. Obviously, we have a way to go before meeting our initial \$250,000 goal, but we are encouraged with the early response. We will be updating you on our efforts in upcoming newsletters.

Many thanks to all of you who have already contributed. We are humbled at your generosity.



October 2019 Schedule for Holy Assumption Monastery

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 5:00pm Vigil
6 9:40am Hours/ Divine Liturgy	7	8 6:00pm Vigil	9 8:40am Hours/ Divine Liturgy Patriarch Tikhon & Apostle James Son of Alphaeus	10	11	12 5:00pm Vigil
13 9:40am Hours/ Divine Liturgy	14	15	16	17	18 6:00pm Vigil	19 9 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy St. John of Kronstadt & Ven. John of Ryla 5:00pm Vigil
20 9:40am Hours/ Divine Liturgy	21	22 OPEN HOUSE 5 pm – 8 pm	23	24 6:00pm Vigil	25 8:40am Hours/ Divine Liturgy Righteous Tabitha	26 5:00pm Vigil
27 9:40am Hours/ Divine Liturgy	28 6:00pm Vigil	29 8:40am Hours/ Divine Liturgy Anastasia the Roman & Ven. Abramius the Recluse	30	31	NOTE: Our schedule sometimes changes unexpectedly. Please check our website or the recorded message on our phone for last minute changes.	