



HOLY ASSUMPTION MONASTERY

AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER



Dear Friends,

Often, people will come to me after some painful interaction and say "That made me feel like I'm not a good person," "They made me feel like something is wrong with me," etc. What they're usually hoping is that I'll convince them that they ARE a good person and that nothing is wrong with them. But the fact of the matter is that we AREN'T good persons and there is DEFINITELY something wrong with us. Pretty depressing, isn't it? Thank God, though, that's not the end of the story. And this beautiful verse shows us the way out:

Bending down, O Bestower of life, Thou raised me up who had fallen into the pit; and having endured my foetid corruption without partaking thereof, O Christ, Thou hast made me fraught with the myrrh of the divine Essence.

- Tone 5 Sunday Canon of the Resurrection, Ode 1

So, Christ Himself is our way out. He came to earth to raise us from the pits we've fallen into (not to mention the pits that we've eagerly dived into headfirst!). But He will not take away our free wills. So, we have to take an unflinching look at the depth of our own pits. That is a deeply painful business. But Christ will give us the grace to do it. And Christ who has "endured (our) foetid corruption without partaking thereof" will make (us) redolent of "the myrrh of the divine Essence."

with love in Christ,
Mother Melania and the sisters

ZOO UPDATE -

Dealing with Demolition



We'll just hang out here. Not that we're scared or anything like that.



Well, I'm willing. to check it out with a little support.



Don't worry. I'll scout it out and get back to the rest of you.

CALENDAR

SATURDAY August 6, Transfiguration Hours/ Divine Liturgy, 8:40AM/9AM

SUNDAY August 14, Dormition Vigil, 5PM

MONDAY August 15, Dormition Hours/Divine Liturgy, 8:40AM/9AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy w/ Archbishop BENJAMIN

TUESDAY August 16, 3rd Day of Dormition Vigil, 5PM

WEDNESDAY August 17, 3rd Day of Dormition Hours/Divine Liturgy, 8:40AM/9AM

SUNDAYS - Divine Liturgy, 10AM

for other services, please see our website

ZOOM RETREATS

NO AUGUST ZOOM RETREAT

September 10 - Fr. Anthony Roeber; Reflections on The Cross: Giving commandments of salvation, he released us from the delusion of idols

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ST NICHOLAS HOUSE UPDATE

As we mentioned last month, our plans for starting the new St Nicholas House went from 'hope for the end of the year' to 'start in mid-July.' So, with the help of friends, we kicked into high gear to move the sisters living there to their new quarters - not to mention moving our wine room and putting appliances and furniture into storage. Demolition is finished now and the foundation will be laid soon. So, stay tuned!



Goodbye, old wine room



Hello, new wine room



Going



Going



Gone



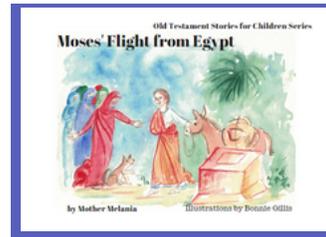
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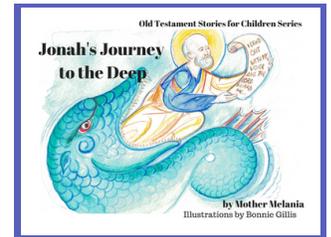
Goodbye, Old St Nicholas House - you were definitely deserving of honorable discharge, and we will miss you!

KIDS BOOK CORNER

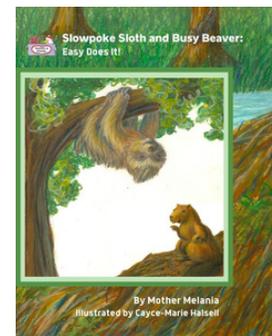
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LAVENDER HARVEST 2022

This year's lavender harvest was by far the largest we've had, thanks to a friend who allowed us to harvest his 300-plant field a few miles down the road from us. And our distiller said that it was the best quality oil and hydrosol we've ever had!



Looking much more bright-eyed and bushy-tailed than we did a few hours later



No, this wasn't our whole harvest!



It was more like this!



A shameless reminder to buy some!

FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS AT HOLY ASSUMPTION MONASTERY



Sunday, August 14th, 5 pm Vigil
followed by hospitality



1519 Washington Street
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Monday, August 15th, 8:40 Hours
9 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy,
His Eminence, Archbishop BENJAMIN presiding
Potluck Feast following
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