



HOLY ASSUMPTION MONASTERY

JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER



Dear Friends,

Recently, all three contestants in a current episode of Jeopardy were unable to complete Matthew 6:9 "Our Father, which art in heaven, ___ be Thy name." The Twittersphere erupted with comments that ... well, let's just say they could have been kinder.

The answer, of course, is "hallowed," and on one hand, it's shocking that such well-read people wouldn't know that. On the other hand, we haven't been hallowing God's name for a long time now. So, why are we surprised that we're losing the memory of the verse that TELLS us to hallow God's name?

But it doesn't have to stay that way. The first step is for US to start hallowing God's name in our daily lives. People might notice and ask what we're doing. Then, they may start hallowing God's name themselves. Pretty soon, we may all know that verse not just from memory but from a heart that is actually doing it.

with love in Christ,
Mother Melania & the sisters

ZOO UPDATE: Philly Gets a Shave

It's that time of year again, when Philly gets his annual shave. We haven't decided if he feels more relieved to have a shorter summer coat or embarrassed not to be his beautiful winter self. Either way, he's fun to take pictures of!



I should have a throne, but I still look regal on the railing, don't I?



Not so dignified, but very comfy!

ST. NICHOLAS HOUSE UPDATE - FINISHED! (Sort of)

The sisters are all moved into their cells in St. Nicholas House! The kitchen is all tiled now, but we haven't finished putting the appliances in.

As we've mentioned, we will be paying off the construction loan for several years. So, we will have to fundraise for a while still, and we plan one more towards the end of the year. Check back for updates!



As close as Mother Melania's desk will ever get to being organized



Bright and shiny and close to done!

JULY CALENDAR

SUNDAYS - 10am Divine Liturgy (No Liturgy July 2 or 9)

For the rest of our calendar, please see our website

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ST. JOHN OF SHANGHAI & SAN FRANCISCO

Living so close to San Francisco, we are blessed to know many priests and laypeople who knew St. John in his earthly sojourn.

So, the sisters have a special love for him and go as often as they can to his cathedral to venerate his relics, especially on his feast day.



This year, two sisters had the joy of being at St. John Monastery in Manton and celebrating his feast day at the monastery named after him. Holy Hierarch John, pray to God for us!



*Joy of All Who Sorrow
Cathedral, San Francisco*



*St. John of Shanghai and San
Francisco Monastery, Manton*

GUEST COTTAGE AVAILABLE AGAIN!

Now that the sisters are living in St. Nicholas House, the Guest Cottage is an actual guest cottage again! So, if you would like to visit for an overnight or two (or three or ...), please contact us and we will check our calendar!

BOOK UPDATES

We are still working on the paperback book containing all five quizzes on the books of the Torah. Hopefully, it will be ready next month and, along with it, a quiz on the Book of Joshua. So, stay tuned, and thanks for your patience!

Also, please check out the July issue of *Mother Melania's Monthly Missive* [here](#).

This month's featured book is *The Tale of the Pie and the Patty-Pan*. Ribby the Cat invites Duchess the Dog for lunch. Duchess goes to great lengths to avoid eating mouse pie, but as you can imagine, it doesn't go very well. Join us as we read this hilarious tale!



JULY 4 AT FORT ROSS

Speaking of special relationships, we also have one with Fort Ross due to our chapel being a replica of the chapel at Fort Ross. So, we do our best to attend the July 4 celebrations there and were blessed this year again by some of the sisters being able to celebrate there with old friends and new.



Praying for the departed at the Fort Ross Cemetery



Ft. Ross Chapel



Holy Assumption Monastery Chapel

LAVENDER HARVEST COMING UP

The lavender will soon be at its peak for oil harvest and due to the graciousness of our friends, we have as much as we can harvest. We haven't determined the exact date yet, but it will likely be mid- or late-July. Want to join in the fun? Let us know! Thanks!



Not our fields, but wouldn't it be nice?