

# HERMITAGE

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The Newsletter of the Hermitage of the Holy Cross

## Announcing the Annual Celebration of the Feast of St. Panteleimon at the Hermitage

The Hermitage of the Holy Cross invites you to celebrate the feast of the Holy Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon with the brotherhood and fellow pilgrims of the monastery. His Grace Bishop Nicholas of Manhattan will preside during the feast. St. Panteleimon is the patron saint and protector of the Hermitage, and in recent years his Feast has become a second day of pilgrimage for our friends (after our main Pilgrimage Weekend - see reverse side). A Festal Vigil will be served on Monday evening, with a water blessing and Hierarchal Divine Liturgy followed by a procession and Moleben to the Saint on Tuesday morning. Bishop Nicholas will bless the foundation of our new "multipurpose building" after the Tuesday brunch. (See below for more information about our building project.)

At the Moleben, and for eight days thereafter, we will commemorate names of the sick and suffering (both Orthodox and non-Orthodox) who are in need of St. Panteleimon's aid. We are including a commemoration slip and remittance envelope, with which you may submit names, together with your alms, before the August feast.



*Monday, August 8th 6:30 p.m. Vigil with Litia & Akathist*

*Tuesday, August 9th 8:00 a.m. Water Blessing, 9:00 a.m. Hierarchal Divine Liturgy with Moleben for the Sick & Suffering, After Brunch - Blessing Foundation of New Building*

## Multipurpose Building Fundraising

This summer we are undertaking the construction of a much-needed work building. Most importantly, this building will include a candle workshop to replace the one destroyed in the convent fire of the summer of 2013. Additionally, it will house a commercial bakery, a centralized tool room, and a meeting room for the large monastic brotherhood.

We are also bringing natural gas and water utility lines up our main entrance road. The gas line will reduce our utility bills significantly, especially during the frequent power outages, and the water line will enable us to finally install a fire hydrant to protect the monastery structures.

Donations may be made either on our website, or else by sending a check to our mailing address on the bottom right of this page (checks are preferred for amounts larger than \$200). *May God reward you!*



*Front of the Future Multipurpose Building*



*The Hermitage of the Holy Cross is a Russian Orthodox Men's Monastery under the omophorion of His Eminence Metropolitan Hilarion of Eastern America and New York. The Abbot and Confessor of the monastery is Archimandrite Seraphim.*

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## What's New on the Farm?

Much has been happening on the farm this summer. The goat barn has been busy with the arrival of seventeen new goat kids! Work in the lower farm has been productive. The monastery trapeza has seen the addition of fresh, Hermitage-grown peas, Chinese cabbage, broccoli, red cabbage, brussel sprouts, eggplant, lettuce (pictured to the left), swiss chard, beans, heirloom tomatoes, cucumbers, melons, sweet peppers, basil, oregano, and lots of herbs. Fr. Seraphim Holland, the priest at St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church in McKinney, Texas, visited again this spring to help with the goats and farm work. Fr. Seraphim was a tremendous help, and he blessed the fields for Mid-Pentecost as well. It was a nice start to the farming season.

# HOLY CROSS MONASTERY PILGRIMAGE WEEKEND

## October 1st & 2nd, 2016



Please join us for the 2016, 30th Anniversary Pilgrimage Weekend. His Eminence, Metropolitan Hilarion, First Hierarch of the Russian Church Abroad, will preside at the Divine Services. Archimandrite Seraphim invites visiting clergy to concelebrate at the hierarchal services. Following the Liturgy, Metropolitan Hilarion will bless the new granite monument for our founder, Hiermonk Kallisotos.

After Sunday morning's Divine Liturgy a festive banquet will be held in the spacious hall of the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church. All are invited to the banquet.

Many come to Pilgrimage Weekend every year from all over the country to enjoy liturgical worship and fellowship. Over the years, friendships have formed amongst fellow pilgrims, thus making Pilgrimage Weekend somewhat of a reunion for old friends, a spiritually enriching experience for newcomers, as well as an occasion to partake of the Holy Mysteries and to strengthen one's faith.

*Please see the enclosed "Pilgrim's Guide" for information on how to reach the monastery, details regarding possible accommodations, and other guidelines for visitors.*

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### *Saturday, October 1st*

- 2:30 p.m. Great Procession from the monastery church to the Outdoor Chapel of the Mother of God of the Sign with the Holy Icons and Relics of the monastery, with Moleben
- 4:30 p.m. Buffet supper for pilgrims
- 6:00 p.m. Vigil with Litia

### *Sunday, October 2nd*

- 9:00 a.m. Hours & Hierarchal Liturgy at Outdoor Chapel of the Mother of God of the Sign, along with blessing of new monument

*Banquet Following at the Hall of the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, Huntington, West Virginia*