

April 18, 2008

Beloved Reverend Fathers, Brothers and Sisters in Christ:
Christ is in our midst! – He is and ever shall be!

The Community of St. Tikhon's Monastery and Seminary extends a most cordial invitation to all of you to participate in the Annual Pilgrimage to St. Tikhon's Monastery over Memorial Day weekend, May 23-26, 2008. We will be blessed to have with us hierarchs and clergy representing other Orthodox jurisdictions, as well as the hierarchs and clergy of the Orthodox Church in America.

The Liturgical Schedule of divine services for the 104th Annual Pilgrimage is enclosed. Please share this information with your parishioners, family members and friends, and please plan on attending this spiritual pilgrimage to the oldest Orthodox monastery in North America.

The 66th Annual Seminary Commencement Program, scheduled for Saturday, May 24th, will begin with the celebration of the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. There will be a luncheon following the service. The Seminary Graduation will begin with an Academic Procession at 2:00 p.m. Delivering this year's Commencement Address will be His Grace, the Right Reverend BENJAMIN, Bishop of San Francisco and the West.

On Sunday, May 25th, the Grand Banquet will begin at 5:00 p.m. at the Genetti's Convention Center in Dickson City. This year the gathering will honor the 15 members of the Seminary's Graduating Class of 2008.

A Banquet Reservation Form with an accommodations listing is enclosed. Kindly mail the completed form to the Reservations Chairperson, Mary Sernak, 700 Delaware Street, Mayfield, PA 18433. Her telephone number is 570-876-5855. Please remember that there will be limited seating.

We would deem it a great honor and blessing to have you and your loved ones participate in the above-mentioned events. Imparting my archpastoral blessing upon you and with every best wish for a joyous celebration of the Holy Pascha, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Bishop of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania
Deputy Abbot of Saint Tikhon's Monastery

104th Annual Pilgrimage
St. Tikhon of Zadonsk Orthodox Monastery
South Canaan, Pennsylvania
May 23 – 26, 2008

We, the Brotherhood of the Monastery of St. Tikhon of Zadonsk, North America's first Orthodox Monastery, located in the village of South Canaan, Pennsylvania in the beautiful Pocono Mountains, invite you to gather with our venerable Hierarchs, beloved Clergy, and faithful Orthodox Christians, for prayers and spiritual refreshment during our annual Monastery Pilgrimage

Pilgrimage Schedule

Friday, May 23, 2008

- 4:00 p.m.** Formal Opening of the Pilgrimage -- Vespers and Matins -- Monastery Church
- 6:00 p.m.** Procession around the Monastery Church and Akathist to St. Tikhon of Zadonsk -- followed by the veneration of his relics

Saturday, May 24, 2008

- 9:00 a.m.** Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
- 2:00 p.m.** 66th Annual Academic Commencement of St. Tikhon's Theological Seminary – Auditorium
- 4:00 p.m.** All-Night Vigil -- Monastery Church

Sunday, May 25, 2008

- 9:00 a.m.** Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
- 4:00 p.m.** Vespers and Matins -- Monastery Church*

Monday, May 26, 2008

- 7:30 a.m.** Divine Liturgy -- Monastery Church*
- 9:15 a.m.** Pilgrims' Procession to the Monastery, Greeting of the Primate and Bishops, and Vesting of the Main Celebrant
- 10:00 a.m.** Hierarchical Divine Liturgy -- Pavilion
- 2:00 p.m.** Molieben to the Most Holy Theotokos and Anointing of the Sick, Infirm, and all Pilgrims -- Monastery Bell Tower
- 4:00 p.m.** Vespers and Matins -- Monastery Church

*Priests will be available for confessions at these times.

Plan now to organize a bus from your parish or group

You are cordially invited to attend

St. Tikhon's Seminary Grand Banquet

in honor of

The Graduating Class of 2008

Sunday, May 25, 2008

GENETTI MANOR

1505 S. Main Street, Dickson City, Pa.

5:00 p.m. Reception – Cash Bar

6:00 p.m. Dinner

\$35.00 per Ticket

For banquet reservations, return this completed form with your check, payable to St. Tikhon's Seminary, to:

Mary Sernak, Reservations Chairperson
700 Delaware St., Mayfield, PA 18433
Phone: (570) 876-5855

****PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ALL RESERVATIONS****

****PLEASE RESERVE BY FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2008****

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

For table reservations, we request that the following be seated at our table (groups of 8 per table will be honored):

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| 2. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 8. _____ |

AREA HOTEL AND MOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS – MAY 23-25, 2008

The following list reflects availability of rooms as well as a special rate for pilgrims and guests, therefore, please call the hotel or motel as soon as possible to reserve your room in advance.

- Scranton/Fairfield Inn, Dickson City, PA; 570-346-3222 – Double \$169.
- Delaware & Hudson Hotel, Honesdale, PA; 570-253-1392 – Double \$80. - \$90.
- Holiday Inn, Dunmore, PA; 570-343-4771 – Double \$169.
- Oliveri's Hotel, Simpson, PA; 570-222-3181 – Double \$75. - 85.
- Sleep Inn, Dunmore, PA; 570-961-1116 – Double \$90.
- Comfort Inn, Hamlin, PA; 800-523-4426 – Double \$112. - \$120.