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Astoria Mission

Many of us at Church of the Annunciation don't realize that our parish supports a growing mission in Astoria, Oregon. In September 2013, Fr. Kevin Lien met with a small group of people in the Astoria area in response to their request that a priest come to serve liturgy for them once in awhile.

Fr. Kevin began going to Astoria occasionally to serve the parishioners Divine Liturgy and, after several months, the group decided that they would like to start a mission church in Astoria. Fr. Matthew then went to meet with the group in September, 2014, and it was agreed that they would proceed with making the mission official.

This past spring, 2017, the mission was named St. Brendan the Navigator Orthodox Mission. Currently there are about 20 parishioners at the mission. They have been meeting at a space in a Catholic mission church in Hammond, Oregon, about 20 minutes south of Astoria. But the parishioners are currently looking for a permanent location in Astoria to plant their mission church.

Fr. Kevin goes to Astoria the first Sunday of every month and does the Vespers service on Saturday night, then Matins and Divine Liturgy the next morning. A meal is served afterwards. On

the third Sunday of every month, Reader Seraphim Waidelich does a reader's service (Typica). Deacon Cuthbert and Martine Downs also make the trip to Astoria once a month to help with Matins, Vespers, and Divine Liturgy. Many other members of our church have made the drive to Astoria to join the parishioners in worship and fellowship.

Plans are being developed to have some type of service every week once a permanent location for the mission is established. The mission also has a Parish Council in place to oversee these endeavors.

If you would like to visit St. Brendan the Navigator mission, you can call Fr. Kevin and let him know you are going to attend a Sunday service. And remember to include St. Brendan the Navigator mission in your prayers so that they might grow and flourish and be a shining light for Astoria! You can look at the mission's website and learn more about the mission, including a schedule of services, by going to www.holynativityastoria.com.

It's Just About That Time!

Yes, folks! Our Third Annual Harvest Festival is just around the corner, so mark your calendar to attend and have a wonderful time on Saturday, September 23rd!

There are many ways you can participate and enjoy this day. You could make your favorite dessert for the Dessert Contest and win a prize. And if you are theatrically inclined, you could perform solo or gather some friends to provide songs and music, a poetry recitation, dance, or other entertainment. The children will enjoy the the relay races and other fun activities that are planned.

Everyone should bring a salad or side dish for our dinner under the trees. (No food that needs to be cooked in the church kitchen, please. Volunteers will be taking over the kitchen to cut up many rotisserie chickens for dinner.) Also needed are decorations such as pumpkins and autumn potted plants.

The festival starts at 1:30 and ends with dinner, then Vespers. If you are able to help in any way, please give Matushka Molly a call at 360-352-3554 or email her at mollyshw@gmail.com. Come to the festival and enjoy the fun and fellowship!

A Texas Church Visited by Saints

As I was browsing Orthodox sites recently, I came across this very interesting history of the first Orthodox Church (St. Constantine and Helen) in Galveston, Texas (my home town), founded in the 19th century. The history was compiled by a parishioner in 2010 and describes the benefaction of Tzar Nicholas II of Russia on this mission church. Tzar Nicholas said, "Let there be an Orthodox Church in Galveston." The Tzar then had a large Gospel printed for the new mission, provided vestments and liturgical necessities, and all the icons for an iconostas. In addition, the mission church

received visits from (the future) St. Tikhon and (the future) St. Rafael Hawaweeny. Here is the link that will take you to this fascinating article:

<https://sites.google.com/site/theoclitostriantafilides/>

- *Gail Cramer*

What's New In The Bookstore?

We now have more copies of The Field by St Saint Ignatius Brianchaninov, the first volume of a series translated into English. This is a book recommended by both Fr. John Mancantelli and Fr. Nicholas for its many spiritual gems! We also have more copies of Our Thoughts Determine Our Life, and several copies of most of Drs. David and Mary Ford's books. Some have been looking for The Orthodox Study Bible which we were sold out of. We have a case of the hardbound and a case of the leathersoft ordered and on their way!

- *Mat. Connie Shank*

Benefit Dinner for St. John Monastery

Gerontissa Efraxia and her Synodia cordially invite you to an evening of fine dining at the 11th Annual Monastery Builders Benefit Dinner and Auction to Support St. John the Forerunner Greek Orthodox Monastery on Sunday, October 15, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. The dinner will be at the Fort Dalles Readiness Center, 402 East Scenic Drive, The Dalles, Oregon. To RSVP, please visit the monastery website: www.stjohnmonastery.org

Sacraments and Blessings

Baptism: 8/13



Giovanni Larkins (St. John Maximovitch)

Godparents: Daniel Vallejo and Emilia Larkins

Parents: Paithen and Katy Larkins

New Parishioners: Craig and Patricia (Pat) Thom



Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

- 9/1 Church New Year
- 9/8 Nativity of Our Most Holy Theotokos
Matins 8:00 am Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
- 9/14 Elevation of the Cross
Matins 8:00 a.m., Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
- 9/17 Sunday School resumes 9:00 a.m.
Liturgy resumes 10:00 a.m.
- 9/17 St. Francis Dining Hall, 3:15 p.m.
- 9/21 Matins 8:00 a.m., Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
- 9/21 Catechism begins, 7:00 p.m.
- 9/23 Harvest Festival, begins at 1:30 p.m.
- 9/27 Parish Council, 7:00 p.m.
- 9/28 Matins 8:00 a.m., Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
- 9/28 Catechism, 7:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 10/5 Catechism, 7:00 p.m.
- 10/6 Matins 8:00 a.m., Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
- 10/6 Young Adults at Jensen's, 7:00 p.m.
- 10/10 Diocesan Assembly today thru
Thurs. @ St Nicholas Church
- 10/12 Catechism, 7:00 p.m.
- 10/14 Panikhida, 6:00 p.m.
- 10/15 Child baptism, 9:00 a.m.
- 10/15 St. Francis Dining Hall, 3:15 p.m.
- 10/18 Matins 8:00 a.m. Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
- 10/19 Catechism, 7:00 p.m.
- 10/25 Parish Council, 7:00 p.m.
- 10/26 Matins 8:00 a.m. Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
- 10/26 Catechism, 7:00 p.m.
- 11/4 Daylight Savings Time ends at
2:00 a.m. Sat. night—Turn clocks
back one hour.

Hospitality Schedule

- 9/3 - Jolly Liid/Ziegenfus
- 9/10 - Schuurmans/Myles Dressler
- 9/17 - Taylors
- 9/24 - Barton/Aveling
- Oct 1 - Shank/Gerard
- Oct 8 - Johnson/Asano/Olson
- Oct 15 - Delgado/Moritz
- Oct 22 - Gunderson/Dales/Sayre
- Oct 29 - Herring/Klein/Rupp

Becoming one with the Body of the church, and living within its assurance and certitude, enables you to be free from changes, anxiety, and sadness. Troubles simply come and go, passing by like waves, but they will never be able to drown you. You have become like the shore, unmoved by the pounding of the sea. The waves will come and crash all around, but you no longer fear them. Instead, they remind you of the endless waves of the Holy Spirit, rising and falling within you.

- Archimandrite Aimilianos of Simonopetra, *The Way of The Spirit: Reflections On Life In God*

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