

St. Tikhon's Monastery announces 113th Memorial Day Pilgrimage schedule

The community of Saint Tikhon's [Monastery](#) and [Seminary](#) extends a cordial invitation to all faithful to attend the 113th Annual Pilgrimage Memorial Day weekend, May 26-29, 2017.

"We are very glad to be able to offer the blessing of the monastery and her founder, Saint Tikhon of Moscow, to all visiting hierarchs, clergy and faithful from the Orthodox Church in America and other Orthodox jurisdictions and guests from near and far," said Archimandrite Sergius, Abbot of Saint Tikhon's Monastery.

The pilgrimage will officially open on Friday, May 26, at 3:30 p.m. with the greeting of the Hawaiian Myrrh Streaming Icon of the Iveron Mother of God and the celebration of a Molieben. Vespers and Matins will follow at 4:00 p.m. in the Monastery Church of Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk. The icon will be available for veneration throughout the pilgrimage. All pilgrims are invited to dinner in the monastery dining hall following Friday's services.

The 75th annual Commencement of Saint Tikhon's Seminary will be held on Saturday, May 27. The day will open with the celebration of the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy in the monastery church at 9:00 a.m., followed by a meal in the dining hall. Commencement Exercises will begin at 1:00 p.m. The Resurrection Vigil will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m., followed by dinner for all pilgrims in the dining hall.

The Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 28, followed by a meal for all in the dining hall. Vespers and Matins will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m.

On Memorial Day—Monday, May 29—the Divine Liturgy will be celebrated in the Monastery Church at 7:30 a.m. The Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m., followed by a Panikhida for Veterans at All Saints Bell Tower at 12:15 p.m. The Akathistos Hymn to Saint Alexis will be celebrated in the monastery church at 1:30 p.m., while the Molieben to the Most Holy Theotokos with the Anointing of the Sick, Infirm and All Pilgrims will be celebrated at the monastery bell tower at 2:30 p.m. The pilgrimage will close with the celebration of Vespers and Matins at 4:00 p.m.

Concurrent with the Pilgrimage, the [Patriarch Tikhon Russian-American Music Institute](#) [PaTRAM] will hold its Second Annual Memorial Day Young Singers' Conference at the Monastery. [See [related story](#).] PaTRAM recently released the first recording by its Patriarch Tikhon Choir, titled "Praise the Lord, All Ye Nations." Under the direction of Maestro Vladimir Gorbik, the 30-voice mixed choir includes vocalists and choral musicians from the US, Canada and Russia. Conference participants will sing the liturgical responses during the Pilgrimage. [Detailed Conference information](#) may be accessed on PaTRAM's web site.

Apostle James the Brother of St John the Theologian

Commemorated on [April 30](#)

The Holy Apostle James, the son of Zebedee, was the brother of Saint John the Theologian, and one of the Twelve Apostles. He and his brother, Saint John, were called to be Apostles by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who called them the "Sons of Thunder" (Mark 3:17). It was this James, with John and Peter, who witnessed the Raising of the Daughter of Jairus, the Lord's Transfiguration on Mount Tabor, and His agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Saint James, after the Descent of the Holy Spirit, preached in Spain and in other lands, and then he returned to Jerusalem. He openly and boldly preached Jesus Christ as the Savior of the world, and he denounced the Pharisees and the Scribes with the words of Holy Scripture, reproaching them for their malice of heart and unbelief.

The Jews could not prevail against Saint James, and so they hired the sorcerer Hermogenes to dispute with the apostle and refute his arguments that Christ was the promised Messiah Who had come into the world. The sorcerer sent to the apostle his pupil Philip, who was converted to belief in Christ. Then Hermogenes himself became persuaded of the power of God, he burned his books of magic, accepted holy Baptism and became a true follower of Christ.

The Jews persuaded Herod Agrippa (40-44) to arrest the Apostle James and sentence him to death (Acts 12:1-2). Eusebius provides some of the details of the saint's execution (CHURCH HISTORY II, 9). Saint James calmly heard the death sentence and continued to bear witness to Christ. One of the false witnesses, whose name was Josiah, was struck by the courage of Saint James. He came to believe in Jesus Christ as the Messiah. When they led the apostle forth to execution, Josiah fell at his feet, repenting of his sin and asking forgiveness. The apostle embraced him, gave him a kiss and said, "Peace and forgiveness to you." Then Josiah confessed his faith in Christ before everyone, and he was beheaded with Saint James in the year 44 at Jerusalem.

Saint James was the first of the Apostles to die as a martyr.



SVS Press receives major gift to establish endowment

[Saint Vladimir's Seminary](#) is pleased to announce that it recently received an unprecedented major monetary gift to support [Saint Vladimir's Seminary Press](#) [SVS Press], its renowned publishing house. The gift, made by Bronson and Kathleen Eden, will be used to establish "The Mr. and Mrs. Bronson B. T. Eden Endowment for Saint Vladimir's Seminary Press," which will promote the educational work of the Press by providing funds for acquisitions and translations, editorial and managerial support, and marketing and other activities that further the growth and financial success of the Press.

Since its founding, the Press has been instrumental in supporting the seminary's mission in spreading the Gospel of Christ and the teachings of the Orthodox Christian faith. Benefactor Kathleen Eden shared that she had been actively acquiring and reading SVS Press books since 1988, even before she entered the Orthodox Church, and that the seminary's publications had had a significant influence on her. Her husband, Bronson, who fell asleep in the Lord one month following the couple's generous gift, also was an enthusiast of the Press.

"The Edens have decided to make this major gift to increase the work of the Press and to help ensure its growth and its ability to reach new markets in fulfilling its mission," remarked the Archpriest Chad Hatfield, Seminary President. "In so doing, they have also helped us complete one of the short-term goals of our [new business model](#), put into place by our Board in May 2016, which is 'to manage and grow SVS Press and its program quality.' We express an enormous debt of gratitude to the Edens for their confidence and belief in Saint Vladimir's Seminary to enlarge the ongoing missionary work of the Press."

Over the years the Press has grown from a small enterprise that published and distributed its faculty's class lectures (using a mimeograph machine) to an internationally recognized first-class academic publication house. Its volumes — including works on spirituality, Christian biography, contemporary issues in religion, Church history, doctrine, patristic studies, biblical studies, sacred arts, and even children's books — have been translated into 16 languages, while its music and spoken word collection includes more than 15 compact disk recordings.

In the past two years the Press has achieved record-breaking marks: \$1M in sales in fiscal year 2016, and a combined total of 41 new volumes released in fiscal years 2016 and 2017 (projected by June 2017). Among the most recent releases are *In Albania: Cross and Resurrection*, interviews with Archbishop Anastasios of Albania; *The Liturgy of Death*, by Protos-pyter Alexander Schmemmann; Patriarch Kirill in

His Own Words, with an introduction by Metropolitan Hilarion [Alfeyev], edited by Archpriest Chad Hatfield; *Saint John Chrysostom Letters to Saint Olympia*, Popular Patristics Volume 56, translation and introduction by Professor David C. Ford; and *Theology of the Body*, by Jean-Claude Larchet.

"I have been informed by our accrediting agency, the Association of Theological Schools, that our Press is the *only* seminary publishing house — among all the other seminaries they accredit — to earn an annual net profit without requiring a subsidy from the operations budget of its school," Father Chad added. "Rather than requiring funds from our Seminary's operations budget, SVS Press annually *contributes* to our operations budget. So, besides being a blessing to so many around the globe, SVS Press is essential to our ability to run the seminary. In fiscal year 2016, SVS Press contributed its net profit of \$415,740 to the Seminary's operations budget, and this is nothing short of amazing.

"Truly," Father Chad ended, "God has blessed this ministry, and we are profoundly grateful to Bronson and Kathleen Eden for granting us the means not only to continue it, but also to expand it for the benefit of the seminary and to the glory of God."

Chicago to celebrate IOCC's 25th Anniversary with banquet, silent auction May 11

The 25th Anniversary of [International Orthodox Christian Charities](#) [IOCC] will be celebrated with a grand banquet and silent auction at Café La Cave, 2777 Mannheim Road, Des Plaines, IL on Thursday, May 11, 2017. Cocktails will be served at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets may be [ordered on-line](#) before April 28.



Bishop Paul installs new pastor at Holy Apostles Church, Normal, IL

His Grace, Bishop Paul installed Priest David Gresham as Rector of Holy Apostles Church here during his archpastoral visit on Friday and Saturday, April 7 and 8, 2017, in conjunction with the celebration of the Raising of Lazarus.

Vespers was celebrated on Friday evening. On Saturday morning, over 50 members of the faithful gathered for the celebration of the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. Prior to the Liturgy, six individuals were received into the Church through the sacrament of Holy Chrismation.

In his homily, Bishop Paul spoke of the love of God and how we can relate our personal struggles to the various persons encountered in the Scripture readings for Holy Week. He also spoke on the meaning of John 11:35, in which we read about Jesus weeping at the tomb of His friend Lazarus.

Bishop Paul, Father David and the faithful enjoyed a festive luncheon prepared by the parish, which afforded the faithful with an opportunity to visit with His Grace personally.

The first Divine Liturgy at what is today Holy Apostles Church was celebrated on Christmas Day 1997. Shortly thereafter, the community was formally established as a mission station as an outreach ministry of Saint Joseph Church, Wheaton, IL. Clergy from Saint Joseph's served the community weekly until 2001, when Priest John Dickson Brown was ordained and appointed Holy Apostles' first resident pastor. In October 2012, Father John and his family relocated to Georgia, and Priest Danial Doss was assigned Priest-in-Charge in March of the following year. Father Danial served the community until Father David's ordination and appointment to the parish. Holy Apostles' was designated a parish in 2013.

Follow the growth of Holy Apostles' Church on the [parish's web site](#).

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Camp for youth with disabilities to begin second year

All Saints Camp here will be the site of the second annual camping experience—the Saint Nicholas Program—for Orthodox Christian youth, ages nine through 19, with disabilities and their families June 19-22, 2017.

Sponsored by the [Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA \[UOCUSA\]](#), the camp program is designed for parents and their children with disabilities to spend time together in an Orthodox family environment.

“Campers are introduced to camp life at while parents are given the opportunity to meet fellow Orthodox parents who are tackling the same challenges in today’s world,” explained Natalie Kapeluck Nixon, [UOCUSA Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry](#). “All aspects of the program are designed to give youth with disabilities an optimal experience through sensory friendly daily prayer services, modified learning Church school lessons, parent workshops and discussions, parent/child sports, crafts, singing, dancing, bonfires, quiet activity time, scavenger hunts, and swimming, just to mention a few of the activities.

“We are thrilled to be once again offering this mini-camp to serve our youth with disabilities and their families,” Natalie continued. “Our hope is to provide the campers with a positive camping experience, deepening their faith and a place for the parents and family to find rest and community.”

Among the parent speakers will be Presvytera Melanie DiStefano. A graduate of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, MA and a member of the faculty of Holy Trinity Orthodox Christian Academy, Warren, OH, she is a frequent speaker and author on the topic of family, disability and the Church. Her workshop topic will be “The Image of Christ in Your Child.”

A new feature for this year’s program enables families to have the option to participate in the full four-day program or to attend for a single day.

“We are also looking for individuals interested being on staff for this program,” Natalie added. “Paid and volunteer positions are available and pre-camp training will be required. Please encourage your faithful to participate in this program as campers and staff.”

[Further information and registration](#) is available on-line or by contacting uocyouth@aol.com or 412-977-2010. [An informational brochure](#) is also available.

Kristus vstal zmrty'ch! Skutec ne vstal!

Czech

Kristus er opstanden! Ja, sandelig opstanden!

Danish

Christus is opgestaan! Hij is waarlijk opgestaan!

Dutch

Kristus nousi Kuolleista! Totisesti Nousi!

Finnish

Tá Críod ar éirigh! Go deimhin, tá e ar éirigh!

Irish Gaelic

Kriste aghsdga! Cheshmaritad aghsdga!

Georgian



Khristus Zmartvikstau! Zaiste Zmartvikstau!

Polish

Hristos a Inviat! Adevarat a Inviat!

Romanian

Khristos voskres! Voistinu voskres!

Russian

Kristus vstal zmr'tvych! Skutoc ne vstal!

Slovak

Kristos Voskres! Voistinu voskres!

Ukrainian