

Monastic Communities

Monastery of Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk

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Most Blessed Herman, *Abbot*

Rt. Rev. Tikhon, *Deputy Abbot*

Rev. Hieromonk Alexander (Mayba), *Attached*

Igumen Juvenaly (Repass), *Attached*

Igumen Gregory (Zaiens), *Attached*

Archimandrite Hilary (Madison), *Retired, Attached*

Monk Sergius (Bowyer)

Monk Nicodemus (Kentop)

Monk Kyrill (Yefimov)

Novice: **Brother Michael (Juk)**

Vision

In 1905, Saint Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and Enlightener of North America, together with Archbishop Arseny of thrice-blessed memory, founded the Monastery of Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk. Their vision for the new community was that it should be at once a path to salvation for the monastics and a source of blessings for the world. Today, as we celebrate the centennial of our holy monastery, we are blessed to enjoy the fruits of the prayers and labors of our founders and all those who came after them. By the grace of God, the monastery of Saint Tikhon continues to be a hospital for souls seeking repentance and a fountain of Orthodox faith and piety for the faithful.

Community Life

For one hundred years, liturgical life has been central to the life of the monastery, with the daily celebration of the Divine Liturgy and the other services of the daily cycle. The morning services on weekdays begin with Matins and the Hours at 5:00 a.m., followed by the Divine Liturgy at 7:00 a.m. The evening services on weekdays begin with Vespers at 5:00 p.m. and Small Compline following the common meal. On Sundays and major feast days, the Divine Liturgy is celebrated at 9:00 or 9:30 a.m., with a Vigil the previous evening. During Great Lent, the schedule of services is the same except for the addition of Nocturn in the morning and Great Compline in the evening. The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is served at 10:45 a.m. every Wednesday and Friday.

Prayer, which is born in the heart, bears fruit in the life of community, in the pursuit of the virtues, in the acquisition of divine love, and in the growth of brotherly love. Therefore the liturgical life of prayer finds its fulfillment not only in the unity surrounding the holy altar, but in the unity of the brothers with one another, with the surrounding community, and with the world. The brotherhood comes together for the work that needs to be done for the upkeep of the monastery buildings, the monastery church and chapel, and the grounds. The brothers also gather together two times a day for a common meal in the trapeza, where the lives of the saints and the writings of the Fathers are read. The monastics also offer their services to the seminary, through their labors in the classroom and in the library, and to local parish communities, providing priestly services when needed.

Major Projects and activities

For the past several years, the monastery has been preparing for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of its founding. For this occasion, much effort was dedicated toward the beautifying of the monastery. The floors in the monastery church were refinished and recarpeted, a new iconostasis and icons were installed in the Saint Theodosius Chapel, and a new shrine with icons of the American saints was constructed. We were blessed with a new set of bells for the Millennium Bell Tower. These bells were cast in Voronezh, the episcopal see of Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk, and were blessed during the Memorial Day pilgrimage this year. At that time, the new Metropolitan Theodosius Museum and Bookstore, which are on the monastery grounds, were also blessed and dedicated. Many events are planned for this centennial year,

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including a monastic conference shortly following the 14th All-American Council in Toronto, ON.

It is the hope of the entire brotherhood of Saint Tikhon's Monastery that the Holy Church, especially in North America, will continue to grow spiritually and be that light shining in the darkness. This was the desire of Saint Patriarch Tikhon, who was truly an Enlightener of North America. May we thus follow in the ways of our holy fathers and thus labor both for our salvation and for the salvation of all mankind.

The Monastic Brotherhood

Metropolitan Herman is the abbot and the spiritual director of the community.

Bishop Tikhon is the deputy abbot and is the Metropolitan's representative in the monastery.

Archimandrite Hilary is the monastery secretary.

Archimandrite Jerome does translation work.

Igumen Gregory lives at Saint Arsenius Skete and works on iconography and mosaics.

Igumen Juvenaly serves as assistant librarian for the seminary and also teaches Greek.

Hieromonk Alexander is responsible for the pastoral care of a local parish. He is also the assistant typicaros, the assistant cook, and oversees the maintenance of the monastery.

Stavrophore Monk Nicodemus is the ecclesiarch (sacristan), responsible for the upkeep of both the monastery church and the icon repository. He also is responsible for giving tours of the monastery grounds.

Stavrophore Monk Kyril is the monastery beekeeper and caretaker. He also bakes prosphora for the monastery church.

Stavrophore Monk Sergius directs the seminary choir and is completing his education at the seminary.

Novice Michael is the monastery cook.