



Holy Assumption Monastery Newsletter – November 2019

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Dear Friends of Holy Assumption Monastery,

As many of you know, Calistoga was under an evacuation advisory for several days due to the Kincade Fire. This is being written on October 31, just a few hours after the advisory was lifted. What to say? Certainly, we are thankful to God for sparing us, to the many first responders who put their lives on the line once again, and to all of you who contacted us to make sure we were all right. Yet, we think of the many people who have not been spared, not just in the Kincade Fire but in the other fires still raging, and those who are still putting their lives back together from the fires of previous years. Again, what to say? Words fail, but Christ does not. May He comfort those in need of comfort, grant courage to the faint-hearted, and bind us all together in love!

with love in Christ,

*Mother Melania
and the community
of Holy Assumption Monastery*

ZOO UPDATE – What’s a Cat Gotta Do to Get a Drink?



How to get a drink?



I think this will work.



Ah! Success!!



Work smart, not hard.



THE ADVANTAGE OF HAVING FRIENDS AT THE CIA

No, not **that** CIA. Our friend Jed recently started school at the Culinary Institute of America, and we’ve been the grateful recipients of his “homework” and that of his fellow students. Keep up the good work!



Our kitchen is happy to have cooks who appreciate it!



And we are happy to have friends who cook for us!



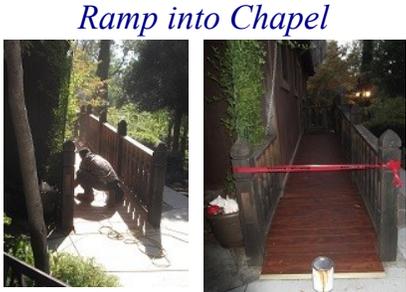
We DO let them out of the kitchen at times.

OUR TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We are thankful to God for our ten years here in Calistoga and for all who have loved and supported us all this time. We specifically wish to thank Archbishop BENJAMIN, Bishop DANIEL, and our confessor Father Lawrence Margitich for their love, wisdom, and prayers. Glory to God for His graciousness in granting us this holy place in which to live and the support of His clergy and laity. Thank you all!

Sprucing Up

Aviary "Gazebo"



Seen better days

Seeing better days



In progress

Progressed!

Main Deck



How to make more room for our redwood without falling through the cracks!

Hierarchical Liturgy, October 19



*Choir Practice –
Once more with feeling!*



*Archbishop
BENJAMIN*



*His Eminence, the clergy,
and the faithful*



*Rule 1 – Never let your
guests starve!*

Open House, October 22



*Mother Melania gives Pat and Kim
from the Tribune a tour – I hope I
remembered everything correctly!*



*Can you spot the
(adorable) puppy?*



*Rule 2 – Never forget
Rule 1!*



SAINT NICHOLAS HOUSE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

As you can see, our fundraising thermometer is steadily rising. To help it along, sisters will be visiting various churches in the Bay area for Sunday Divine Liturgy, and speaking about the building project during the parish coffee hour. Please let us know if you would like your parish to be on our list!

In addition, friends will be helping the sisters put on a Christmas benefit concert here in Calistoga towards the middle of December (details coming soon!) We welcome your participation in helping us plan additional events!



November 2019 Schedule for Holy Assumption Monastery
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 5pm Vigil
3 9:40am Hours/ Divine Liturgy	4	5	6	7 6pm Vigil	8 8:40am Hours/ Divine Liturgy <u>Archangel Michael</u>	9 5pm Vigil
10 9:40am Hours/ Divine Liturgy	11	12 6pm Vigil	13 8:40am Hours/ Divine Liturgy <u>St. John Chrysostom</u>	14	15	16 5pm Vigil
17 9:40am Hours/ Divine Liturgy	18	19	20 6pm Vigil	21 8:40am Hours/ Divine Liturgy <u>Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple</u>	22	23 5pm Vigil
24 9:40am Hours/ Divine Liturgy	25	26 6pm Vigil	27 8:40am Hours/ Divine Liturgy <u>Great Martyr James the Persian</u>	28 10am Moleben 2pm Dinner <u>Thanksgiving</u>	29	30 5pm Vigil