

# Office of Communications

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### 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Holy Myrrhbearers Monastery

April 3, 2012

Beloved Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers:

*Christ is in our midst! – He is and ever shall be!*

With profound joy and gratitude to God, I invite you to celebrate with me a milestone in the history of Orthodox Christian monastic spirituality in North America. On Saturday and Sunday, August 25-26, 2012, this national celebration of Orthodox monasticism will be marked by a threefold commemoration:

- 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Holy Myrrhbearers Monastery in Otego, New York;
- 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the reception of its Abbess, Mother Raphaela, into the monastic life;
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of one of its nuns, Mother Michaela, to the monastic tonsure.

The schedule for the weekend's events will be as follows:

#### **Saturday, August 25, 2012**

**9:30 A.M. Hierarchical Divine Liturgy**, celebrated by members of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America; at Dormition of the Virgin Mary Church, 53 Baxter Street, Binghamton NY



**Banquet** to follow, at Saint Michael's Center (American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese), 296 Clinton Street, Binghamton NY

**5:00 P.M. Supper**, at Holy Myrrhbearers Monastery, 144 Bert Washburn Road, Otego, NY

**6:00 P.M. Vigil**, celebrated by His Grace, Bishop Michael, at Holy Myrrhbearers Monastery

#### **Sunday, August 26, 2012**

**10:00 A.M. Hierarchical Divine Liturgy**, celebrated by His Grace, Bishop Michael; at Holy Myrrhbearers Monastery.

