

# HOLY MYRRHBEARERS MONASTERY

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Dear Reverend Clergy and Faithful –

Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen!

On behalf of Mother Raphaela, the Board of Trustees, and the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee, it is our joy to invite you to a milestone celebration for Holy Myrrhbearers Monastery in Otego, New York. In addition to celebrating 35 years since the Monastery was established, this year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of monastic life profession for Mother Raphaela and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of monastic life profession for Mother Michaela. May God grant them many years!

By God's grace, we will begin the celebration of this anniversary at **9:30 AM, Saturday August 25, 2012**, with a **Divine Liturgy** at Dormition Church, 53 Baxter Street, Binghamton, NY 13905. Following the service, a celebratory **Anniversary Banquet** will be held at the nearby Saint Michael's Greek Catholic Church, 296 Clinton Street, Binghamton, NY. Members of the OCA Holy Synod will preside together with hierarchs of other jurisdictions who have been friends with the monastery through the years. Visiting clergy are welcome to vest and serve.

To purchase tickets for the banquet please fill out and return the attached form: \$25 for adults and teens ages 13 and up, \$10 for seniors and children ages 6 – 12. There is no charge for children under age 6.

For those visiting from great distances, discounted accommodations, including accessible rooms, are available \$114 per night (excluding taxes) at the Holiday Inn Hotel Binghamton, New York. Rooms are double-occupancy with twin beds; alternate room arrangements are also available – please inquire at the hotel. Please phone (607) 722-1212 and mention “Monastery Anniversary” to secure your room.

We also gratefully welcome your wishes and sponsorship in the Anniversary Commemorative book whether or not you can join us on that day. Parishes, groups or families, individuals, or an entire diocese may sponsor a prayer, message, photo or other expression of good wishes. Please refer to the enclosed sheet for additional information instructions on creating and delivering your sponsorship message.

A return envelope with prepaid postage is also enclosed to purchase for the banquet and for your commemorative message. Please make checks out to “Holy Myrrhbearers Monastery,” and indicate “35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet” for tickets or “35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Book” for sponsorship in the memo line.

That evening at the monastery in Otego, a **5:00 p.m. “pot luck” supper will be followed by a 6:00 vigil**. On **Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM** a hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be served in the monastery chapel followed by an informal “Agape” coffee hour.

If you have any questions, requests, or to inquire further about attending or participating in the anniversary celebration, please do not hesitate to contact the chair of the anniversary planning committee, Tatiana Hoff at [tatianalapchukhoff@gmail.com](mailto:tatianalapchukhoff@gmail.com) or +1 857 540 2319.

Thank you in advance for your prayers and support of Holy Myrrhbearers and this momentous and joyous milestone! We hope that you will join us over the weekend of August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>!

In Christ,

The Board of Trustees and 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee

**ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA**

**UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF HIS BEATITUDE, METROPOLITAN JONAH**

**HOLY MYRRHBEARERS MONASTERY, OTEGO, NEW YORK**

**35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

**August 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**R.S.V.P. Ticket Purchases and Commemorative Book Sponsorship Form**

Please complete this form to secure your admission to the Anniversary Banquet on **Saturday, August 25th**. Kindly make checks out to "Holy Myrrhbearers Monastery," and indicate "35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet" for tickets or "35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Book" for sponsorship.

**Tickets:** Please list first and last names and Ticket Type: [\$25 for adults 13 and older, \$10 for seniors and children 6-12]

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Total Ticket Purchase: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I plan to be at the **5:00 supper** at the monastery in Otego August 25<sup>th</sup>. No. of people \_\_\_\_\_ (*No charge; bring a dish to pass!*)  
I will attend the 10:00 Divine Liturgy and Agape at the monastery in Otego August 26<sup>th</sup>. No. of people \_\_\_\_\_ (*No charge; bring a dish to pass for the Agape!*)

**Commemorative Book Instructions:**

Commemorative Book Sponsorship is available in four price tiers. Parishes, groups or families, individuals, or an entire diocese may sponsor a prayer, message, photo or other expression of good wishes.

- Full Page (8 ½ x 11): \$100
- Half Page: \$50
- Quarter-Page: \$25
- Short message: \$15

**The deadline for Commemorative Book Sponsorship Submissions is July 25th.**

There are two options for submitting your commemorative book sponsorship/announcement:

1. Draft the text you would like to include in your message by filling out this form and use the return envelope to submit via postal mail. Your text will be designed and laid out on a page and inserted as part of the commemorative book.
2. Alternatively, please feel free to create your own full, half, or quarter page message electronically in a **PDF Format** and send electronically to Tatiana Hoff at [tatianalapchukhoff@gmail.com](mailto:tatianalapchukhoff@gmail.com) with any relevant instructions. This is the preferred method, especially if you wish to personally customize your message and include photos or graphics.

The following are the suggested content, but you may feel free to include more or less information:

- Person, Group or Parish Name
- Church address/location/website, if applicable
- Your Greeting or Message
- Relevant photo(s) or graphic(s) representing yourselves at the monastery, or your family, group, or parish

**Commemorative Message Contents** (Please feel free to use back of form if and as necessary):

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