

ADMINISTRATION 2004-2005

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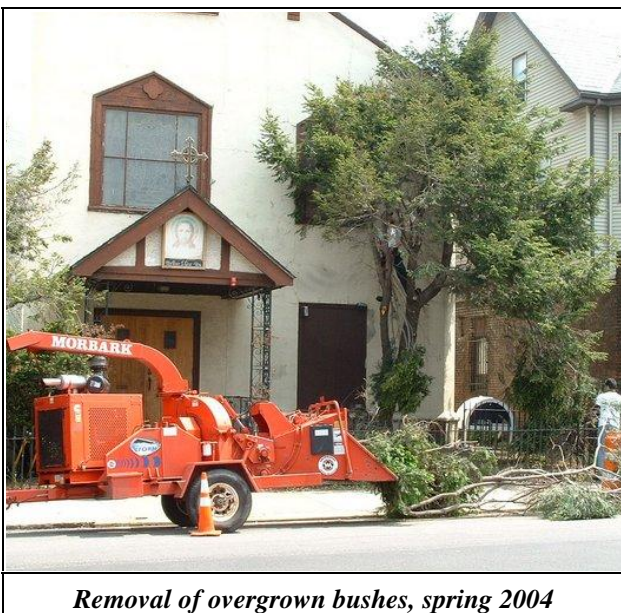
Rev. Fr. Michael Kon
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BEHOLD, ALL THINGS HAVE BECOME NEW!

Extensive renovation was performed on our church over the last year. The following is just a short list of improvements: exhaust-hood over a new stove, exterior repairs on stucco, windows, painting, new roof, landscaping, new floor in the worship area, new rug in the narthex, repairs in the entry, side entrance, and a new fence.

Among other new items:

- Work days at the church & an incredible outpouring of volunteer effort
- The Church received a \$22,000 grant from CSB for Church renovation and for St. Herman School
- The Church received \$150,000 loan for the restorations efforts
- Our Church website was launched in Jan. '05: www.hrochurch.com
- New members voted on in March





Front entry stairs sanded and stained



Old wainscoting replaced with new wood



A new roof is installed



Hardwood floors replace old carpet in the sanctuary



Fixtures are replaced



A new shade of green



Scaffold for painting



Side entrance is refurbished



Old flooring removed



Paint, paint, paint!



Outside benches assembled



Cleaning every crevice

MINISTRIES

Tree of Life Bookstore continues to be open after Divine Liturgy on Sundays and during Coffeehouse, and other church events. John & Anne Koch continue as managers.

The Open Door ministry to the homeless feeds an average of 60 people every Monday night. The program was awarded a grant this year to purchase new folding chairs. The church continues to offer a mid-week food pantry.

International Orthodox Christian Charities: P. Ellen Robinson continued her work with a local committee of IOCC to help raise money and awareness of the charity needs all over the world. In October, the committee hosted a fundraising concert & icon exhibition called *Visions of Faith*. Several parishioners attended and participated.

Brookline Senior Center: Students from St. Herman's School did some special performances at this adult day care facility for the elderly and infirm.

Sisterhood meetings begun on a regular basis, and all women from the parish were invited to attend.

St. Elizabeth's Society meets regularly to offer fervent prayers for all who request them. The society also sends out regularly 65 prayer lists to monasteries and parishes across the globe.

High School & College Ministry:

- **Crossroad Retreat:** For the second year in a row, 30 young high school and college age students came to our parish as part of a retreat on vocations. The retreat was hosted by Holy Cross Orthodox Seminary.
- Our church hosted a retreat for the OCF's (Orthodox Christian Fellowships) on college campuses in the Boston area. Students focussed on the Beatitudes and world Orthodoxy.
- The High School youth group continued to be active.



Brookline Senior Center



Newly formed sisterhood



Crossroads Retreat



Teachers from a school for the deaf visit our school



A student from the deaf school

St. Herman's School

St. Herman's School completed its 14th year of operations. It saw many welcome changes like the hiring of new staff and taking on new students. Alumnae of the school are studying at schools and serving the church all over the world. St. Herman would be pleased that his own far reaching missionary efforts are being repeated in this new generation of God's servants.



Annual Christmas Program



St. Nicholas reports on an alumna



Children's Garden performers



Children sleep away Nativity Eve services

LITURGICAL & PAN-ORTHODOX RELATIONS

Saturday night vigil and Sunday morning Liturgy are held year round. All 12 Great Feasts and midweek Vespers, Orthros, and Liturgies are held in honor of beloved saints. Many services and meetings are highlighted below:

- Reader's educational meeting
- Many tonsurings at Dedo Vladika's annual visit on January 7, 2005 (Old Style Nativity)
- Birth of Anastasia Friar & Paulina Kouranov
- **SCOPA:** Misha and Fr. Patrick attended meetings in NYC: Social and Moral Commission, Study and Planning Commission and the meetings of the SCOPA Hierarchs
- Fr. Patrick delivered two presentations regarding education as a social and moral concern and the distinct foundation and purpose of Orthodox education
- An invitation was made to be part of a panel discussion about ministries and the Church at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
- Fr. James concelebrated and Aaron Friar and family attended a hierarchical service with Bp. Nikon at St. Mary's OCA Church in Chelsea, MA where we yearly concelebrate at Thanksgiving
- OCAMPR presentation at Holy Cross Orthodox Seminary on the school as the healing community
- Attended Fr. Basil Rusen's ordination in Akron, OH
- Our Choir sang at Boston Trinity Academy
- Attendance at the Syracuse Clergy Conference with Dedo Vladika
- Attendance by parishioners at Sunday of Orthodoxy Hierarchical Service in Worcester, MA



Blessing the waters of the Charles R. on Theophany



Nativity of the Theotokos Church in Chelsea



Sunday of Orthodoxy, Worcester, MA



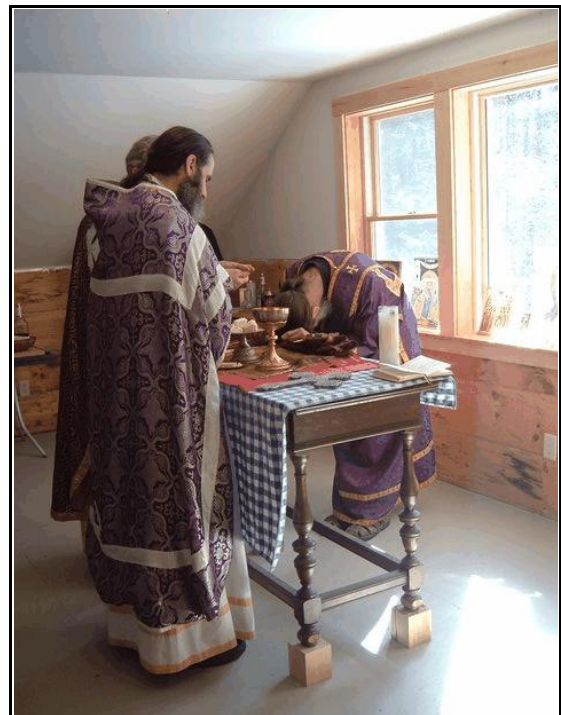
A reader is tonsured



Holy Week procession of maidens



Epitaphion adorned for Holy Pascha



Liturgy at the Parish Farm

PARISH EDUCATION & CULTURE

Education:

- Bible study group bi-weekly
- Monthly discussion on raising children right
- Catechism classes
- Marriage group
- Mother Nectaria from Russia addressed the Sisterhood and had an informal talk with the parish on the theme of pilgrimage
- FIT Families interested in Theology
- Men's Govenie March 25-27, on the Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas

Cultural Events:

- Church Open House & Tag Sale
- Harvest Fair
- Santa Lucia Festival
- Mardis Gras Talent Show
- ***Bulgarian Women's Choir*** meets weekly at our church and will perform at this year's Diocesan Convention dinner dance
- Feast Day Picnics:
 - Dormition Picnic at the Friar's
 - Pentecost at the Higgins
 - Ss. Cyril & Methodios at the Hutchinski's
 - Bright Monday Picnic
- Art exhibit and Auction hosted by a DJ from WGBH radio to benefit our church renovations



Families Interested in Theology



Men's Lenten Govenie



New births!



Birthday celebrations



School drama



Two mommies after service



Brotherhood in nature



Tearing down walls, Building up bridges

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