



**Metropolitan Jonah Arrives in Moscow for 15th Anniversary Celebration  
of St. Catherine Representation Church**



On behalf of Patriarch KYRILL, Metropolitan JONAH was met at the Moscow airport by Archbishop Hilarion

MOSCOW, RUSSIA [OCA Communications ]-- On Saturday, December 5, 2009, His Beatitude, the Most Blessed Jonah, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada, arrived in Moscow to begin his brief pastoral visit to the Orthodox Church in America's Representation at Saint Catherine the Great Martyr Church for its 15th Anniversary celebration.

Greeting Metropolitan Jonah upon his arrival in Moscow were His Eminence, Archbishop Hilarion of Volokolamsk, Chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department of External Church Relations [DECR MP]; His Grace, Bishop Aleksandr of Dmitrov, Vicar to the Most Holy Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia; Archimandrite Zacchaeus, Representative of the Orthodox Church in America to the Moscow Patriarchate; Archpriest Nicholas Balashov, Deputy Chairman of the DECR MP; Priest Igor Yakimschuk, Acting Secretary for Inter-Church Relations; and other clergy and staff of the DECR MP.

After a very interesting conversation on a wide range of topics of mutual interest for the Russian Orthodox Church and the Orthodox Church in America with the representatives of the Russian Orthodox Church, Metropolitan Jonah and Archimandrite Zacchaeus departed for Saint Daniel Monastery Hotel, where they were met by the clergy and chancery staff of Saint Catherine the Great Martyr Church, who eagerly received His Beatitude's Primate blessing.

Later that evening, the eve of the Feast of the Holy Right Believing Prince Alexander Nevsky, Metropolitan Jonah, with the blessing of His Holiness, the Most Holy Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia, prayed during the All Night Vigil at Moscow's Saint Daniel Stavropeghial Monastery.

At the conclusion of the reading of the Matins Gospel, Metropolitan Jonah exited the altar and from the amvon greeted the monastery's Abbot, Archimandrite Aleksy, and the brotherhood with him. After speaking about the life of the Venerable Herman of Alaska and his significance for the Orthodox faithful in both North America and Russia, Metropolitan Jonah presented a particle of the holy relics of the saint to the Monastery.

In thanking His Beatitude for this spiritual gift, Archimandrite Aleksey emphasized the unity that exists between the two Autocephalous Churches, which is celebrated through the lives of mutual shared saints like the Venerable Herman of Alaska. Accompanying Metropolitan Jonah is Novice Gregory [Stevens], his personal aide and subdeacon.



His Beatitude enters St. Danial Monastery in Moscow to celebrate the evening Vigil service and venerates the icon of the Saint.



Following Vigil services, Metropolitan JONAH presents St. Daniel Monastery in Moscow with relics from St. Herman of Alaska

### **OCA Treasurer Issues 2009 Nine-month Financial Report**

SYOSSET, NY [OCA Communications] -- Newly-appointed Treasurer of the Orthodox Church in America, Ms. Melanie Ringa, has issued her report of the OCA's finances for the first nine months of 2009.

In her report, Ms. Ringa notes that "the results through September 30 show a surplus of \$91,811.89 after mortgage principal payments. This reflects a positive variance of \$34,260.85 from the budget."

She also noted that "the revised budget as approved at the September 2009 Metropolitan Council meeting projected an operating surplus of \$75,867 for 2009 after mortgage principal payments. Although our surplus for the first three quarters of the year was \$91,811, we expect that this surplus will be reduced somewhat due to increased activity on pending litigation during the final three months of the year, with a final result close to the anticipated budget."

### Today's Commemorations

**28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3 (13<sup>th</sup> of Luke). Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ. SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY.** Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-bearer, Bishop of Antioch (107). Ven. Ignatii (Ignatius), Archimandrite of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—1435). St. Philogonius, Bishop of Antioch (323). St. Daniel, Archbishop of Serbia (1338). St. Anthony, Bp. of Vorónezh (1846). **Rest** of **St. John of Kronstadt**.



St. John of Kronstadt (1908 AD)  
Commemorated October 19

Father John of Kronstadt, one of the most well known saints of recent

history, possessed an evangelical fervour, and, above all, was 'flesh of the flesh' of the Orthodox tradition and of the faith and life of the Orthodox Church. Father John was an expressive and impressive preacher, an promoter of frequent communion, a man who moved the hearts of hardened sinners to repentance, a man with a great depth of love, and a spiritual healer. Huge crowds flocked to him from all parts of Orthodox Russia to hear him and to be healed by him (in body and soul).

### Schedule of Divine Liturgies

**Jan. 3** – Anticipation of Holy Theophany – Afterfeast of St. Basil the Great.

**Jan. 17** – St. Timothy, Disciple of St. Paul

**Jan. 31** – Following Liturgy, Annual Parish Meeting of SS Cyril & Methodius

### † May Their Memory Be Eternal †

The newly departed servant Patriarch PAVLE and Magdalena; the Archbishop GREGORY; the Priests Peter, Ishmael, Leo, Homer, Victor, and Thomas; the Matushki Mary, Platonida, and Barbara; the Readers John, Philemon, John, and Robert Michael; and the servants of God Alexander, Sophia, Shafik, Michael, Steven, Christo, Radka, Anna, Dale, Mary, Carmel, Thomas, Vasili, Mary Ellen, Andrew, Irene, Stamatia, Peter, Steven, Olivera, George, Marianthe, Panaigiotti, Christophor, George, Rada, Stephen, & Julia.

### Those Who Are In Need of Prayer

Priests Milorad, Photius, Anthony, and Joseph; Presbyteras Marie, Miriam, Artemis, & Marie; Alexandra, George, Matthew, Oliver, Zell, Charlie, Patricia, David, John, Kyriaki, Catherine, Bojanka, Emilia, Georgi (Joro), and Anna; those who are traveling, George and Yonka.

### 2009 Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held, according to our Bylaws, following the last Sunday's Divine Liturgy in January. The meeting will therefore be held on Sunday, January 31. Members in good standing will be able to vote. If you have any questions as to your eligibility, please contact Fr. Timothy.