

Protecting Veil of the Theotokos Orthodox Community
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"Bless this new year with Your bounty, O Lord. Preserve this land and its people in peace, and save us through the intercessory prayers of the Theotokos and all the saints. Amen."

2010 Community Activities

Your blessing, Vladyka BENJAMIN.

The Sacrament of Confession and receiving Holy Communion continue to be at St. Innocent Orthodox Cathedral, attendance of weekend including Major/Minor feasts at St. Innocent Cathedral and Reader's Services @ Community.

Winter 2010 Orthodox Christian Journal – Vol. 28 #4 accepted an article written by the Community and will appear in the Communities Fall/Winter Monastic Journal, "Invisible Protection".

Fall/Winter: Protecting Veil of the Theotokos Orthodox Community monetary support continues through the Anchorage School District – nine months out of the year. For the months of June, July and August – it is through much prayer and small miracles the Community survives.

Spring/Summer: Serving the departed – singing with Archpriest John Zabinko at Panikidas/Funerals; visitation to the sick at Anchorage Area Hospitals and correspondence to those in prisons.

Out reach services to Father Paul Valsco's and Bishop Maxim's annual visit to the Serbian faithful – singing at Transfiguration of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church, Ninilchiks' Transfiguration of Our Lord Church and St. Innocent's Orthodox Christian Cathedral; contact with Archpriest Michael Oleksa, the Community contributed to distribute to the Aleut/Alutiq Nation the icon of Blessed Mother Olga; continued contacts with young women experiencing Bi-Polar disorder, those newly diagnosis with cancer, elders of spousal diagnosis of Alzheimer disease including written/verbal/phone call prayer requests.

Annual repair and up keep continues at the Community.

Visitors/Meetings: Two succinct meetings with Abbot Gabriel and Nun(s) from the following: Transfiguration of Our Lord Monastery in Ellwood City, PA, St. Nilus Skete and Pleasant Harbor; Russian Iconographer traveling through Anchorage returning to Russia; and caring for a sibling during medical procedure(s) and hospitalization.

After meeting with a young lady on the topic of monastic life and her parents saying "it is up to her" without hesitation, said yes to enter the Community. However, I was reminded of Mother Alexandra's (of blessed memory) talk, *Monastic Advice*, "Different people with authority and even those with none will feel they have a right even the duty to advise you...tempting offers were dangled before my eyes." Her words came true. The young lady and I continue to remain in contact and only as the Lord wills, the Community will grow.

Community will be represented at the 2010 October Diocesan Assembly.

Remembering you in prayer and ask that you keep in your prayers the Community.

Forgive me, Nun Capetolina

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