

Holy Transfiguration Skete

Society of Saint John
6559 State Highway M26
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Jacob's Falls
November 21, 2011
Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

Dear Friend, Patron, Benefactor:

Glory to Jesus Christ!

In this tiny monastery, with so many needs and so few resources, we have long had recourse to the intercession and prayers of St. Melania of Rome. Certainly, her prayers have been effective; what the Lord has wrought here these past twenty-seven years has been nothing short of miraculous. Often, in the midst of so many daily trials and responsibilities, we fail to see the progress, but when we pause to look back we are amazed to see that, yes, we have, indeed, come a long way.

But we have farther yet to go!

God has set us on pilgrimage toward the building of a great monastery, and we know not the length of the journey, nor are we certain of the path. We continue to trust in His guiding hand. But we clearly see our immediate tasks and the obstacles that must be overcome.

We must complete the new storage building at the **Jampot**; we must retire the mortgage on our land; and we must acquire additional property to secure access to our land west of Jacob's Creek.

To that end we began a capital funds campaign last winter. A recent modest bequest and the generosity arising from our Autumn **Magnificat** have brought us to about twenty percent of our \$1,000,000.00 goal. Most of these funds have been committed to

the construction at hand or have been applied to mortgage payments. We have not yet been able to significantly reduce the principal still owed. It is imperative we do so before interest rates begin to rise, as is inevitable.

Moreover, the cost of completing and equipping the building now under construction exceeds the funds currently dedicated to the project by about \$60,000.00. This shortfall must be covered before the new building can become completely functional.

We need your help!

The miracles the Lord worked for this monastery in the past came through the generosity of many good people, some of whom have already gone on to their reward. We continue to pray for them, as well as for those who have assumed their place.

We beg you also join in the sharing out of Divine Providence.

In anticipation of the generosity of your response to this appeal, we invoke upon you and those you love the blessing of Him who for our salvation took on the tender flesh of a Babe and lay in manger.

Yours in His love,

Hieromonk Nicholas

Hieromonk Nicholas, Hegumen
and the monks of Holy Transfiguration Skete