

Holy Protection Monastery

Society of Saint John
6559 State Highway M26
Eagle Harbor, Michigan 49950

Jacob's Falls
November 15, 2020
Holy Apostle Philip

Dear Friend, Patron, Benefactor:

Glory to Jesus Christ!

We are building a monastery in the Keweenaw Peninsula.

We have often employed these words in appeal letters over the years. But, as we have known from the very beginning, the reality is quite different. This is not our doing. In the words of an aged priest, penned to us a few weeks before his passing: *It is the Lord's work, and He will have to do it.*

And He is doing it!

God, in fact, is building this monastery. The preceding retrospective narrative highlights some of the instances where we have been able to detect His providential hand. No doubt there have been many others of which we are unaware. Certainly, the survival and growth of this monastery has been something of a miracle, a wonder at which we continue to marvel.

In all this we have been but His unworthy instruments. Time and again our own efforts have come up short. We have often misappraised situations and proceeded down wrong paths. But, even when faced with seeming disaster, He has made good our lack and guided the outcome toward the monastery's benefit. Truly, Divine Grace always supplies what is lacking.

Remembrance of past mercies engenders hope for the future. Many challenges lie ahead. Most remain as yet unknown; we trust when

they are made manifest we will face them with confidence. Those immediately before us provide concern sufficient for the present time. Much remains to be done on projects already in hand. We hope to undertake Phase III of the **Jampot** expansion next fall.

For this we need your help.

Before beginning the new project, we must retire the debt resulting from the old. Great generosity during the spring and summer has allowed us to make a substantial reduction in the principal balance of the construction loan for Phase II of the expansion. But a significant amount remains. The year-end accounting will enable us to determine how much **Jampot** can contribute from its busy season. But your generosity will spell the difference.

The Reinerio Family Foundation has issued another challenge grant for the holiday season. Contributions received during the months of November and December will be matched up to \$10,000.00. This effectively double your gift at this time.

The Lord is building this monastery. We beg you join in His work.

In anticipation of your generous response to this heartfelt appeal, we hold you and those you love in our hearts as we fast and pray our way to the celebration of the Savior's birth.

In His love,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hieromonk Basil". The script is cursive and fluid.

Hieromonk Basil, Hegumen
and the monks of Holy Protection Monastery