

## *Holy Protection Monastery*

Society of Saint John  
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Jacob's Falls  
November 8, 2021  
Holy Archangel Michael and All the Heavenly Host

Dear Friend, Patron, Benefactor:

Glory to Jesus Christ!

2020, the year of COVID 19, was a year of blessing for this holy monastery. With approval of our Typicon and erection as a monastery *sui juris*, we entered into a new phase of our growth, took a major step in the progress of our monastic pilgrimage. There was also significant economic progress. **Jampot** registered a 20% increase in sales revenue and contributions grew by 70%. These economic blessings allowed for retirement of our existing debt and for the establishment of a maintenance trust fund.

Uncertain as to whether or not the increased business would be permanent, we decided to wait a while longer before entering the third Phase of **Jampot** expansion. Despite the various trials of supply and production encountered this season, the monastery's earned income has maintained last year's pace. There seems no reason not to proceed toward the provision of the new bakery and sales room. We will be working this winter on design details for the project, with a view toward undertaking this important next step in the monastery's growth during the fall of next year.

**The prospect causes us some trepidation.**

The expansion will involve removal of existing structures and provision of temporary spaces for wintertime production; the preliminaries to construction will be somewhat of a logistical nightmare. Moreover, building costs have dramatically increased

as a result of the recent pandemic; the work will entail significantly greater expense than originally anticipated.

**With this we need your help.**

We expect that another busy season will provide a certain portion of the necessary funds. We know, however, that our own efforts will likely come up short. Your generosity can spell the difference.

**Step by step, 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, with the first letter 'H' being particularly large and stylized.

Hieromonk Basil, Hegumen  
and the monks of Holy Protection Monastery