



The Fountain

“Rejoice, flowing Water . . .” (Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary)

“O Virgin abundant healing flows from you . . .” (Paraklesis: Office of Consolation to the Most Holy Theotokos)

Newsletter of the Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch

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From the Director

Deacon Bill Fredrick

I never thought I would say this, but I miss cleaning the dog hair off of my black pants with a lint roller. You see, one of my yellow Labrador Retrievers named Jojo passed away unexpectedly in March, and I miss her a lot. She would always rub up against my pants leg when I came home, her rear end and tail wagging with uncontrollable happiness because I had returned home to play with her, to pet her, and to otherwise love her, even when she was shedding, which seemed to be almost always. Now my pants are clean, but I wish they weren't.

Missing a beloved pet that has passed away is tough, and missing a beloved family member or friend who has died is even tougher, but it is an unavoidable part of our human experience. That doesn't make it any easier to deal with, but thankfully, we Christians know that death is not the end, and that "missing" someone is not a permanent condition. And we have Jesus Christ to thank for the hope we share as believers in him. By dying on the cross and then rising from the dead, he took away "the end" and gave us "the Beginning." He made our sadness temporary and replaced it with the promise of eternal happiness. And while we may spend at least a *part*

of our time on this earth missing those who have passed away, he showed us through his words and deeds how to live our lives *all* of the time as faithful Christians who are not hopeless, who know that we will someday be reunited with those we miss.

And it's also up to us to give others the hope we have by bringing Christ to those who do not know him through our own words and deeds, guided by the Holy Spirit with love and understanding. Then, others who now "miss" will also come to realize that the "missing" is only for a while. And yes, for those who believe, someday when eternity happens for each of us, the word "miss" will no longer be a part of our vocabulary because it will be a word without meaning, a word as meaningless as death itself. And as for me, I hope and pray that maybe, *just maybe*, I'll have yellow dog hair on my black pants again.

Gala report

The third annual Miracle of Mariaoch Gala fundraiser for the eparchy's Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch in Burton, Ohio, raised \$14,453, almost twice as much as last year.

More than 120 people attended the April 14 event, held in the hall of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist.

Our thanks to all who supported the event!

Sister Adalberta honored



Sister Adalberta Rohaly, longtime caretaker at our shrine, was honored at the Miracle of Mariapoch Gala, April 14. Incarnate Word Sister Margaret Taylor, a close friend of Sister Adalberta at Regina Health Center, where she and her late superior, Sister Flora Kocsis, moved after retiring from the shrine in 2007, gave a brief history of Sister Adalberta's life. She entered the Social Mission Sisters in Hungary at age 15, taught kindergarten for 20 years, and came to the shrine in the 1970s. Sisters Flora and Adalberta did anything and everything to care for the shrine, the grounds, the pilgrims and the

ailing shrine director, Father Alexander Bobak, in his last years.

Sister Margaret said Sister Adalberta insisted Sister Flora be honored, too, as the one in charge; Sister Adalberta said she was only the helper. Modest, humble and not wanting to draw attention to herself, Sister Adalberta declined to attend the gala. Sister Adalberta has been a Social Mission Sister for 68 years; she is the only sister of her order in the United States. Today, she lives a ministry of prayer.

Guests at the Gala signed a large card of thanks to Sister Adalberta for her years of dedicated service. Shrine Director Deacon Fredrick also presented Sister Margaret with a print of the new Mariapoch icon to give to Sister Adalberta.

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Gift Shop

The Eastern Treasures gift shop at the shrine opens for the summer season on Sunday, May 27.

Plaques of the new Mariapoch icon can be purchased in the gift shop.

You can also shop online at www.shrineofmariapoch.com.

Shrine cafe

Just a reminder that meals are served in the shrine café every Sunday at 4:30 p.m., following the 3:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy.

New lighting



New lighting has been installed in the pavilion and under the café awning. Twenty tables with benches have been purchased and should be at the shrine for the start of the season.

Parish pilgrimages

Please see the summer schedule on page 3. If your parish hasn't chosen a date for its annual pilgrimage day, please ask your pastor to do so.

Annual pilgrimage

Full details of the annual eparchial pilgrimage will be forthcoming. But, please note that this year the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, celebrated by Eparchy of Parma Apostolic Administrator Bishop Milan Lach, S.J., will take place at **4 p.m.** on Sunday, Aug. 19.

Don't forget . . .

■ that you can purchase a pew for the shrine nave. The plaque can be engraved with your name or in memory of a loved one. Contact Bob Dirda at 330-808-0465 for more information.

■ that you can volunteer to take care of the landscaping around one of the many prayer venues on the grounds. Contact Sue Negron at 440-547-2827 for more information.

■ that you may send in prayer requests and your intentions will be prayed for at the regular Sunday afternoon Liturgies during the shrine outdoor season. Send requests to the shrine mailing address on page 1 of this newsletter.

■ that, while sharing space at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch, Christ the Bridegroom Monastery and the Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch are two separate entities and each maintains its own finances.

Donations made to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch are exclusively for the perpetuation of the shrine, its ministry, programming and upkeep.

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Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch 2018 Schedule

BURTON, Ohio — The advisory board of the Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch, 17486 Mumford Road, announces the following summer schedule:

Sunday May 27 3:30 p.m. Opening Divine Liturgy

Sunday June 3 3:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy / Pilgrimage of Holy Spirit and St. Nicholas (Cleveland) parishes

Saturday June 9 All day St. Emilian Parish Pilgrimage

Sunday June 10 3:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy / St. Nicholas Parish (Lorain) pilgrimage

Sunday June 17 3:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy

Thurs.-Sun. June 21-24 Boys & Girls Camps

Sunday June 24 3:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy

Sunday July 1 3:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy

Sunday July 8 3:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy

Sunday July 15 3:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy / St. Mary Magdalene Parish pilgrimage

Saturday July 21 3 p.m. Mass / St. Edward and St. Lucy Parish pilgrimage

Sunday July 22 3:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy

Sunday July 29 3:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy

Sunday Aug. 5 3:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy

Sunday Aug. 12 3:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy

Sat.-Sun. Aug. 18-19 Eparchial Pilgrimage

Sunday Aug. 26 3:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy

Sunday Sept. 2 3:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy

Sunday Sept. 9 3:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy

Sunday Sept. 16 3:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy

Sunday Sept. 23 3:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy / St. Joseph Parish pilgrimage

Sunday Sept. 30 3:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy

Sunday Oct. 7 3:30 p.m. Closing Divine Liturgy / Cathedral of St. John Parish pilgrimage

Dinner is served in the cafeteria at 4:30 p.m. each Sunday after Divine Liturgy. Visit Eastern Treasures Gift Shop.

For information or to organize a day of reflection at the shrine for your parish or organization, go to

www.shrineofmariapoch.com.

ANNUAL EPARCHIAL PILGRIMAGE Saturday & Sunday, Aug. 18 & 19, 2018

**SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MARIAPOCH
17486 MUMFORD ROAD, BURTON, OHIO**

- processions
- hierarchical Divine Liturgy
- campfire and talk
- gift shop
- full meals and a la carte refreshments
- liturgical services
- guest speaker
- teen talk
- family camping

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celebrated by Bishop Milan,
Sunday, Aug. 19, at 4 p.m.

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Prayer to Our Lady of Mariapoch

*O most blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, adorned with miracles, whose icon shed tears at the place of your mercy in Mariapoch, we, who honor you, humbly beseech your motherly care. Save our country from all its enemies; protect the church; and join all in one faith that, at last, the words of Christ may be fulfilled: "There shall be one fold and one shepherd." Do not deny us your intercession; and obtain for us peaceful times, health for our bodies and peace for our souls. Obtain the grace for us that our last hour finds us in the Christian faith and in a state of grace so that we be enabled to gain eternal salvation.
Amen.*