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The faithful of Saint Innocent Mission parish in Oneonta NY have been attending services in the chapel of the Holy Myrrhbearers Monastery (Otego NY) for the last two years. The mission parish began in February of 1997. His Grace, Bishop +Michael, has assigned an experienced missionary and pastor to build up the community.



On September 1st, 2010 the Very Reverend Hieromonk Matthias (Moriak) was received into the ranks of the clergy of the Orthodox Church of America by His Beatitude, Metropolitan +Jonah. Father Matthias was then transferred to the Diocese of New York and New Jersey and placed under the omophorion of His Grace, Bishop +Michael. Father Matthias has been assigned to serve the monastery of the Holy Myrrhbearers and, at the same time, to build up Saint Innocent parish so it can exist on its own in the future. Father Matthias has served in the Holy Priesthood for thirty-eight years, founding one mission parish and serving another.



Vigil is served every Saturday evening, as well as the evenings of Feast Days, at 6:00 p.m. in the monastery chapel, followed by confessions. Also, the Divine Liturgy will be served at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays and 9:30 a.m. on Feast Days, preceded by the reading of the Hours. Faithful in the Otego and Oneonta area are invited to attend services in Otego and support the mission.

Holy Myrrhbearers Monastery is located at 144 Bert Washburn Road, Otego NY 13825. The phone number is 607-432-3179. For details or more information, contact Father Matthias at 33 Hewitt Avenue, Bronxville NY 10708 ~ by phone at 914-779-6580 or by e mail: monkmatthias@hotmail.com

Holy Myrrhbearers Monastery 13th Annual Fall Pilgrimage

Saturday, October 9, 2010

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

1:30 p.m. Akathist

3:30 p.m. Healing Service

6:00 p.m. Vespers

Potluck refreshments.

Information 607-432-3179. Offerings are gratefully received.



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