

The Blessed Healing Icon
of
St. Anna
From
St. Tikhon's Monastery

On May 9, 2004 - Mother's Day in the U.S. - an Icon of St. Anna, the Mother of the Holy Virgin Mary, located in the Russian Orthodox Church of Our Lady of Joy of All Who Sorrow in Philadelphia began to stream myrrh. On that Sunday one of the parishioners mentioned to the parish rector, Archimandrite Athanasy that the Icon of St. Anna seemed to be "perspiring". Upon further investigation, Fr. Athanasy notice visible liquid streams and droplets.



Anna was crying. More recently small, slow-moving streams of myrrh have appeared in other parts of the Icon.

The Icon of St. Anna had been commissioned by Fr. Athanasy in 1998, in the Mount of Olives Convent in Jerusalem. He himself had served there in 1980-1981. In 1998, the Icon was completed, blessed at the Sepulcher of our Lord in the Jerusalem Church of the Resurrection, and brought to Philadelphia.

Accumulations of the liquid were seen on the cuff on St. Anna's left hand and on her left shoulder veil. Droplets were also found elsewhere on the Icon. This fragrant, slightly oily liquid is commonly referred to as "myrrh". Initially the myrrh looked like tear drops, as if St.

Troparion to the Dormition of St. Anna:

O divinely wise Anna, in thy womb
thou didst bear the pure Mother of
God, who gaveth birth unto Life.
Wherefore, rejoicing in glory, thou
hast now been translated to the man-
sions of heaven, where is the abode of
those who rejoice. O ever-blessed one,
beseech thou cleansing of transgres-
sions for those who honor thee with
love.

As of Fall 2012, the Icon resides at St. Tikhon's Monastery and has a wonderful heavenly fragrance but is not currently weeping. Assistance and healings are still wrought by the miraculous Icon of St. Anna and She continues to work wonders for those who approach with faith.

A
Moleben Prayer Service
with an
Anointing
will be held at
Holy Assumption Orthodox Church
At
35 Orange Avenue Clifton, NJ
On
Sunday, October 13th. @ 4:00 PM.

Refreshments will follow in the Parish Hall downstairs afterwards