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*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that
I have commanded you..."
(St. Matthew 28:19-20).*

August 6, 2011

Feast of the Holy Transfiguration of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ

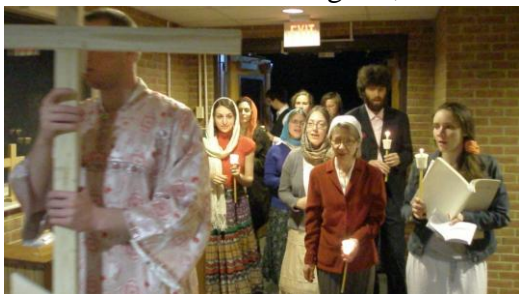
Dear Friends of Annapolis College Ministry:

Giving Thanks for each of you

We give thanks to God for each one of you who make this ministry possible and remember you in our prayers! We cannot minister to the students and midshipmen without your faithful support, which makes our living here possible.

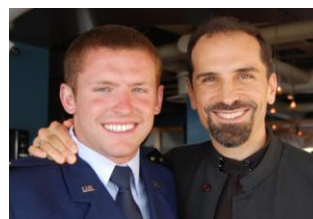
First Holy Week and Pascha in Annapolis: Birth of our daughter, Anastasia Marie

So much has happened in our life and ministry since I wrote to you in the Spring. We had our first Holy Week and Pascha with the students in Annapolis. Some 30 people came to Pascha. Our daughter, Anastasia (Ana) Marie was born on liturgical Holy Saturday, a true resurrection baby (hence her name, which means, "the resurrection"). Though I had only a couple of hours of sleep between Holy Thursday night and Pascha, I was able to serve my first Pascha Liturgy with



3: Great and Holy Friday Procession

Midshipman Matthew Merrill baptized and chrismated
Midshipman (now an Officer in the Air Force), Matthew Merrill, who had journeyed to the faith through this ministry over the past year, was baptized and chrismated on the Sunday of the Blind Man, May 22, just two days after his commissioning. Matthew became the second student baptized this year in the Mission. We rejoice with him!



4: Matt and Fr. Robert at Commissioning



2: Anastasia's Baptism



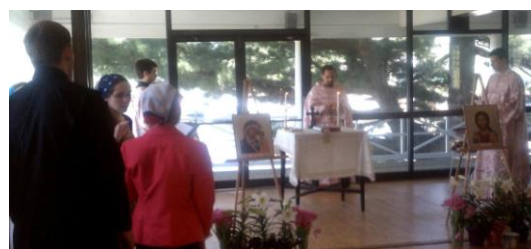
5: Matt's Baptism

New Catechumen



7: Brian enters Catechumenate

This Spring we welcomed our first graduate student from St. John's College into the Catechumenate. Brian Merriweather started attending one of my student Bible studies two years ago and is now journeying to unite himself with Christ and His holy Church. Please keep him in your prayers! He has now graduated from St. John's and is hoping to find a math teaching position in the area so that he can continue to grow in Christ through the ministry and participate in the Mission.



6: Agape Vespers in the Boathouse



1: A Teaching Vespers

Summer Bible study on St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

In June we once again began our summer Bible study, which is proving to be a great source of encouragement and growth for those who are participating. A new study is planned for the Fall as well.

As the Mission grows, so too does ACM



11: The Bier during Holy Week.

Our Mission in Annapolis was founded in January to provide a regular cycle of weekly services and ministry opportunities for the students and midshipmen. Our hope is that other families and individuals will come to join us and provide the stability and encouragement of family life to the students and midshipmen, providing sponsor families for the Orthodox midshipmen and a few home-cooked meals and more models of maturity for the St. John's students. In addition to providing the Sacraments and liturgical services for the students locally (before we had to travel to D.C. or Baltimore), there are many opportunities to serve in and through the Mission, which gives the students and midshipmen the ability to come outside themselves to grow in Christ-likeness. As support for the Mission grows, more of our ACM support will be able to go to expanding our new internship program, which began in 2010!

Help at the Naval Academy

With different schedules at both colleges, individual meetings, services, teachings, Bible studies, and catechism classes, there's never enough time to reach out and meet with all the students as much as I would like. God has sent us some great help in the form of Fr. David Alexander, an Orthodox priest and new military chaplain at the USNA. He and I will be

working together to offer more to the Orthodox midshipmen and others at the USNA than we've ever been able to before. Fr. David will be serving at the USNA for the next three years, which will enable us to build up the ministry there during his tenure.

Your Prayers and Support are Making a Difference

Please keep ACM, the students, and us in your prayers! We are grateful for each one of you and remember you in our prayers. Together, we are bringing Christ and His holy Church to the students of Annapolis. Please tell your friends about ACM!

Fundraising Update and Need

We are falling behind in our budget needs this year, a large part of which enables me to serve the students full-time while providing for my (growing) family and provide all the services, teachings, and individual pastoral meetings when the students are available. We need the equivalent of 8 people to give \$100 a month to make up the gap or 16 people to give \$50 per month. If you are able to increase your regular monthly contribution, we would be so grateful.

Wishing you every blessing of the Feasts of the Transfiguration and Holy Dormition,

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8: Summer Bible Study



9: Choir during Holy Week



10: Visit to see Archbishop Nathaniel



12: Lenten Visit from Met. JONAH