

## Monastery offers HOPE

The monastery itself has a website at [allsaintsmonasteryny.org](http://allsaintsmonasteryny.org). While more information about White Field Farms ([whitefieldfarm.org](http://whitefieldfarm.org)) and the Hope Project ([hopeprojectny.org](http://hopeprojectny.org)) can be found at their respective websites.

What follows is a brief overview of the need for the ministry provided by the sisters of the All Saints Monastery.

- Most women who are trafficked in Long Island have been put into prostitution as children by their parents to support the parent's drug habit. The women usually have come into contact with the law and have substance abuse issues.
- The women while in jail have had contact with agencies to help place them. While there are sober houses and group houses for women post jail there is no place presently for women who have been trafficked.

The sisters have responded with a 2 prong plan.

- Occupation:

Whitfield Farm : The sisters offer employment to women in halfway/ sober house post jail to earn a salary. They get these women through social agencies. At present they have one women employed 4 hours a day 5 days a week and another coming on for the Christmas season business.

- Hope project: is in development

The sisters know that the women could be better served with a living situation that took into consideration all their needs (sobriety, housing psychological assistance) as well as employment. They will be beginning soon to step up efforts for fund raising for this. Other thought until this could be a reality are rent vouchers for those in private halfway houses and vouchers for college classes. The sisters have found that it is difficult to fund raise on a concept.

This ministry is in its infancy, and support is crucial for its success. We, as a parish community, have the opportunity to make a difference to those less fortunate than ourselves.

*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' Matt 25:32-41*

## 16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2017

# St. Alexis of Wilkes-Barre Orthodox Christian Church

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## Scripture Readings

2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Luke 5:1-11

## Commemorations

Holy New Martyrs of Alaska,  
Hieromonk Juvenaly (ca. 1796)  
and Peter the Aleut (1815).

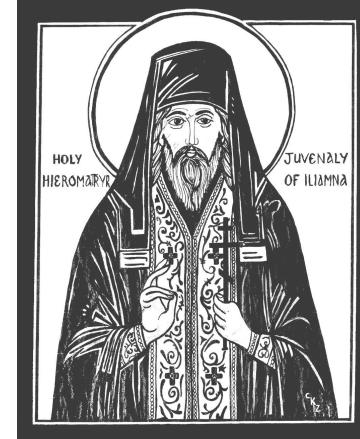
Holy Protomartyr and Equal-to-the-Apostles Thecla (1st c.).

Ven. Nicander, Hermit, of Pskov  
(1581). Monk Martyr Galacteon  
of Vologdá (1612). Ven.

Coprius of Palestine (530). Ven.  
Abramii, Abbot of Mirozh  
(Pskov). St. Vladislav of Serbia  
(1230-39). Ven. Dorothy of  
Kashin. Ven. Silouan of Mt.  
Athos (1938).

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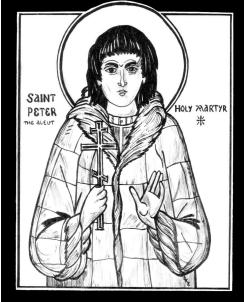
## Welcome to our Guests

We welcome all visitors to our Divine Liturgy and services. While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to participate in our prayers and hymns and to join us in venerating the Cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Liturgy. Please sign our guest card and join us for refreshments and fellowship after the services.

Feel free to ask questions before or after the services. Any member of our Council or Congregation are glad to assist you. Literature about the Orthodox faith and this parish can be found in the narthex (back of the Church).

Our Parish Council Representatives are:

President - Susan Hayes  
Vice President - Deborah Bray (Memory Eternal)  
Secretary - SubDeacon Joseph Brubaker  
Treasurer - Susan Egan  
Member at Large - James Pepitone  
Member at Large - Demetra Tolis



## This week's services and events

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

8:30a - Daily Matins

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

4:30p - Open Doors

6:00p - Daily Vespers (New Time!)

Thursday, September 28, 2017

8:30a - Daily Matins

Saturday, September 30, 2017

5:30p - Great Vespers

General Confession to follow

Sunday, October 1, 2017

9:30a - Divine Liturgy

Church School to follow

## Announcements

We are in need to replacing three positions on the Parish Council for next year. Demetra Tolis' and Deborah Bray's terms each conclude, and we will need to fill the remainder of Bill Brubaker's term (1 year) as he will not be able to complete the work he started.

Our ByLaws call for the general election of a delegate to represent the parish at our annual Diocesan Assembly. Sophia Brubaker was duly elected, and Bill was elected as the alternative. Both, for health reasons, are not able to attend. As a parish, we have no provisions for replacing both elected positions, so I asked for volunteers. Joan Skrobat, who would be attending as an observer, has volunteered to represent the parish.

## Please continue to pray for...

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Subdeacon Joseph, Sophia, Robert, Ann, Daria, Dori, John, Evelyn, June, Nina, Joan, John, Alex, Alan, Luke, Kathryn, Anastasia, Glenn, Veronica, Darlyne, Irene, Nancy, Dionysian, Elena, Jevon, Ivan and Joscean.  
And for...John, Jennifer, Nicholas, Isabel, Elizabeth, John, Jordan, Michael, Lee, Eva, Neil, Gina, Joey, Michael, Madelyn, Sofie, Katrina, Olena, Valeriy, Olga, Tatiana, Dimitri, Alexander and Maxim.

Deborah Bray, may her memory be eternal!

## This week we celebrate:

Susan and Lloyd Davis on the occasion of their anniversary; and Phyllis Sturtevant on the occasion of her birthday.

One of the primary tasks set for the parish's Outreach Ministry was to find ministries, charities and organizations that we, as a parish, could actively support as part of our commitment to reach and support those in need. Of all the worthy organizations and institutions that were discussed, one, in particular, has captured the attention of the Outreach Ministry: All Saints Monastery, located in Calverton, NY. This woman's monastic community has a singular of seeking to help women who were victims of human trafficking.

## Monastery Offers HOPE for Victims of Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is a serious problem and an offence to humanity. Victims are sexually exploited, psychologically and physically abused and held against their wills.

And before you say this isn't a problem in the US, according to an article in the Huffington Post, "America holds the title of 'second highest destination in the world for trafficked women' (Wiehl, 2010). Between 14,500 and 17,500 victims are trafficked into the USA each year. In most cases the average age of the prostitute or exploited victim is between 12 and 13 years old."

Although law enforcement is working harder to stop human trafficking, more needs to be done to help the women and children who have been affected and abused.

## HOPE Project

The HOPE Project is working to make a difference by creating a program that is rehabilitative, healing, and transformational to the survivors.

Located in Calverton, NY, HOPE Project, provides free housing for women for 2 years as they find recovery and healing and acquire the skills necessary to provide for themselves and live independently.

All participants will be provided with both individual therapy and group therapy, enabling them to find the emotional healing and support they desperately need. As well as the education and life skills these women need in order to live productive and successful lives once they have found emotional healing.

An important aspect of what they will offer the HOPE Project participants is job training. As the women find emotional healing and strength, they will have the reward of a paid position at White Field Farm that also provides job training and experience. Through their work, they will learn responsibility, perseverance, and how to work with others.

## White Field Farm

White Field Farm is a company that was started by the sisters of All Saints Greek Orthodox Monastery in 2012. It is a natural body product and soy wax candle company that is committed to using the highest quality ingredients.

Their goals are to spread awareness of human trafficking in Long Island and to support hiring the women participants of Hope Project on a part-time basis.

<http://myocn.net/monastery-offers-hope-for-victims-of-human-trafficking/>