Mark Your Calendar!

Bishop Gerasimos Centennial Celebration
This October marks 100 years since the birth of our most beloved Bishop Gerasimos of Abydos, a spiritual father to HCHC for some 43 years. Our community will observe this momentous anniversary with a Symposium on Bishop Gerasimos on October 5 (including a Vespers service, a community dinner, and five speakers introducing the person of Bishop Gerasimos); a Great Vespers on October 9 with a special message from Bishop Gerasimos’ nephew, Dr. Stylianos G. Papadopoulos, Profess Emeritus at the University of Athens; and a Divine Liturgy on October 10, Bishop Gerasimos’ 100th birthday, followed by a memorial service. Also, the Symposium will introduce the publication of Bishop Gerasimos’ commentary on the Gospel of St. John, translated by our own Fr. Peter Chamberas.

The remarkable life of Bishop Gerasimos includes living as a monk on Mount Athos, teaching New Testament at Holy Cross, and serving the American Archdiocese as a bishop for 15 years. Following retirement, Bishop Gerasimos became the spiritual father in residence at HCHC living simply in the dormitory and being available to students for spiritual counseling. Following his repose in the Lord in 1995, Bishop Gerasimos was buried next to the Chapel.

Kontoglou: The Return of the Byzantine Icon
This weekend The Mary Jaharis Center for Byzantine Art & Culture will be opening the exhibit, “Kontoglou: The Return of the Byzantine Icon” in the Reading Room of the Archbishop Iakovos Library. The exhibition will run from October 4 – November 5, 2010 and will be open Monday-Friday 10:00am-5:00pm. The curator of the exhibition is our very own, Very Rev. Dr. Joachim Cotsonis.

This exhibition is unique in that it is only the third in the United States devoted to Photis Kontoglou, the celebrated iconographer who was primarily responsible for the revival of the Byzantine artistic tradition in Orthodox sacred art during the 20th century.

Photis Kontoglou’s large body of exceptional painting and his extensive literary output dedicated to the place of the icon in the life of the Church created a dramatic rediscovery of and return to traditional Byzantine liturgical and sacred art. The seeds of his tireless efforts of mentoring and painting have blossomed in the ongoing work of his students and their successors. His iconographic manual, Ekphrasis of Orthodox Iconography (1960), continues to guide contemporary iconographers worldwide.

Make sure to take advantage of the opportunity to stop by this incredible exhibition while it is being hosted here on campus!

Kontoglou’s “The Virgin Glykophilousa”

Events on campus are listed in bold.

• Saturday Oct. 2 - All Day- “Many Cultures, One Faith” is the theme of Education Day at St. Vladimir’s Seminary. All are welcome!
• Sunday Oct. 3 @ 6:00pm The OVM’s “Round Table” at the Skedros Home; for Hellenic Jr. and Srs.
• Monday Oct. 4 @10:00am Kontoglou Exhibition opens in the Reading Room
• Tuesday Oct. 5 @ 7:00am Synaxis (Book Club) in the JC Room. Also meeting Oct. 7 @ 8:00pm at the top of Polemanakos stairs.
• Wednesday Oct. 6 @12:00pm – Women’s Byzantine Choir Practice in the chapel.
• Thursday Oct. 7 @7:00pm The OVM invites all HCHC women to a conversation on “Women and Work.” A reception to follow at Maliotis.
• Friday Oct. 8 @ 9:00pm Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church is hosting a Coffeehouse. Admission $2.
• Tuesday Oct. 12 @ 9:15pm The HCHC Missions Committee Meeting. All are invited!
• Thursday Oct. 14 @7:30pm SGA Meeting, Classroom #221
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