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Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, September 30, 2017 2pm-4pm

Dear Friend of New Skete,

All people and the animals they love are welcome at the **2017 Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, September 30th**. Whether you are able to attend or will be here in spirit, we invite you to be a part of this very special annual event!

Join us in celebration of the **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi** as you have your pets blessed in the spirit of this patron saint of animals and environment. It's a wonderful day to enjoy the beautiful fall foliage, delicious refreshments of the season, rejoice with fellow animal lovers and more. It's a day not to be missed. Both the Monks' and Nuns' gift shops will also be open for shopping. Go to newskete.org for the schedule of the day.

During this time of celebration, **we ask you to consider a gift in honor of, or in memory of, your favorite furry friend or other loved one.** *Your tax deductible donation of \$25 or more received by September 27th will be recognized in the 2017 Animal Blessing Program.* See enclosed form for details.

Your gift today will help us in our efforts of reaching \$400,000, the amount necessary to renovate New Skete's Transfiguration Chapel (the little church) as well as to make repairs to other buildings in need. Current amount of funds raised is \$120,000. We are grateful for your continued interest in preserving New Skete's history as well as your involvement in New Skete's future.

Remember to bring, send or email photos of pets that have passed or who are not able to attend. We will display and include them in the blessing too! Or complete the bottom of the enclosed form to include prayer intentions for loved ones.

Whether you are a new friend or have known New Skete for years, here is something you may or may not know: **New Skete Monasteries** (The Monks and Nuns of New Skete) is an Eastern Orthodox Monastery, a **not for profit organization**. As monastics, in accordance with the simplicity that characterizes monastic life, we earn our daily bread by the work of our own hands. We find in work a time-honored means of self-discipline and growth. Along with the compensation from our work, the monastics also rely on gifts and donations from those who support our mission.

We welcome you to visit us for this special occasion and whenever your schedule allows. May God's blessings be on all of you and we hope to see you at New Skete soon!

If you would like further information or if you have any questions please feel free to call or email Karen Gladstone, Director of Advancement and Stewardship karengladstone@newskete.org (518)677-3928 ext. 214

Yours in Christ's love,

Brother Christopher
Prior, Monks of New Skete

Sister Cecelia
Prioress, Nuns of New Skete



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Your donation today will assist us in reaching the needed \$400,000 to pay for renovations of the Transfiguration of Christ “Little Church” and other New Skete building repairs in need.

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I/We would like to contribute; \$25 \$100 \$500 Surprise us! _____

A check for my donation is enclosed. (Please make check payable to **New Skete Monasteries**)

To make a donation with a credit card go to newskete.org and click on the link provided to be brought to a secure website.

I/We would like to PLEDGE: _____

I/We would like to make payments in two (2) installments.

Now! Fall 2017 Winter 2017

I/We would like to make payments in three (3) installments.

Now! Fall 2017 Summer 2018 Fall 2018

A check for my first payment is enclosed. (Please make check payable to **New Skete Monasteries**)

I/We wish to dedicate the gift

In Memory of _____ In Honor of _____

I/We wish this contribution to remain anonymous

Prayer intentions

For the Health of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Donation is tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. New Skete Monasteries is a tax-exempt non-profit organization (EIN # 46-3189364.) **Please make checks payable to New Skete Monasteries. Mail to: P.O. Box 128 Cambridge, NY 12816**

Please contact Karen Gladstone, Director of Advancement and Stewardship with any of your donation questions you may have. karengladstone@newskete.org or 518.677.3928 ext. 214.