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Holy and Righteous Anna, pray unto God for us!

On May 9, 2004 – Mother’s Day in the U.S. – an Icon of St. Anna, the Mother of the Holy Virgin Mary, located then at 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 noticed visible liquid streams and droplets. 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. Anna was crying. Then, small slow-moving streams of myrrh appeared in other parts of the Icon. The Icon of St. Anna was 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. The Icon currently resides at St. Tikhon’s Monastery and has been most known in the past in aiding in the healing of people with cancer. Although She wept for over five years, St. Anna is not currently weeping but continues to exude a heavenly sweet fragrance as a testimony to the sanctity and the miraculous quality of the Icon. Many miracles and graces continue to come from the Icon to help and console all those who seek St. Anna’s intercessions.