



**January 2005 Newsletter of
St. Andrew Orthodox Catholic Church**
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Saturday Vespers 6 pm
Confessions (following)
Sunday Liturgy 9:30 am
Confessions 8:45 am

The Services of the Yearly Cycle

The yearly cycle is dedicated to the Saints of every day of the year. The most significant are the services of the twelve Great Feast Days of Christ and the Virgin Mary, Theotokos. They are:

1. The Nativity of Christ (Christmas, December 25)
2. The Epiphany (Baptism of Christ, Theophania), including the Sanctification of Waters (Jan. 6).
3. The Transfiguration of Christ (in anticipation of His Resurrection, August 6).
4. The Entrance of Christ into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday).
5. The Ascension of Christ (40 days after Pascha).
6. The Pentecost (50th day after Pascha, the Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles).
7. The Exaltation of the Holy and Life-giving Cross (finding of the Cross, September 14).
8. The Nativity of the Virgin Mary, Theotokos (September 8).
9. The Presentation of the Virgin Mary, Theotokos, in the Temple (November 21).
10. The Annunciation of the Virgin Mary, Theotokos (Angel's announcement of her conception by the Holy Spirit, March 25).
11. The Presentation of the Christ Child in the Temple (February 2).
12. The Dormition (Repose) of the Virgin Mary, Theotokos (August 15).

The Services of the Weekly Cycle

The weekly cycle consists of services for each day of the week. Sunday is dedicated to the Resurrection; Monday to the honor of the Holy Angels; Tuesday to the memory of the prophets, especially to John the Baptist; Wednesday to the Cross; Thursday to the memory of the Saints; Friday to the Crucifixion; Saturday to the Saints and especially to the Virgin Mary, Theotokos, and to all who have died in the hope of resurrection and eternal life. These weekly services are repeated every eight weeks according to the Tone of the Week, which is eight complete sets of hymns, prayers and lessons for every day of the week. A different Tone is sung during each of eight consecutive weeks, and then the cycle starts over again.

Taken from "A New-Style Catechism"
By Rev. George Mastrantonis

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This issue of the newsletter is sponsored by Donald & Jennie Dimitroff in memory of sister, Evelyn Vanderbos, on the 1st anniversary of her falling asleep.

Newsletter Staff

Father Christopher
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Leann Lerie Matta

Schedule of Events

- Tues. Jan. 4 7:00pm Brotherhood meeting
Wed. Jan. 5 6:30pm Vespers w/ Litya-Theophany of Christ + Blessing of Waters
Thur. Jan. 6 10:00am Divine Liturgy-Theophany of Christ + Blessing of Waters
Mon. Jan. 10 Beginning of Blessing of Homes
Tues. Jan. 11 6:30pm Council meeting
Wed. Jan. 19 7:00pm Sisterhood meeting

☺ **Home Blessings** will begin Monday, January 10. If you have not filled out a request form, please do so within the next week so that Father may arrange his schedule.

Greetings & Thanks from Jason Britton

Good news from Jason "Seraphim" Britton, husband and father to new members and church school teacher Rachel, Morgan & Emmary Britton. Jason is stationed in Iraq. He finally received our package of much-needed items and hopes to return to the states soon. May God continue to keep him safe from harm.

Wishes for Safe Travels

Our wishes for safe travels and speedy return go to Don and Jennie Dimitroff who leave us for a few months for sunnier skies and warmer breezes in Florida. Don and Jennie will be missed, especially by their choir family. They leave us January 3. Please keep them in your prayers.

Welcome Recent Visitors

St. Andrew Church welcomes recent December visitors to our temple: Fr. Salim Assaad (Palestine), Nicholas & Carolyn Nakfoor, Richard Dines & Matushka Marion Mitchell (Florida).

Church Calendar

Altar Servers

Matthew Hubinger, Will Gross, Joshua Greve, Don Beck, Chris deMorrow & James Smalley
Carlos Matta, Nicholas Miller & Mitchell Pierpont

Ushers for January

2nd—Nevenka Dines & John Johnson
9th—Denise & Steve Covell
16th—Tsveta Lambo & Steve Brower
23rd—Sandy Oade & Penju Miteff
30th—Shruti Gross & Simo Paripovic
Coordinator: Cathy Estrada

If you are unable to keep your assigned time, please find a replacement and notify coordinator, Cathy Estrada.

Social Hour Hosts for January

2nd—Matushka Mary
9th—Matushka Sarah
16th—Matta family
23rd—OPEN
30th—OPEN
Coordinator: Matushka Mary Donahue

Cleaning Crews for December

Date	Upstairs	Downstairs
1st	Pierpont	Matta
8th	Gross N. Kutchaev	McFarland Johnson
15th	Stein	Anna Zivic Tsveta Lambo
22nd	Sambaer Petney	Lou Lambo Maria Daly J. Lopushinsky
29th	Michael Daly Bianka Daly	Andretz/Miller Olga Chulakova

Coordinator: Leann Lerie Matta

Cleaning Crew members are responsible for arranging with a church key holder to open the church door. Please contact a key holder at least 24 hours before you need entry into the church.

❖ Parish Details ❖

☑ **2005 Wall Calendars** are now available—one per family. Our thanks to Estes-Leadley Funeral Home for their generosity in sponsoring these calendars each year.

☑ **2005 Offering Envelopes** are now available. If you don't find yours, please contact Matushka Mary.

☑ **Church Directory Updates:** Please make the following change in your church directory... Bill Salerno has a new address in Independence Village, 2530 Marfitt Road, #120, East Lansing, 48823; phone (517)337-2717.

☑ **Enclosed in this month's newsletter** is your annual membership envelope for 2005. Please turn in your donation and support your church.

☑ **Christmas Caroling** was a joy and success this Christmas season. Four car loads of carolers patrolled the streets of East Lansing to bring a little Christmas joy to both fellow parishioners and other residents of Burcham Hills, East Glen and Independence Living retirement homes. Both young and old carolers and residents, alike, enjoyed a wide variety of Christmas songs performed by our spirited singers.

☑ **Directory Update Preparations:** the parish directory for 2005 will be published at the end of January. If you have additions, corrections to your current address, phone, email, etc., OR you would like to be listed or *unlisted*, please contact Fr. Christopher, Leann Matta or Matushka Mary.

Blessing of the Waters

Plan to attend the Feast of the Epiphany of Christ (Baptism of Christ) Thursday, January 6. Remember to bring along a bottle or container to carry holy water to your home following the Sanctification of the Waters, after Divine Liturgy. Use this blessed water daily for your continued strength and protection.

❖ Living Work & Donations ❖

◆ Thank you to everyone who offered candles for the Nativity of Christ (see the list in the centerfold) and to those who donated to the poinsettias to beautify our temple. .. Thanks also to both teachers and students of our church school who put on an outstanding performance of "The Curious Angel" for their Christmas Pageant... To the Sisterhood for the gifts to both the teachers and students... To those who spent hours in decorating our temple for the Nativity... And for the overwhelming response from parishioners and friends who contributed to our three charitable projects. God Bless Everyone!

◆ **Your Generosity Was Touching!** The Blessings of Christ upon everyone who donated to either the two families from the Salvation Army Adopt-a-family Program or the Haven House. Your generosity provided Christmas meals, complete with turkeys, and an abundance of presents to the two families. In additions, the Haven House was supplied with needed body or cleaning supplies and household linens. May God continue to bless all of us with His grace and guidance and may we continue to shine with His love.

Orthodox News

Congratulations to Father Andrew Moulton of Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church, Granite City, IL, on the 24th anniversary of his priestly ordination on January 25. Fr. Andrew was formerly a member of our parish.

Our condolences to the family of Archpriest John Sweridov, of Detroit. Father John fell asleep in the Lord on December 23, 2004, at the age of 94. He was a frequent visitor to our parish, taking part in many services over the years, substituting for our pastor, and lecturing at the Eastern Orthodox Catechetical Conferences at MSU. May God grant him eternal rest among the saints.

calendar

Candle Intentions—Nativity of Christ 2004

Perpetual Candle	Pierpont Family for the health and salvation fo the Pierpont and Fortais families.
7-Branch (Sanctuary)	Doug and Catherine Hattrem in thanksgiving to the Lord for all His wonderful blessings and friendships at St. Andrew Orthodox Church.
Proskedia Lamps	Maria and Bianka Daly for the health and salvation of the Lambo and Daly families.
The High Place (Sanctuary)	Matushka Mary Danahue in memory of +Archpriest Photius, Nicholas, Caroline, Nicholas, George, Joseph, Irene, John, and Philomena.
Icon of Christ	Gregory Kobidze for the good health of our family.
Icon of the Theotokos	Luba Evanoff for the health and salvation of the Evanoff, Joseph, Ridenour, Skimos, and VerPlanck families.
Icon of St. Andrew	Joanne and Ted Lopushinsky in memory of the +Peterson and Lopushinsky families.
Icon of St. Nicholas	Sasha Andretz for the good health and salvation of Alexandra, Stefan, Lara, Nicholas and all the Andretz family members.
Icon of St. John	John and Fran Johnson in memory of +Peter and Alexandra Johnson, Emery Molnar, Beverly Thompson and family members.
Icon of St. Basil	Shruti and Will Gross for the health and salvation of the Gross and Nandani families.
Icon of St. Vladimir	Fr. Christopher and Matushka Sarah in memory of +Fr. Raphael and Matushka Natasha.
Icon of St. Stephen	Cathy Estrada for the health and salvation of the Estrada family.
Panikhida Table	Luba Evanoff in memory of the +Evanoff, Joseph and Tsintsaroff families.
Icon of St. John the Baptist (window)	Pauline Petney in memory of her parents +John and Pauline and for the health and salvation of family.

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St. John Chrysostom (window)	Bill Salerno in memory of Tsveta Tisheff.
St. Cyril and Methodius (window)	Nevenka Dines in loving memory of daughter +Dr. Lenna Dines and George Dines.
St. Sergius (window)	Else Andretz in memory of +Sergey and Nina Andretz.
St. George (window)	Samir and Leann Matta for the health and salvation of the Matta & Fuhrman families.
St. Constantine and St. Helen (window)	Lou and Tsveta Lambo in memory of +Lenna Valconoff.
St. Andrew (window)	Don and Jennie Dimitroff for the health and salvation of the Dimitroff, Tober, Vanderbos, Mihailoff and Colt families.
St. Michael the Archangel (window)	Eva Chaliman in memory of the +Chaliman family.
St. Sava (window)	Matt and Monica Hubinger for the health of Jason Britton.
Tetrapod Table	Ellie Sambaer for the health and salvation of the Sambaer family.
Icon of the Crucifix	Don and Jennifer Beck for the health and salvation of St. Andrew's parish.
Icon of the Resurrection	Steve & Denise Covell for safe return of son, Christopher.
Icon of the Lady of the Sign	Laura Fisher in memory of +John and Mary Mabuda.
Icon of our Lady of Perpetual Help	Cynthia and James Smalley for the health and salvation of the Smalley family.

Church Departments

†Choir... *Leann Matta, Director*

Blessings of the Feast of the Epiphany of Christ to all of our choir members. Thank you for all of your dedication to our beloved parish: Don & Jennie Dimitroff, Matushka Sarah, Matushka Mary, Lou Lambo, Laran Matta, Jelena & Nevena Paripovic, Lara Miller, Jackie Mitchell, Natasha & Maria Kobidze, Bob Campbell. We are also blessed with visitors Nicholas Janakos and Natash Rozdilski. And our junior members.

†Parish Council...*Fran Johnson, Chairman* (no news submitted)

†Grounds & Maintenance...*Scott Pierpont, Facilities Manager* (no news submitted)

†Church School... *Jennifer Beck, Coordinator* (no news submitted; watch for future installments of "Words of Wisdom" from our church school students.)

Organizations of Fellowship

†Sisterhood of St. Helen... *Tsveta Lambo, President*

New Officers for 2005: Sisterhood officers for 2005 were elected at the December meeting and will take office in January: Barbara Pierpont, President; Catherine Hattrem, Vice-President; Tsveta Lambo, Secretary; and Matushka Mary, Treasurer. May God guide and guard all of our Sisterhood members as they work for the growth of the One True Church. The next meeting will take place Wednesday, January 19, at 7:00 pm; all women of our parish are welcome to join us.

(submitted by Matushka Mary)

†Brotherhood of St. George...*Scott Pierpont, President* (no news submitted)

†Jr. FOCA Youth Group... *Laura Fisher, Leader* (no news submitted)

†Orthodox Christian Fellowship... *Laura Fisher, MSU Group Coord'r* (no news submitted)