



February 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

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Schedule of Events

- Tues. Feb. 1 6:30pm Vespers with Litya for the Meeting of Christ, followed by blessing of candles.
- Wed. Feb. 2 NO Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Meeting of Christ—Fr. Christopher has been called for jury duty.
- Sun. Feb. 6 Church School Teachers meeting following church school classes
- Tues. Feb. 8 7:30—9:00 pm OCF meeting @ MSU
- Sun. Feb. 20 1st Sunday of Pre-Lent: Publican & Pharisee
- Tues. Feb. 22 9:00 am—2:30 pm Interfaith Day at Congregation Shaary Zedek
- Wed. Feb. 23 7:30—9:00 pm OCF meeting @ MSU
- Sat. Feb. 26 Younkers Community Day
- Sun. Feb. 27 2nd Sunday of Pre-Lent: Prodigal Son
- Fri. Mar. 4 FOCA overnight Lock-In
- Fri. Mar. 11 8:00 am & 5:00 pm MSU Concessions for the Circus at the Breslin Center
- April 1st FOCA "Celebrations of Faith" contest deadline

Troparion of the Presentation of Our Lord
 Rejoice, O virgin Theotokos, full of grace; for from thee arose the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous old man, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, who granteth us resurrection. (February 2)

Interfaith Day: This year, Interfaith Day will be hosted by the Congregation Shaary Zedek, located at 1924 Coolidge Road, in East Lansing. Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, February 22, from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm.** The topic is "Nurturing Faith Among Us—How Faiths Build Community," Registration, with coffee, will begin at 9:00 am, with lunch served at 12:00 noon. Tickets are **\$8.00** and may be purchased from Tsveta Lambo. Join us for the 35th Annual Interfaith Day—get your tickets now, as they sell out quickly.

Church Calendar

Altar Servers

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

Ushers for February

6th—Anna Zivic & Jack Stein
 13th—Nevenka Dines & John Johnson
 20th—Denise & Steve Covell
 27th—Sandy Oade & Penju Miteff
 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 February

6th—Pierpont Family
 13th—Johnson Family
 20th—Matta Family
 27th—Cathy Estrada
 Coordinator: Matushka Mary Donahue

Cleaning Crews for February

Date	Upstairs	Downstairs
5th	Kobidze Sandy Oade	Poufcas family
12th	Donahue Covell	Beck
19th	Fisher Jr. FOCA	Krause-Brower deMorrow
26th	Greve Hubinger	Cathy Estrada Paripovic

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.

❖ Living Work & Donations ❖

❖ Please remember to give generously each week to your parish from the blessings you receive from God so that we may continue the growth and increase of the Body of Christ at St. Andrew Church. See the note under Parish Council news.

❖ The Circus is coming to MSUI Another great chance to help raise funds for our church is arriving at MSU in March. On March 11, our parish is signed up to work concessions at the Breslin Center during the Circus. Please sign up for either the 8:00 am or 5:00 pm show. A minimum of twelve (12) volunteers is needed per show, AND volunteers MUST be SIGNED UP in order to enter. Contact Barbara Pierpont if you have any questions.

❖ Many Thanks Ushers: Our gratitude goes out to the teams of ushers who assist us each week during Divine Liturgy: Nevenka Dines, John Johnson, Denise & Steve Covell, Sandy Oade, Penju Miteff, Tsveta Lambo, Anna Zivic, Jack Stein, Shruti Gross, and Simo Paripovic. Welcome to newest ushers Doug & Catherine Hattrem and Samir Matta. May God continue to bless us with your commitment to His service.

❖ Prospora & Candle Intentions ❖

Prospora Donors for February

Please contact Jan Sponsky or see the list in the church hall to sign up to sponsor prospora in honor of your special intentions.

- Jan. 30—Steve & Denise Covell in honor of Matushka Mary's birthday.
6th—Steve & Denise Covell in memory of brother Gregg Covell.
13th—Maria & Bianca Daly in honor of father & grandfather, Louis Lambo's, birthday.
20th—Denise & Jack Stein for the health of the Stein & Valkanoff families.
27th—Lou & Tsveta Lambo in memory of Aunt Evelyn Vasiloff's birthday.

❖ Living Work & Donations ❖

❖ Your participation in Younkers Community Day brings in funds to St. Andrew Church. Save money AND support our parish by purchasing your \$5 coupon from Samir Matta for the latest Younkers Community Day, February 26. When you shop at Younkers on the 26th, your \$5 is refunded, plus you save money both through the coupon and sales in store. An opportunity to earn additional funds is also open to us: please consider working that day at Younkers. Four (4) volunteers are also needed on the 26th for four (4) hours each.

❖ It's easy to earn funds for your church while you shop at Meijer. If you are a regular shopper at the local Meijer's stores, you could be earning money for St. Andrew Church. The Meijer Community Rewards program remits a portion of your applicable purchases to a non profit organization of your choice—why not benefit your church? Contact Maria Daly for a Meijer Community Rewards application and our church's code number.

A Safe Return

Welcome back to Jason Britton who was away from his family while in Iraq. May God continue to guide and guard your days and bless your family with many years of togetherness. Jason is back with his family in Corunna for a short visit before returning to his base in Georgia.

Congratulations

A belated congratulations to the Very Reverend Ramon Merlos who observed the 24th anniversary of his ordination into the Holy Orthodox Priesthood. Father Ramon, a former member of our parish, originated from Mexico and has been the pastor of Our Lady of Kazan in San Diego, California. Many years.

❖ Parish Details ❖

☑ **The Annual Membership Envelopes** were enclosed in the January newsletter. Have you turned in your yearly assessment, yet? Please do so this Sunday.

☑ **Church Directory Updates:** A sheet containing new parishioner addresses, as well as corrections and updates from 2004, is located in this issue of the February Newsletter. Please make certain that you pull this handy reminder and attach it inside your St. Andrew Church 2004 Directory, so that your directory information will be up to date.

☑ **Newsletter Sponsors Needed:** Please consider sponsoring your monthly church newsletter. Sponsors are needed for most of 2005, and we would like to fill in our list for the year. Please contact Matushka Mary to sponsor the St. Andrew Church Newsletter for any of the months from April through December.

☑ **The Tradition Continues:** Parents and children, alike, will enjoy the fun of designing traditional Pysanky Eggs this Great Lent. This year, we will include work on our Mosaic Icon of Jesus for the older children and adults, assisted by Matushka Sarah. The tradition of creating wonderful designs through pysanky began 5 years ago with Laura Fisher starting out teaching our (now) teenaged girls. Families, plan to enjoy this great activity during the upcoming Sundays of Great Lent: March 20 & 27 and April 3, 10 & 17, from 4:00—6:00 pm. We will have a potluck lenten supper during this time to assure early bedtimes for school. Parents interested in preparing egg dyes for home use, or if you have any other questions, contact Laura Fisher or Leann Matta.

✠ Words of Wisdom ✠

Following are anecdotes provided by our church school children, sharing their learned wisdom—

I learned that Santan was once a great angel and he wanted to be like God so he took some angels with him and made a new kingdom. Also sin is when a person does something against God's will.—Anastasia

We learned that the candles all mean the same thing—Marissa. Alaina & Ibtisam ... and that there just smaller to be more affordable—Carlos

Talked about sin. Satan was an angel and became bad when he tried to take over God.—anonymous

We learned that it is a sin to (cross yourself) fast. When you do this it is a sin and it is called sacrilege.—anonymous

Sin is doing something against God's will.—anonymous

I learned about St. George.—Ibtisam

I learned that all the different sizes of candles mean the same thing. Amen means "so be it".—Alaina

I learned about the types of prayer.—Anastasia

We learned what the two down fingers mean (when crossing yourself). That Jesus was human and God.—anonymous

I learned about when you cross your self head-means bless mind: sholders-stranthoning of are body. stomec-blessing iner felling (feelings).—Ibtisam

On the 9th we learned sin. Sin is wen we don't obey God. The Devely who stared sin whith Adem and Eve use to be a Angle.—Ibtisam

St. Andrew Orthodox Church Directory
Additional Addresses, Changes & Corrections as of January 2005

Calendar—on 1/2 sheet insert with Directory
Updates on the back

New Members & Parishioners in 2004

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SmalleyJames@hotmail.com
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1251 Kimberly Dr.
Lansing, MI 48912
517-372-3154

Jason & Rachel Britton
215 West Mack Street
Corunna, MI 48817
(989) 743-5737
Morgan & Emmary

Heather & Chris deMorrow
1533 N. Harrison Road
East Lansing, MI 48823
517-337-2234
Aidan

Lesia Waslo
1724 E Grand River Ave Apt 2
East Lansing, MI 48823
313-378-6514

Brock Elliot
4905 Dunckel Rd, Apt 104
Lansing, MI 48910

Robert Campbell
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Changes in 2004

Will & Shruti Gross
685 Mooreland Drive
East Lansing, MI 48823

Gregory & Natasha Kobidze
4453 Arbor Drive
Okemos, MI 48864

Bill Salerno
2530 Marfitt Road Apt. 120
East Lansing, MI 48823

2004 Directory Corrections

Avenesyan, Larissa
• 1265 Deer Path
Crofut, Nick & Beth
• 806 Greenwich Drive
Daly, Bianka
• Street: Peppertree Lane
• Phone: 485-7177
Dimitrov, Dr. Nikolay
• Zip: 48864
Fisher, Laura
• Apt 101
Hourani, Mirwan
• Name: "Mirwan"
Johnson, Thomas & Pat
• 3414 White Willow
• Phone: 321-0134
Rozdilski, Fr. Christopher & Matushka Sarah
• House: 1222 Greencrest Ave.
Valkanoff, Chris & Sophia
• No longer in Michigan; Florida address only
Watkins, Florence
• deceased

Please remove this sheet from the Newsletter and insert it into your
St. Andrew Church 2004 Directory

Church Departments

†Parish Council... Fran Johnson, Chairman

■ Plea to all parishioners... Each month our parish is falling short by almost \$2000 of our monthly budget of approximately \$6500. We ask that everyone prayerfully consider their donations to the church and give more each month. As the situation stands, we are not even covering our monthly expenses through our donations, needing to dip into the house sale funds, which will eventually run out. Please note that the roof was refinished out of house sale (reserve) funds and that we need to be able to pay our regular monthly expenses from our weekly donations.

■ The Parish Council gave permission to the following fundraising events: Younkers Day, February 26, and MSU Concessions for the Circus, March 11. The Parish Council treasurer is looking into the Meijer Community Rewards program.

■ Please contact the Parish Council before planning any events at the church, especially during Great Lent or Holy Week. The Council voted that no fundraising events should take place during Great Lent.

(submitted by Fran Johnson)

†Choir... Leann Lerie Matta, Director

Choir members, please mark your calendars now for practices on Sunday evenings during Great Lent. Please plan now to participate in preparing for the Holy Week and Holy Pascha services. Practices will take place starting at 6:00pm on March 20 & 27 and April 3, 10 & 17.

†Grounds & Maintenance... Scott Pierpont, Facilities Manager

Church Departments

†Church School... Jennifer Beck, Coordinator

Church School Notes:

■ Thank you to everyone who continues to bring snacks for our church school children. ☺

■ The next meeting for church school teachers is scheduled for Sunday, February 6, following church school.

■ Anyone interested in ordering the Law of God, our main educational text in church school, please speak with Jennifer Beck or Matushka Sarah. It is a wonderful resource for you and your family.

■ Plan on Pysanky on Sundays, again, during Great Lent!

(submitted by Jennifer Beck)

Book Review

"The Orthodox Church", by Timothy Ware (Bishop Kallistos Ware)

If you want a handy reference for the basic beliefs and practices of the Orthodox Church, along with a concise yet thorough history of our Tradition in its various regional settings, then Ware's Orthodox Church is just for you! Ever wonder about what makes someone a "Father" of the Church or a canonized saint, why we worship as we do, or the meaning of icons? These and many other topics are addressed in detail in a readable manner that is designed for the novice and scholar alike. Having been long established as the standard introduction to Orthodoxy, Ware's book is an excellent gift to friends who are interested in the Faith of the Church. And of course, as with all of the books for sale at St Andrew's, you will not only support your parish, but also receive up to a 30% discount from the cover price. Enjoy!

(submitted by Matthew Hubinger)

There are 4 copies of "The Orthodox Church" available in our sales cabinet in the church hall... plus numerous other Orthodox books, note card sets, and religious items. Contact Matushka Sarah to purchase your items.

Organizations of Fellowship

† Orthodox Christian Fellowship... Laura Fisher, MSU Group Coordinator

(for meetings & group info: www.msu.edu/~ocf)

The Orthodox Christian Fellowship will have **meetings Tuesday, Feb. 8, and Wednesday, Feb. 23**. The meetings this semester will be held in the Iowa Room in the MSU Union from 7:30—9:00 pm. Anyone desiring to attend and increase their understanding of the Orthodox faith is welcome.

Approximately 10 students from the MSU chapter of OCF will be participating in **Real Break** during Spring Break, March 5—12. These students will be spending their Spring Break helping an Orthodox community in Alaska—a quaint little village, Eklutna.

This area was originally converted by the efforts of +St. Hermon and +St. Innocent, and these communities still flourish in spite of harsh winters and isolation. Monasteries are in need of repair along with many other construction projects that our group will help accomplish. Any work at the location lends itself as a backdrop to the serene and beautiful natural landscape.

Please offer both your spiritual and financial support to this worthy outreach. Each participant must raise \$1150 for this trip. Contact Laura Fisher for a support form.

(submitted by Laura Fisher)

Nicholas Jannakos is one such OCF member who will be participating in **Real Break** this March. Nicholas has been a regular St. Andrew Church choir member throughout all of 2004, while attending classes at MSU. Please offer your support to this worthy cause, and to one of our fellow MSU student parishioners.

(submitted by Leann Matta)

† Brotherhood of St. George... Scott Pierpont, President

Did you realize?

Great Lent begins Monday, March 14, following Forgiveness Sunday, with Great and Holy Pascha on May 1st.

(Western Easter falls on March 27—over a month before Orthodox Pascha.)

The road to Holy Pascha may seem longer this year, but the reward will be just as great!

Organizations of Fellowship

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

Cookie Walk—A Sweet Success Our second annual Cookie Walk was a great success and raised over \$2300. This money will be used to purchase new vestments and altar covers.

Thank you to all who participated in this event either by baking, purchasing cookies, decorating the church hall, or working the day of the Cookie Walk. Without your support, the success of this endeavor would not be possible.

Mark your calendars—this year's 3rd Annual Cookie Walk (2005) is scheduled for Saturday, December 10, 2005.

(submitted by Matushka Sarah)

† Jr. FOCA Youth Group... Laura Fisher, Leader

Pre-Lenten Lock-In We will be hosting a overnight Lock-In for all children of our parish 10 years and older on Friday & Saturday, March 4 & 5. Each child is welcome to invite one friend. There is a \$5 fee per child to offset food and activity expenses. Parents are encouraged to volunteer to help with food and activities. Contact Laura Fisher to sign up or offer your support.

An Orthodox Contest for All Youth The deadline for the "Celebrations of Faith" contest through FOCA is April 1, 2005. **Youth of any age can submit their art, poems, musical compositions, or writings to this contest.** The theme for 2005 is "Champions of Faith." Parents, please encourage your children to participate. More information will be forthcoming. NOTE: the April 1 deadline is BEFORE our planned Lenten Pysanky Sunday dates, therefore, children will need to complete their entries at home or during social hour.

Service & Fundraising Dates

Pop Can Returns for February: Krause

Returns can be taken as needed, when the container is full. Please submit the money from returns to Laura, ASAP.

Church Cleaning Date for jrFOCA: February 19

Parents please have your children at church to help with cleaning.

(submitted by Laura Fisher)