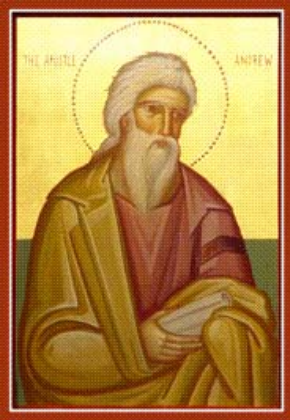


St. Andrew Orthodox Church

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July 2006



Rev. Fr. Christopher Rozdilski,
Pastor

Rectory: (517) 351-4627
Emergencies ONLY: (517) 256-7399

Saturday Vespers 6 pm
Confessions (following)

Sunday Liturgy 9:30 am
Confessions 9:00 am

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The Communion of Saints

We ought to have the most lively spiritual union with the dwellers in heaven, the apostles, prophets, martyrs, saintly bishops, confessors, with all the saints, as they are all members of the one body, the Church of Christ, to which we sinners also belong, and the living Head of which is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. This is why we call upon them in prayer, converse with them, thank and praise them. It is urgently necessary for every Christian to be in union with them if he desires to make Christian progress; for the saints are our friends, our guides to salvation, who pray and intercede for us.

As in the earthly life there are poor and rich, so also in the spiritual life, in the spiritual order, there are poor and rich. As the poor ask charity of the rich, and cannot live without help from them, so also in the spiritual order the poor must have recourse to the rich. We are the spiritually poor, while the saints, and those who live in the present life by their faith and piety, are the spiritually rich. It is to them that we needy ones must have recourse. We must beg from their prayers that they may help us to become simple as children, that they may teach us spiritual wisdom, how to conquer sins, how to love God and our neighbor. May the saints of God pray for us, that we may become like unto them.

— *St. John of Kronstadt*

Calendar of Events—July

| | | |
|---------------|------------|---------------------------------------|
| 8 | 6 pm | Vespers / Confession (every Saturday) |
| 9 | 9:30 am | Liturgy (every Sunday) |
| 11 | 6:30 pm | Parish Council Meeting |
| 12 | 7 pm | Sisterhood Meeting |
| 17 through 24 | | Fr. Christopher on Vacation |
| 18 | noon | Church School Outing |
| 31 & Aug. 1 | 1 - 5 p.m. | Boy Scout Community Service Project |

Dead-

This edition of the Newsletter is sponsored by Doug and Catherine Hattrem to celebrate the birthdays of their sons, John and Paul.

Parish Council

- **Samir Matta** **Chair**
(517) 669-6676
- **John Johnson** **Vice Chair**
(517) 646-8786
- **Maria Daly** **Treasurer**
(517)487-9511
- **Jack Stein** **Secretary**
(517) 719-6312
- **Don Beck** **Alt. Secretary**
(517) 651-6668
- **Don Dimitroff**
(517) 321-1266

Sisterhood of St. Helen

- **Tsveta Lambo** **President**
(517) 351-1503
- **Fran Johnson** **Vice President**
(517) 646-8786
- **Kathy Fortais** **Secretary**
(517) 694-4617
- **Catherine Hattrem** **Treasurer**
(517) 372-3154

Brotherhood of St. George

- **Scott Pierpont** **President**
(517) 694-9144

Newsletter Staff

- **Fr. Christopher**
- **Catherine Hattrem**
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- **Douglas Hattrem**

Parish Council—Samir Matta, Chair

Boy Scout Community Service Project

Thanks to Barb and Scott Pierpont, we will be taking advantage of a great opportunity to get many jobs done around our Parish and adjoining properties.

Through a program at MSU, a large group of Boy Scouts (and many adults) are making themselves available for "community service" work in the area (1:00-5:00 PM) on July 31st & August 1st. We will have 55 volunteers each day who will do any jobs we ask of them, as long as we provide the supplies, equipment, and directions on what to do. The parish council is currently working up a prioritized "to do" list along with what we will need in supplies (etc.) to be ready for our crews to complete their tasks.

What we need from our parishioners is the following:

Volunteers to be available on those days to relay directions on what we would like each crew to do, answer questions, and give out the supplies needed.

If you would be willing to let the crews use your tools/equipment (ie. rakes, shovels, trimming/pruning tools, chain saws etc.) that will be that much less that the Church will have to buy. (Just put your name on them and we will see to it that they are returned to you.)

We would also ask for volunteers to assist with providing snacks and cold drinks for our hard workers.

We are all very busy at this time of year, so this is a great opportunity to get done what would probably take us 3-4 years to do ourselves while "beautifying" our grounds at the same time.

If you are available to help out on either (or both) days, please let Fr. Christopher or any member of the parish council know so that we can finalize our plans.

Thank you in advance for your assistance!!

Your Parish Council

Sisterhood - Tsveta Lambo, President

Summer is here and it is time to relax and enjoy. The Flea Market in June was successful. Volunteers are needed to work the concession stands for MSU football games. This is one of our most profitable fundraisers. While most of the money earned goes to the church, the sisterhood receives the profits from the ice cream sales. Please sign up on the sheet in the social hall. This is hard work, but also a lot of fun. Our annual cookie walk will be held on December 9. Matushka Sarah and Bianka Daly are co-chairs of this event. With all of the above going on, I hope that you all can still relax and enjoy the summer.

FOCA/OCF—Laura Patrick, Coordinator

Pop Can Schedule

July Estrada
August Faulkner/Waters

Please remove cans weekly or when the container is full, and give the funds to Laura.

The 2006 National FOCA Convention will be sponsored by The New Jersey District of the FOCA.

It will be held over Labor Day weekend, August 31-September 4, 2006, at Kingston Plantation Resort.

If any of the FOCA families are interested in attending more information can be found at:

http://www.njfoca.org./main_html/national_convention.htm

Church School—Jennifer Beck

On Tuesday, July 18, Church School students, teachers, and parents *(and everyone else!!) are invited to join us at the Aquatic Center on Abbott Road, just 1/2 mile north of Lake Lansing Road. We plan on meeting there at **noon**. The cost is \$5 for East Lansing residents and \$7 for residents. If anyone needs assistance in covering the cost of the tickets, please let Jennifer Beck know and they will be sponsored. Church school will be providing snacks and drinks. Please join us for a fun time! We are also planning a bike ride/picnic in mid-August. More details to follow!

Thanks- Jennifer

Congratulations

To Danielle and Joshua Greve, who were married on Saturday, July 1, at St. Andrew.



Parish Family Picnic

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend our third annual family picnic on Sunday, August 20, 2006. It will be held at the beautiful Scenic Lake Park in Laingsburg. More details will be forthcoming.

Don't Miss It!

To Donate ...
The church has an organ, valued at \$1100-1200, and would like to donate it to some worthy organization. It is in good condition, has not been used often, but needs tuning. If you know of an appropriate "home" for the organ, please contact Fr. Christopher

Ushers, Coffee Hour Sponsors and Prosfora Donors for July

| | <u>Ushers</u> | <u>Coffee Hour</u> | <u>Prosfora</u> |
|----|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 9 | Denise and Steve Covell | John and Fran Johnson | The Johnson family for the 25 th anniversary of Alexander's repose |
| 16 | Sandy Oade and Penju Miteff | Laura Patrick | Doug and Catherine Hattrem for their son Paul's birthday |
| 23 | Tsveta Lambo and Samir Matta | Sisterhood | John and Fran Johnson for Alaina McFarland on her birthday |
| 30 | Doug and Catherine Hattrem | Sisterhood | donor needed |

Church Cleaning Schedule for July

| <u>Week of</u> | <u>Upstairs</u> | <u>Downstairs</u> |
|----------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 3 - 8 | Beck | Donahue / Covell |
| 10 - 15 | Cathy Estrada / Laura Patrick / Jr. FOCA | Cathy Estrada / Laura Patrick / Jr. FOCA |
| 17 - 22 | Greve | Hubinger |
| 24 - 29 | Hattrem | Olga Chulakove / Sandy Oade |



**3RD ANNUAL
PICNIC IN THE PARK**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2006

1 TO 7 PM (FOOD SERVED 3 PM)

SCENIC LAKE PARK, LAINGSBURG

PARKING IS LIMITED SO MEET IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT AND CARPOOL TO
PARK WHICH IS ONLY 12 MILES EAST.

DON'T FORGET OUR SENIORS NEED A RIDE!

SIGN UP IS NECESSARY SO WE CAN ESTIMATE HOW MANY TO PLAN FOR IN
PREPARING FOOD, ETC.

THE CHURCH WILL PROVIDE BURGERS & HOTDOGS,
TABLE COVERINGS, PLATES, CUPS, CUTLERY, NAPKINS
AND CONDIMENTS.

BRING A DISH TO PASS INCLUDING SERVING SPOONS AND YOUR OWN BEVERAGE.
ALSO LAWN CHAIRS & BLANKETS.

FISHING - BRING YOUR GEAR/LICENSE REQUIRED 17 AND UP

BOATING - LIFE JACKETS REQUIRED

SWIMMING - AT YOUR OWN RISK/NO LIFEGUARD

VOLLEYBALL - ON SITE

HORSESHOES - ON SITE

(BRING OTHER OUTDOOR GAMES IF YOU WISH)

DIRECTIONS FROM CHURCH: TAKE BUSINESS 69 EAST ABOUT 4 MILES TO I-69 EAST FLINT;
CONTINUE ON I-69 TO EXIT 98 LAINGSBURG/SHAFTSBURG. AT STOP SIGN TURN LEFT ONTO
WOODBURY RD TO BATH RD/STOP SIGN - TURN RIGHT A SHORT DISTANCE TO ANOTHER STOP
SIGN AT WOODBURY RD AGAIN - TURN LEFT AT THIS SIGN AND GO APPROX 3 MILES TO SCENIC
LAKE DRIVE ON THE RIGHT. CONTINUE ON SCENIC LAKE DRIVE WATCHING THE HOUSE
NUMBERS ON YOUR RIGHT. WHEN YOU REACH 9021 TURN RIGHT ON ISLAND VIEW RD TO
PARKING AREA.

QUESTIONS? CALL STEVE OR DENISE COVELL

HM: 651-2682 CELL 281-4961/449-3509



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | | | 1 6:00pm Great Vespers/Confessions |
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Dear Parishioners

Christ is in our midst! He is and ever shall be!

Last month I attended the Central States Deanery meeting in Alabama at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church. Our host was Archpriest Benedict Tallant who, along with the St. Olga sisterhood, welcomed us with their incredibly warm southern hospitality. I was informed at this meeting that our Bishop, His Excellency Mecurius will be visiting our parish for vespers on the evening of September 23rd. In preparation for this visit I would like to ask for your assistance. We need volunteers to help prepare a meal or to offer general help for the Bishop's reception. If you are interested, please give your names to myself or Matushka Sarah.

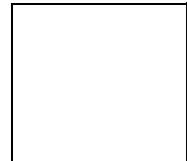
Bishop Mecurius will also be visiting our sister parishes in Battle Creek and in Grand Rapids. There will be a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on Saturday, September 23rd at 10:00am at St. Elias Orthodox Church to celebrate the parish's 40th anniversary. There will also be a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at St. John Chrysostom Orthodox Church in Grand Rapids on Sunday morning where his Excellency Bishop Mecurius will consecrate a new altar.

I hope that you are all enjoying the warm weather and are having a relaxing summer. Even though you may be on vacation and traveling away from home, please remember that services are still being celebrated and your church still needs your support.

May God bless you

Father Christopher

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