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The Will Of God

“Do not allow yourself to be overly concerned with the judgments of fate. Just have an unwavering desire for salvation and, standing before God, await His assistance until the time comes.”

St. Ambrose of Optina

“If we wholeheartedly rely on the will of God, than everything will be fine, and what is unpleasant will be accepted like it should be. Everything that happens leads to the salvation of our souls, and in this is revealed great and profound wisdom. *To them that love God, all things work together for good (Romans 8.28).*”

St. Nikon of Optina

In this world, nothing is continuous. Look in the street: in the morning there is rain, at noon, it is clear, and in the evening it is cold again. Wind, then calm, cold, then hot; so also in

REV. FATHER CHRISTOPHER ROZDILSKI, PASTOR

our life. Always be ready to follow the will of God, whether it is pleasing to you or not.

St. Anatoly of Optina

“Having the sincere desire to serve the Lord God and fully entrusting yourself, everything, and everyone to the all-good, perfect will of God bring divine peace to the heart, even when enduring various sorrows, both outward and interior; spiritual ones. Pray to God to be delivered from misfortune and cut off your own will as being sinful and blind. Entrust yourself, your body and soul, your circumstances, both present and future; entrust those close to your heart, and your neighbors to the holy and most wise will of God... Glory be to God! Glory be to God! For all things, glory be to God! Through these wonderful and holy words, the dark thoughts and heaviness will flee. Peace, comfort, and joy then come to the soul of a person. May Thy will be done, O

Lord! Glory be to God for all things! *St. Nikon of Optina*

From Living Without Hypocrisy, Spiritual Counsels of the Holy Elders of Optina



Christ the Savior, Russian Icon, 16th Century.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Council Meeting
July 14, 6:30pm
- Sisterhood Meeting
July 16, 6:30pm
- Annual Church Picnic
July 27, 1-7pm.
- Dormition fast August
1-14
- Holy Transfiguration
August 6

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

On 29 June we commemorate the martyrdoms of the apostles Peter and Paul.

St. Augustine writes: “Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul

followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labors, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith.”

“Fill me with the strength of Saints Peter and Paul and

hearken unto the voice of Thy servant, who cries to Thee; show Thy face to me, for I am beclouded; enlighten me with the coming of Thy Holy Spirit. Grant me, Oh Lord, diligence, for I have become defiled, and turn my labor into joy.

Taken from the writings of St. Ephraim.

NOTE FROM THE COUNCIL

Church Picnic

The council would like to invite all the St. Andrew parishioners to join us for our 5th annual picnic in the park. It will be held on Sunday July 27, 2008 from 1pm–7pm. Please remember to sign up if you are planning to attend, and bring a dish to pass. Parking is limited, so if you could carpool that would be great. There will be lots of games, fishing swimming, boat

rides and lots of great food. Directions and more information can be found on the flyer inside this newsletter.

Meijer Community Rewards

Another reminder to anyone who signed up for the community rewards program with Meyers, please check with Fran Johnson to see if your card is activated. We have been having problems with

cards that people thought were signed up, but their cards were not registering at the check out. You can also check on the Meijer website if you know your account number.

Deanery Meeting

Thank you to the sisterhood for providing such wonderful hospitality to our guests during the 2 days of meetings.



Cindy Smalley having a good time tubing on Denise and Steve's boat at the 2006 church picnic. Just one of the fun activities planned for this year's event.

J U L Y 2 0 0 8

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5 6:00 PM GreatVespers Confessions
6 9:00 AM Confession 9:30 AM Liturgy	7	8	9	10	11	12 6:00 PM GreatVespers Confessions
13 9:00 AM Confession 9:30 AM Liturgy	14 6:30 PM Council Meeting	15	16 6:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting	17	18	19 6:00 PM GreatVespers Confessions
20 9:00 AM Confession 9:30 AM Liturgy	21	22	23	24	25	26 6:00 PM GreatVespers Confessions
27 9:00 AM Confession 9:30 AM Liturgy Church Picnic 1-7pm	28	29	30	31		

THE PERFECT ORTHODOX GRADUATION GIFT

Send your high school seniors to campus prepared!

The 'Connect Kit' is an item put together by the O.C.F. (Orthodox Christian Fellowship) It aims to equip the college student with resources and information to aid them in growing in and connecting to their faith.

Inside the kit is an essen-

tial collection of items that will help them "keep the faith" in college.

- Diptych Self-standing Icon
- Complete Bible or Deluxe with Orthodox Study Bible
- The Orthodox Way - Bp. Kallistos Ware
- My Orthodox Prayer Book
- Finding One's Calling

in Life - Fr. Thomas Hopko

- OCF Water Bottle
- OCF Fridge Magnet
- Gourmet Chocolate Delight Candied Popcorn
- Information - Using Your Kit, OCF Brochure and more

For more information contact the O.C.F. at www.ocf.net or call 1-800-919-1623.



Father Christopher presents our college graduates, Laran Matta and Nevena Paripovic with their 'Connect Kits' on behalf of the St. Andrew parishioners.

USHERS, COFFEE HOUR SPONSERS AND PROSFORA DONORS

	USHERS	COFFEE HOUR	PROSFORA
7/6/08	Doug & Catherine Hattrem	Volunteer needed	Mike & Maria Daly for Bianka Daly on her birthday.
7/13/08	Anna Zivic & Simo Paripovic	Volunteer needed	Fran & John Johnson in memory of Alexandra Johnson on 23 anniversary of her falling asleep.
7/20/08	Nevenka Dines & John Johnson	Volunteer needed	Goldie Johnson for the health and blessings of the Beck family.
7/27/08	Denise & Steve Covell	Violanda and Radu Grigoresu	Fran & John Johnson in memory of Irene Molnar on the 2nd anniversary of her falling asleep. And for Alaina McFarland on her birthday.

HOW TO ENCOURAGE YOUR PRIEST THIS SUMMER

Attendance, and unfortunately enthusiasm, is significantly lacking in most local churches during the summer months. Vacations, reunions, camps, and other ac-

tivities take people out of town, leaving even the main worship service of the week with gaps in the pews wider than a dump truck. A Priest typically prepares for

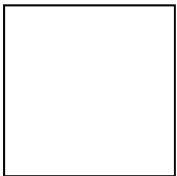
this, yet he still might become significantly discouraged.

Have you considered the possibility that you could be a great encouragement to your priest this summer?



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ST. ANDREW CHURCH 5TH ANNUAL PICNIC IN THE PARK



SCENIC PARK LAKE, LAINGSBURG - 12 MILES EAST OF CHURCH

DATE: 07/27/2008

TIME: 1:00PM-7:00PM - FOOD SERVED AT 3PM

Parking is limited so meet in the Church parking lot and car-pool. Don't forget our seniors may need a ride.

Sign up is necessary so we can estimate how many to plan for in preparing food, etc.

Church will provide burgers, hotdogs, place settings and condiments. Bring a dish to pass with serving spoons, your own beverages, lawn chairs/blankets.

Fishing: bring your own gear/license is required 17 and up.

Boating: Life jackets required.

Swimming: At your own risk/no lifeguard.

Volleyball: On site

Horeshoes: 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/Shaftsbridge. 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.

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