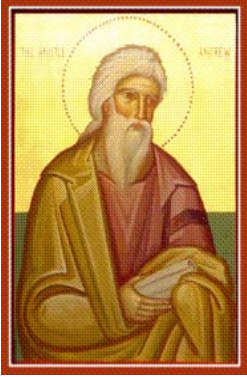


# St. Andrew Orthodox Church

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May 2007



**Rev. Fr. Christopher Rozdilski,**  
**Pastor**

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**Saturday Vespers 6 pm**  
**Confessions (following)**

**Sunday Liturgy 9:30 am**  
**Confessions 9:00 am**

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Catherine Hattrem*



Our hope of obtaining that which we ask for during prayer is founded upon faith in God's mercy and bountifulness, for He is the God of mercy and bountifulness, and the Lover of men; therefore at that time it is useful to remind ourselves of former innumerable experiences of mercy and grace bestowed upon men (in Holy Writ and in the lives of the Saints) and upon ourselves. Besides this in order that prayer may be effectual it is also necessary that those who pray should have already obtained that which they formerly asked for, and firmly believe this with their whole heart. We often receive through prayer that which we have asked for, especially when we pray for that which relates to the salvation of our soul; it is necessary to ascribe this directly to God and His grace, and not to chance. How can there possibly be any chance in the Kingdom of the Almighty God? Nothing can really happen without His will, as "without Him was not anything made that hath been made." (St. John 1:3) Many do not pray because it seems to them that they did not receive any gift from God when they prayed before, or because they consider praying unnecessary; they say that God knows everything without our asking, and forget that it is said: "Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." (St. Mat. 7:7) Our requests (prayers) are necessary expressly to strengthen our faith, through which alone can we be saved. "By grace are we saved through faith." (Eph. 2:8) "O woman, great is thy faith." (St. Mat. 15:28) For this reason the Lord made the woman pray earnestly, in order to awaken her faith and to strengthen it. Such men do not see that they have no faith—the Christian's most precious inheritance, which is as necessary as life itself—that they "make Him a liar" by their unbelief, and that they are the children of the Devil, unworthy of any of God's mercies; that they are going to destruction. It is also necessary that our hearts should burn during prayer with a desire for spiritual blessings, with love to God, and that we should vividly represent to ourselves His extreme mercy to mankind, and His readiness to hear all our prayers with fatherly love. "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father, which is in heaven, give good things to them that ask him?." (St. Mat. 7:11)

*My Life in Christ, St John of Kronstadt*

**MAY HIGHLIGHTS** Please check your May Calendar for a complete listing of events.

8	6:00pm	Council Meeting	<b>Coming Events:</b>
13	9:30am	Mother's Day Liturgy	Aug 19 Parish Picnic
15	7:00pm	Sisterhood Meeting	June 3 Church School graduation
16	6:00pm	Vespers for the leavetaking of Pascha	<i>Great Vespers &amp; Confessions every Saturday night at 6:00pm</i>
17	9:30am	Ascension of our Lord Liturgy	<i>Divine Liturgy every Sunday at 9:30am</i>
27	Pentecost		

### Parish Council

- **Denise Covell**  
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- **John Johnson—Chair**  
(517) 646-8786
- **Maria Daly—Treasurer**  
(517) 487-9511
- **Jim Smalley—Vice Chair**  
(517) 664-1712
- **Don Beck—Secretary**  
(517) 651-6668
- **Don Dimitroff**  
(517) 321-1266

### Sisterhood of St. Helen

- **Fran Johnson Vice President**  
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- **Kathy Fortais Secretary**  
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- **Catherine Hattrem Treasurer**  
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### Brotherhood of St. George

- **Scott Pierpont President**  
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- **Fr. Christopher**
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### Parish Council Report

Work is nearly complete on our 1566 Greencrest property. Some of the work done so far is new paint, bookshelves, and minor repairs. When complete it will be the new home for Parish Council meetings. If you have any other suggestions for its use please let the council know.

Parade of homes fundraiser is soon approaching. Please volunteer your help to chairman Samir Matta.

Our annual parish picnic is going to be held on August 19th, 2007. Mark your calendars now for sun and fun.

Christ is Risen

The Parish Council

### Sisterhood

Thank you to everyone who participated in the sisterhood Pascha bread sale. Especially to the volunteer bread makers: Patsy Dunsmore, Cathy Fortais, Catherine Hattrem, Tsveta Lambo, Joanne Lopushinsky, Matushka Sarah, Scott Pierpont, Cindy Smalley, Anna Zivic.

Through your efforts, \$316.00 was raised and will be put toward the purchase of new Priest's vestments and new Altar cloths.

Thank you to the sisterhood for purchasing a new set of Gold Priest's vestments. Your hard work and efforts towards the upkeep of our Temple and Altar are very much appreciated.

### Church School —Jennifer Beck

The Church School graduation will be held on Sunday, June 3. Please join us to recognize the participation of our students in Church School this year.

### FOCA—Shruti Gross

Christ is Risen! In February, the FOCA group had the annual lock-in where we had 8 students attend. We had a wonderful time playing four-square, painting faces, socializing and spending time with Father Christopher. Thank you to everyone who helped with ideas and who brought supplies. Thank you also for all of the hard work the FOCA group and their families put into cleaning the church and returning the pop cans. Please don't forget to look at the list to see when it is your turn to return the pop cans.

We are planning to make children's school bags which are filled with various school supplies to donate to the International Orthodox Christian Charities. These school bags will go to needy children in various countries where the IOCC works. Keep on the lookout for dates when we will meet to buy supplies and assemble the bags.

## Gardening at St. Andrew Church

Thank you to our volunteer gardeners at St. Andrew church. Another beautiful spring is (finally) upon us, and the weeds are just around the corner. Please set aside a few hours each month to help us care for the grounds around our church temple. Following is a list of our current volunteers, and their sections around the church. We do need a couple of new volunteers to step up and assist us in keeping the newly trimmed areas around the "Meeting House" tidy (the prior rental house). Please offer your time by speaking with Leann Matta.

*(starting at the church steps and walking clockwise around)*

Don/Jennifer Beck - both immediate sides of the front steps

Anna Waters - NW corner plot near the side door/men's bathroom

Scott & Barb Pierpont - north side of church between the elevator & J.H. classroom

Chris & Heather deMorrow - NE corner plot along J.H. classroom windows and back

Fran & John Johnson - Back of church

Samir & Leann Matta - SE corner plots along both side of the furnace room

Andrew & Eryn Schauber - SW corner plot "under" the cloak room & near the women's bathroom

Tsveta Lambo & Anna Zivic - church landmark plot

**\*Volunteers Needed\* - "Meeting House" front plot & 3 side plots;**

Thank you, in advance, for your labors of love.



## In The News...

The Haslett Kiwanis Club recently recognized Jelena Paripovic as the Kiwanis Student of the Month for April. Accompanying Jelena to the recognition ceremony was Maryann Freeland, Haslett High School's computer and technology teacher. Freeland introduced Jelena to Kiwanis Club members and spoke about her achievements and community activities.

Paripovic works at the Marquette Retirement Center and is a volunteer at the cancer research center. She is involved in her church, singing in the choir.

Jelena also is a member of the marching band, wind ensemble and has played for the school musical productions all four years of high school.

Jelena loves the friendships she has made in high school as well as all the extracurricular activities. She is a member of the varsity basketball and track teams and has been honored as a Capital Area Athletic Conference Scholar Athlete, maintaining above a 3.5 GPA while lettering in two varsity sports.

Jelena also is a member of National Honor Society and participates in the Science Olympiad.

Attending the ceremony were Jelena's mother and father, Ruza and Simo Jelena, and sisters Jovana and Nevena.

Kiwanis president Diane Platt presented Jelena with the Kiwanis Recognition Plaque.

Jelena plans to pursue a degree in biomechanical engineering at Michigan State University in the fall.

**Ushers, Coffee Hour Sponsors and Prosfora Donors for May**

	<b><u>Ushers</u></b>	<b><u>Coffee Hour</u></b>	<b><u>Prosfora</u></b>
May 6	Leann & Samir Matta	Dan Zak	The Teshich family in memory of our loved ones on the day of our Slava
13	Doug & Catherine Hattrem	Mother's Day	Nevenka Dines in memory of George K Dines and Dr. Lenna Dines
20	Anna Zivic & Simo Paripovic	<b>55th Anniversary Celebration</b>	Maria and Bianka Daly for Fr. Christopher and Nevenka Dines on their birthdays
27	Nevenka Dines & John Johnson	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Catherine Hattrem for Doug's birthday.

**PLEASE JOIN US ON MAY 20TH FOR A SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR IN HONOR OF OUR 55TH ANNIVERSARY.**



**Church Cleaning Schedule for May**

<b><u>Week of</u></b>	<b><u>Upstairs</u></b>	<b><u>Downstairs</u></b>
May 1—5	Hattrem	Bryant & Oade
7—12	Pierpont and Fortais	Matta
14—19	Gross	McFarland and Johnson
21—26	Paripovic	Shauver
28—June 2	deMorrow	Maria Daly and Joanne Lopushinsky

**Your Offering Envelopes**

As we approach another month, please check to make sure you have fulfilled all your financial obligations, and are up to date with your offering envelopes and membership dues. There will be a special envelope for the month of May observing our 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Please be generous.

**Mother's Day Liturgy**

Mother's day is May 13<sup>th</sup>. Father Christopher will be honoring the mother's of our Parish during Liturgy that day. To have your loved ones names included in this service, please fill out one of the green envelopes that are in the vestibule and give them to Father by May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Vacuum Cleaner**

We are looking for the donation of an upright vacuum cleaner, in good working order, to use in our choir area. If you are able to help, please see Matushka Mary.

**Coffee Hour**

Volunteers are needed for coffee hour on May 27, June 10, 17, 24. Please sign up downstairs in the church hall. On days when we have no volunteers, only coffee will be served.

**Icon Writing Workshop**

KhouriyeH Janet Peters will be offering an Icon Writing Workshop at St. James Orthodox Church in Williamston. Classes will be May 7-12 from 9:00am -4:00pm daily. The fee is \$200.00 per person. If interested please call KhouriyeH Janet at (517) 655 8090.

**Dormition Monastery Work Day**

Volunteers are needed to help during the annual Monastery grounds work day, Saturday June 2 from 9:00am – 5:00pm in Rives Junction. Bring some gardening tools and help with general grounds cleanup. Lunch will be provided. Please call (517) 569 2873 if you would like to participate.

### **Congratulations**

During his recent trip to New York, Father Christopher was awarded the right to wear the Komelofka by his Grace Bishop Mecurius. This is an award that is given to Priests for their service to the church.

### **Candle Cleaning**

A big thank you to all the people who helped clean the brass candle stands in time for Holy Pascha. Fran Johnson, Patsy Dunsmore, Denise Covell, Joanne Lopushinsky, Matushka Mary and Leann Matta. The candle stands are cleaned several times a year and volunteers are always needed. Please see Fran Johnson if you would like to help.

### **Pascha**

This year we celebrated Pascha in the midst of a snow storm!!! Despite the inclement weather, we had a most joyous Pascha here at St. Andrew. Over 100 people stayed for the meal after the services and even more were in attendance during the services. Christ is Risen!!!

Thank you to all the families who provided the red eggs that were distributed on Holy Pascha.

### **Choir**

Many thanks go out to our wonderful choir, under the direction of Ted Lopushinsky, for their labors during this Pashcal season.

### **St. Demetrius Orthodox Church**

St. Demetrius Church in Jackson would like to invite you to join them for the blessing of their new Iconostasis. His Eminence, the Most Reverend Job Archbishop of Chicago and the Midwest, will be officiating. The dedication service will begin at 12:00pm on Saturday 19 May, 2007 followed by an open house from 12:30-5:00pm. There will also be a fundraising dinner with ethnic cuisine at 6:30pm. Tickets for the dinner are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 6 and over. The church is located at 3043 Seymour Road, Jackson. If you would like to buy tickets for the dinner please call Fr. Dusan at 517-783-5494.

## **Address Additions and Changes**

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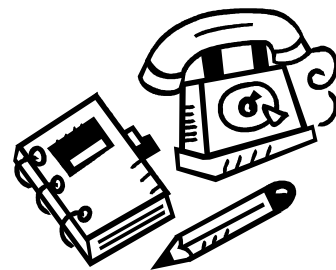
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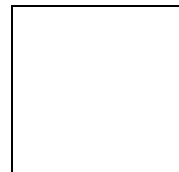


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 <i>6:00 PM Great Vespers/Confessions</i>
6 <i>9:00 AM Confession 9:30 AM Liturgy</i>	7	8 <i>6:30 PM COUNCIL MEETING</i>	9	10	11	12 <i>6:00 PM Great Vespers/Confessions</i>
13 <i>Mother's Day 9:00 AM Confession 9:30 AM Liturgy</i>	14	15 <i>7:00 PM SISTERHOOD MEETING</i>	16 <i>6:00 PM Vespers for the leave- taking of Pascha</i>	17 <i>No Liturgy. Father will be attending services in Albion</i>	18	19 <i>No Vespers</i>
20 <i>9:00 AM Confession 9:30 AM Liturgy  55th anniversary celebration of our Parish during coffee hour.</i>	21	22	23	24	25	26 <i>6:00 PM Great Vespers/Confessions</i>
27 <i>Pentecost 9:00 AM Confession 9:30 AM Liturgy</i>	28 <i>Memorial Day</i>	29	30	31		

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