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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

*“Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.”
1 John, 5:14*

I'll be honest. Prayer can sometimes leave you banging your head against a wall and feeling like it's all just a little pointless. You begin to ask “does this even work?” When that happens, and it happens to everybody from time to time, we have to realize that perhaps we are asking God for the wrong thing.

Yes, there is a right thing and a wrong thing that you can ask of God. Someplace in the Old Testament God says to someone that what people mostly ask of Him is money. You can almost hear the derision in His voice. In another place in the Epistles, the writer says that a lot of what we ask of God is to fulfill our passions or our sinfulness. And it is when we are at that place where frustration meets doubt that we must stop and do a little soul searching. We need to ask ourselves “what am I asking for here?” “Am I disguising the desire to fulfill a passion by concocting an artificial need?” If we are, then we have turned our prayer into blasphemy, and of course, that prayer won't be answered.

answered.

So pay attention for what you pray. Watch yourself. Be vigilant. Sift through your thoughts and feelings. Make sure you are being honest with God. Learn the prayers of the Church from prayer books – make them your own, and pray from a pure heart. Let no shadow of selfishness, greed, vanity, or spite turn in your heart, and God will hear you. Ask always for His will to be done because He cares for you.

May the blessings of Our Lord Jesus Christ be upon you.

Fr. Christopher

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Father Thomas Hopko M.S.U.**
October 5, 7:30pm
- **Brotherhood Meeting**
October 6, 6:30pm
- **Sisterhood Meeting**
October 15, 6:30pm
- **Council Meeting**
October 20, 6:30pm
- **St. Demetrius 50th Anniversary celebration, October 25,**
4:30pm

CHALLENGE OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

I cannot say *Our* if I live only for myself. I cannot say *Father* if I do not endeavor each day to act like His child. I cannot say *who art in heaven* if I am not striving for holiness. I cannot say *Hallowed be Thine name* if I am not striving for holiness. I cannot say *Thy Kingdom come* if I am doing all in my power to hasten that wonderful

event. I cannot say *Thy will be done* if I am disobedient to His word. I cannot say *on earth as it is in Heaven* if I will not serve Him here and now. I cannot say *Give us this day our daily bread* if I am dishonest or seeking things by subterfuge. I cannot say *forgive us our debts* if I harbor a grudge against anyone. I cannot say *Lead us not*

into temptation if I deliberately place myself in its path. I cannot say *Deliver us from evil* if I do not put on the whole armor of God. I cannot say *Thine is the Kingdom* if I



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THE LORD'S PRAYER, CONT

do not give the King the loyalty due Him from a faithful subject. I cannot say *The Power* if I fear what others may do. I cannot say *The Glory* if I am seeking honor for myself. I cannot say *Forever* if the horizon of my life is bounded by the things of today.

Author unknown.

PARISH MEETING

There will be a Parish Meeting on October 26, 2008 immediately following Divine Liturgy. At this meeting we will be voting two new members onto the Parish Council; John Johnson and Don Beck will be rotating off. If you are interested in serving as a council member please give your name to Father

Christopher. To be able to vote at this meeting, please make sure that your assessments and any other Church obligations are up to date.

The Church council will be providing food for coffee hour.



OCTOBER 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 6:00 PM Great Vespers Confessions
5 9:00 AM Confession 9:30 AM Liturgy	6 6:30 PM Brotherhood Meeting	7	8	9	10	11 6:00 PM Great Vespers Confessions
12 9:00 AM Confession 9:30 AM Liturgy	13	14	15 6:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting	16	17	18 6:00 PM Great Vespers Confessions
19 9:00 AM Confession 9:30 AM Liturgy	20 6:30 PM Council Meeting	21	22	23	24	25 St. Demetrius 50th Anniver- sary, Jackson. NO VESPERS
26 9AM Confes- sion, 9:30 AM Liturgy. Parish Meeting	27	28	29	30	31	

WHAT'S HAPPENING

"The True Humanism" with the Very Rev. Father Thomas Hopko.

On Sunday, October 5, 2008 at 7:30pm, The Orthodox Christian Fellowship at MSU in partnership with Orthodox Women in Healing Ministries and Holy Dormition Monastery, will host a talk by Father Thomas Hopko, Dean Emeritus, St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary. The

presentation will be held in the Lake Ontario Room on the 3rd floor of the MSU Union (Abbot & Grand River). For more information visit www.ocf.net. Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko has served as a priest in the Orthodox Church in America for 44 years and has taught courses in Dogmatic Theology, Practical Theology, Homiletics and Spirituality at St. Vladimir's Seminary since 1968. He is

the author of many articles and essays and has written several books .

If you want to hear more from Father Hopko, he is podcasted on www.ancientfaith.com.

Multi-Ethnic Dinner Dance

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church and the Orthodox Christian Fellowship @ MSU will be

hosting a Dinner Dance on Saturday, November 22, 2008.

Vespers will begin at 6:00pm, there will be a dinner catered by Nick Gavrilides & Co. at 7pm and at 8:00pm there will be music and dancing from around the world—Romanian, Arabic, Greek, American, Swing and more.

Holy Trinity is located at 1701 E. Saginaw, Lansing. Adult tickets are \$20 in advance or

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	USHERS	COFFEE HOUR	PROSFORA
10/05/08	Anna Zivic & Simo Paripovic	Tsveta Lambo	Matushka Mary for Denise & Steve Covell on their wedding anniversary
10/12/08	Nevenka Dines & John Johnson	Rebecca Schaefer, Patsy Swidriski	Doug & Catherine Hattrem in thanksgiving for their 30th wedding
10/19/08	Denise & Steve Covell	Matushka Mary	Maria Daly in memory of her father, Louis Lambo
10/26/08	Sandy Oade & Penju Miteff	Doug & Catherine Hattrem	Chris & Sophia Valkanoff for the birthdays of all their family members

HAPPENINGS, CONTINUED

\$25 at the door. College students and under 18 are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. To purchase tickets email Elizabeth Brown at browne40@msu.edu.

Proceeds will go to benefit the ministries and programs of the OCF at Michigan State University.

50th Anniversary Celebration

St. Demetrius Orthodox Church in Jackson will be celebrating their 50th anniversary this month. We have been invited to attend a Wine and Cheese Adult Only Party on Friday, October 24 from 6:00pm- 8:30pm in the Church Hall, tickets \$20. On

Saturday, October 25 we have also been invited to attend Vespers at 3:00pm and the Anniversary Banquet, at the Cascades Manor House, 1977 Kibby Road, Jackson. Cocktails are at 4:30pm, Dinner is at 5:30pm and live entertainment by George Karpathios is from 7:00pm—11:00pm. Tickets

for adults 18 and over are \$45.00, children 6-17 are \$30.00 and under 5s are free. Cash Bar. There will also be a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy followed by a brunch on Sunday.

R.S.V.P. by October 12, 2008 to St. Demetrius Church, 517- 784-0116.



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September, 2008

TO THE COOKIE BAKERS OF OUR PARISH:

First, thank you for your hard work and efforts last December, which made our fifth Cookie Walk and Bake Sale another smashing success and raised nearly \$2800!

This year, again, we are asking for your help. On **Saturday, December 13, 2008**, we will be having our **Sixth Annual Cookie Walk and Bake Sale!!!!** This sale will be open to the public and set up in our Church Hall.

Our goal is to have at least 300 to 400 dozen festive cookies to sell. A bit of advice was given to us – the smaller size cookie is a better seller. Make your cookies festive and eye-catching (no drop cookies, please!). You can start baking your delectable delights early (now is not too soon!) and freeze them, layered between wax paper. Place your cookies in “airtight” containers (large plastic ice cream buckets or shirt boxes are great). Be sure all containers are well sealed before freezing. Freezer space is available in the freezers located in the Church Hall – we would be happy to wrap and freeze any baked goods that you would like to bring in for storage in the Church freezers.

The good part of this event is that you can bake your cookies at home, freeze them and have them ready long before the Christmas rush. Our cookies will be sold at a “one price” per pound for all types. The proceeds of this event will go towards the Altar Fund.

You don't bake?? How about sending a cash donation? We would appreciate any help you are able to offer.

A sign-up sheet is located in the Church Hall. Please see Patsy Swidriski or Cynthia Smalley with any questions.

Again, thank you for your anticipated support of this event.

Happy Baking!!!!

I.O.C.C. HURRICANE APPEAL



Left: Onlookers view debris from several oceanfront restaurants washed onto Seawall Boulevard in Galveston, Texas, following the landfall of Hurricane Ike earlier in the day. International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) has been in contact with Orthodox hierarchs in the affected areas and deployed a team of IOCC staff and Orthodox clergy known as the "Frontline" to coordinate a relief plan with IOCC partners on the ground in Texas. (photo credit: Bob Pearson/epa/Corbis)

Cash donations can be made by calling IOCC's donation hotline toll-free at 1-877-803-4622; by making a gift online at www.iocc.org; or by mailing a check or money order payable to "IOCC" and writing "US Emergency Response" in the memo line to IOCC, P.O. Box 630225, Baltimore, Md. 21263-0225.

September 16, 2008

Baltimore, MD (IOCC) — As rescuers conducted the largest search and recovery operation in Texas history, officials in 11 states were assessing the cumulative damage of the 2008 hurricane season after two tropical storms and two hurricanes made landfall in the U.S. in just four weeks. International Orthodox

Christian Charities (IOCC), which mobilized its Emergency Network for this year's severe weather including the Iowa floods and Hurricane Gustav, has been in contact with Orthodox hierarchs in the affected areas and deployed a team of IOCC staff and Orthodox clergy known as the "Frontline." They are now in Texas evaluating the aftermath of Hurricane Ike and coor-

minating a relief plan with IOCC partners on the ground.

IOCC is issuing an emergency appeal for its continuing response with cash funds going towards immediate clean-up and recovery efforts. Orthodox faithful, including Sunday Schools, youth groups and others, are also urged to continue providing emergency clean-up buckets and health kits for shipment to the Gulf

Coast (for information on assembling the kits go to www.iocc.org/emergencykits.aspx). IOCC distributed 1,000 such kits in New Orleans and Baton Rouge immediately following Hurricane Gustav.

IOCC, founded in 1992, has implemented over \$275 million in relief and development programs in 33 countries around the world.

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate Laura and Joseph Patrick on the birth of their son, Gregory Augustus.

Gregory was born on September 2 and weighed in at a healthy 10lb 9oz (another football player in the making!!) Laura was a member of St. Andrew Parish for many years, taught church school and spear-headed our chapter of F.O.C.A.

Laura and Joe, both M.S.U. graduates now live in Minnesota.



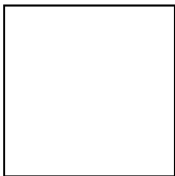
M.S.U. CONCESSIONS

A big thank you to all the volunteers who have so tirelessly worked during the home games at M.S.U. A special thanks to our stand managers, Fran Johnson and Jennifer Beck and all those who have worked every game so far!! This fundraiser is very important to our Parish and all of your help is very





much appreciated. We have 4 more home games left in the season, the next being Homecoming on Saturday, October 4. Volunteers are still needed and we would love to have you come and join us. Not only does volunteering benefit our Church, but it is great fun and good fellowship.

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St. Andrew M.S.U. Concession

09/06/08	vs. Eastern Michigan 	East Lansing, Mich.	12:00 p.m. ET
09/13/08	vs. Florida Atlantic 	East Lansing, Mich.	12:00 p.m. ET
09/20/08	vs. Notre Dame 	East Lansing, Mich.	3:30 p.m. ET
10/04/08	vs. Iowa (Homecoming) 	East Lansing, Mich.	12:00 p.m. ET
10/18/08	vs. Ohio State	East Lansing, Mich.	TBA
11/01/08	vs. Wisconsin	East Lansing, Mich.	TBA
11/08/08	vs. Purdue	East Lansing, Mich.	TBA



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help us in our church's biggest annual fundraiser by volunteering to work at our concession stand at the M.S.U. Stadium during the home games. Everyone over the age of 16 is encouraged to at least work one game this season. Please sign up in the church hall. For more information contact Barb Pierpont, Fran Johnson or Jennifer Beck. 517-351-4627