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THE PATH TO SALVATION

St. Moses -

“If you show mercy in some way to someone, for this you will obtain mercy. If you suffer along with those who suffer, which does not seem to be a great thing, you will be numbered with the martyrs. If you forgive someone who offends you, for this not only will all of your sins be forgiven, but you will be a daughter of the heavenly father. If you pray from your heart, even a little bit, for your salvation, you will be saved. If you do not condemn a sinner, for this you will receive salvation. If you reproach yourself before God for the sins felt by your conscience, for this you will be justified. If you confess your sins before God, for this there is forgiveness and reward. If you sorrow for your sins, or feel compunction, or weep, or sigh, then your sighs are not hidden from Him, for St.

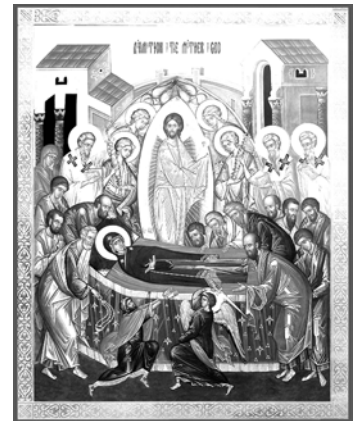
Simeon says that not even a tear-drop nor a part of a drop, are hidden from Him.”

St. Nikon -

“One should patiently force himself in every virtue for the sake of the Lord, watch soberly over all of his feelings, thoughts, and deeds, call to the Lord God for help, and come to humility and recognize that by his own efforts and without God’s help a person will not accomplish anything. And when, finally, the vessel of the human soul and body is prepared, when the strings of his harp are attuned to all humility, patience, and piety... then the time will come, and wonderful singing will resound, and the beautiful and marvelous sounds of spiritual life will pour forth, and *many shall see, and shall fear, and shall hope in the Lord.* (Ps, 39:4)”

St. Leo -

“ May the Lord strengthen your soul and sow in your heart faith, hope, and charity, the greatest and most important virtues are equally needed for our salvation and without these no one will be worthy of the joy of beholding God and no one can be saved.”



Above: the Dormition of the Mother of God

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Dormition fast August 1-14**
- **Holy Transfiguration August 6**
- **Council Meeting August 11, 6:30pm**
- **Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos August 15**
- **Church School begins September 6.**

THE FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

On August 15, we will be celebrating the Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God. St. Andrew Parish has been invited to attend the 21st Annual Pilgrimage at the Dormition of the Mother of God Monastery in Rives Junction. Bishop Nathaniel will be attending as will Bishop Job, who will be the guest homilist. The schedule of services for Friday are as follows:

- 09:00 am—Akathist, 3rd, 6th Hour
- 09:45 am—Procession
- 10:00 am—Hierarchal Liturgy
- 12:30 pm—Lunch
- 02:30 pm—Holy Unction Service
- 05:00 pm—Vespers Service
- 06:30 pm—Supper

For information and directions please see their website

www.dormitionmonastery.org

There will be Vespers here at St. Andrew for the eve of the feast on Thursday August 14 at 6:00pm.



This issue of our newsletter has been sponsored by the children of Steve and Athena Dines for their 56th Wedding

Anniversary, August 31. May God Grant Them Many Years.

NOTES FROM THE COUNCIL

Deans Visit

The council would like to thank our Dean, Father Roman Starr and Matushka Rosemary of St. Innocence Church in Detroit, for attending services here at St. Andrew on July 13.

Father Roman has taken over as Dean of the Midwest parishes after the death of Father Feodor Kovalchuk in April of this year.

Father Roman had nothing but positive things to say about our Parish and was very pleased with everything that he saw here at St. Andrew. He noted how our Parish was growing and how friendly everyone was.

Annual Picnic

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the planning and preparations of our annual picnic at Scenic Lake Park. In

particular to Steve and Denise Covell for their generous hospitality. Watch the website for photos!

MSU Concessions

The council would like to remind all the volunteers that committed to working at the MSU concession stand earlier in the year (and anyone else that can help), that the first home game is September 6.

Starting in August, there will be a sign-up sheet posted in the Church Hall. Please see the game schedule printed on page 4. If you have never volunteered before and would like some more information, please talk to Barb Pierpont, Fran Johnson or Jennifer Beck. This is our Church's biggest fundraiser and we need as many volunteers as possible.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31 9:00 AM Confession 9:30 AM Liturgy					1 Dormition Fast begins	2 6:00 PM Great Vespers Confessions
3 9:00 AM Confession 9:30 AM Liturgy	4	5 6:00 PM Great Vespers	6 9:30 AM Holy Transfigu- ration Liturgy and blessing of fruit	7	8	9 6:00 PM Great Vespers Confessions
10 9:00 AM Confession 9:30 AM Liturgy	11 6:30 PM Council Meeting	12	13	14 6:00 PM Great Vespers	15 10:00 AM Feast of Dor- mition, Rives Junction	16 6:00 PM Great Vespers Confessions
17 9:00 AM Confession 9:30 AM Liturgy	18	19	20	21	22	23 6:00 PM Great Vespers Confessions
24 9:00 AM Confession 9:30 AM Liturgy	25	26	27	28	29	30 6:00 PM Great Vespers Confessions

CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 7, 2008

"Let the little children come unto Me" (St. Mark: 14)

All Orthodox Christian parents who have babies or young children should consider very carefully how they are going to raise those children. Each one is a beloved and precious gift from God. From their first breath - indeed, from their conception - children should be surrounded by both love and prayer.

Love, so that they may feel wanted and secure; prayer, not only for their physical wellbeing but for their spiritual growth. Each child - and therefore each one of us - has an inbuilt desire to know God and to love Him, so we should pray for the Holy Spirit to reside within, and progressively reveal the glory, mercy and love of our Creator.

Borrowed from Archimandrite Nektarios Serfes

Just as secular education is important for your child's growth and preparation for adulthood, your child's spiritual wellbeing and education is equally important. As parents you are responsible for instilling in them a firm understanding of the Orthodox Christian Faith.

Saint Andrew Church School provides instruction for chil-

dren from kindergarten to high school. To ensure that your children are receiving an Orthodox education, please make sure you bring your children to Sunday School every week during the School year. If you are not sure which class they should be in, please talk to Jennifer Beck .

For those parents whose children are still too young to at-

USHERS, COFFEE HOUR SPONSERS AND PROSFORA DONORS

	USHERS	COFFEE HOUR	PROSFORA
8/3/08	Sandy Oade & Penju Miteff	Cathy Estrada	Donor needed
8/10/08	Leann & Samir Matta	Nevenka Dines	Nevenka Dines in memory of Dr. Lenna V. Dines
8/17/08	Doug & Catherine Hattrem	Volunteer needed	Pierpont family for the health of Cathy Fortais on her birthday
8/24/08	Anna Zivic & Simo Paripovic	Volunteer needed	Steve & Denise Covell for Chris Zubrick on his birthday
8/31/08	Nevenka Dines & John Johnson	Volunteer needed	Donor needed

CHURCH SCHOOL, continued

tend Sunday School, it is still important for parents to bring their infants or toddlers to church often. This helps the child become more comfortable being in Church, receiving Communion, and participating in the worship service. There is no doubt that attending Church regularly with an infant or toddler takes com-

mitment and sacrifice. It's also fair to say that, as a parent, you might not get as much out of the worship service because of the distractions from your child. Nevertheless, it is very important to have these youngsters attend church on a regular basis because attending the Divine Liturgy and receiving Holy

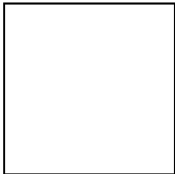


Communion is a vital part of their young spiritual lives.





Above: Church school celebration, July 2008

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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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