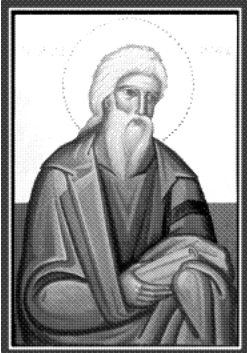


St. Andrew Orthodox Church

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February 2008



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Saturday Vespers 6 pm

Confessions (following)

Sunday Liturgy 9:30 am

Confessions 9:00 am

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Pre-Lenten Season

During the three week pre-Lenten season the church prepares us for repentance. She urges us to prepare ourselves through gradual diet modification and instructing us with themes of humility, judgment, repentance and forgiveness. The period is bounded by four Sundays.

This issue of the Newsletter is sponsored by Maria Daly in memory of her father Louis J. Lambo.



1. February 17: *Publican and the Pharisee* (Luke 18:10-14) emphasizes humility as a key attitude for repentance. The Greek word for repentance is metanoia, which means a change of mind. To repent we must not boast of our spiritual feats, but humble ourselves like the Publican who longs for a change of mind. We are called to learn this secret of the inward poverty of the Publican rather than the self-righteousness of the Pharisee who is convinced of his perfectness and not open to change because of his pride. There is no prescribed fasting for this week.

2. February 24: *Prodigal Son* (Luke 15:11-32) teaches us about our need to return from exile. This parable shows us the mercy of the Father who with open arms receives his son, whose behavior he does not return, but is joyous of his return home. We are encouraged to examine ourselves in the period of Lent to purge ourselves of sin and “come home.” The week that follows is called Meat Week as it is the last week we are to eat meat. In the villages of Greece this was the traditional week to slaughter the family pig and the leftovers were smoked to be eaten after Pascha. The normal rule of fasting are applied to this week, fast on Wednesday and Friday.

Saturday of this week is the first Saturday of Souls where those who have fallen asleep in the hope of resurrection and eternal life are remembered at a special service “Saturday of the Souls.” We commend to God all those who have departed before us, who are now awaiting the Last Judgment. This is an expression of the Church’s love. We remember them because we love them.

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FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS Please check your Calendar for a complete listing of events.

10	Zacchaeus Sunday	Great Vespers every Saturday night at 6:00PM
12 6:30 pm	Council Meeting	Confessions after Saturday Vespers and at 9:00 AM
17	Publican & Pharisee	Sunday mornings
20 6:30 pm	Sisterhood Meeting	Divine Liturgy every Sunday at 9:30AM
24	Prodigal Son	
26	Interfaith Day	

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Parish Council Report

MSU Concession Party/Meeting was well attended on Saturday evening. There was much discussion about the future of this fundraiser. Final vote decided, there was no easier way to raise nearly \$6,000 in 6 Saturdays with nothing more invested than your time. Note: \$6,000 represents nearly 10% of our entire church operating budget for the year. Thank you to all who committed to making this project work in the future year. Anyone needing more information or willing to volunteer, please contact Jennifer Beck. We thank Jennifer for chairing this meeting.

The council has decided to create a ways and means committee in our church. Anyone willing to join and help please let any council member know.

Thank you,
Your Church Council

Church School —Jennifer Beck

We have events planned for February and March.

We are going bowling and creating our own icons in time for the Lenten season.

Dates and times will follow. Thanks to Leann Matta for organizing these for our students.

FOCA—Shruti Gross

FOCA is planning a game night/lock-in Friday, February 8th for ages 5 and up. We plan to have pizza, do some crafts, play games and have lots of fun. Please see me for more details. Thank you to everyone who helped to clean in January. Also, a new pop can schedule is posted so please check this periodically to see when it is your month to return pop cans. Thank you to everyone who brings pop cans! The Celebration of Faith contest deadline for entries is April 4th, 2008. The theme this year is "Our Environment". Please see me for more details on the contest or you can look on the FOCA website at <http://www.orthodoxfellowship.org>.

Sisterhood of St. Helen

The new officers are listed in the sidebar to the left.

Our next meeting will be on February 20, 2008 at 6:30 pm.

CONGRATULATIONS

To our **daughter parish, St. Demetrius of Jackson** who will be celebrating their 50th ANNIVERSARY on October 25-26, 2008.

and

To **Joshua Lambo** who was drafted into Major League Soccer eighth overall by FC Dallas on January 18th. He spent the past 2 1/2 years in residency with the United States Under 17 National Team. Josh, who turned 17 last November, becomes the youngest goalkeeper in Major League Soccer history. He is the son of Mark & Irene Lambo and grandson of Tsveta Lambo. Josh was born in Lansing and baptised at St. Andrew parish in 1990. He graduated from high school in Bradenton, Florida December 07.

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3. March 2: Judgment (Meat-fare) Sunday (Matt 25:31-46) emphasizes the Last Judgment. We are reminded of our individual responsibility for love. We are encouraged not to eat meat this week, but we can eat eggs, cheese and other dairy products.

4. March 9: Forgiveness (Cheese-Fare) Sunday (Matt 6:14-21) emphasizes forgiveness and how we must forgive others if God is to forgive us so we can break the chains of sinful tendency which we inherit from the Adam and Eve. This is the last day of preparation as the traditional Lenten fast begins on the following day where no meat, dairy or eggs are to be eaten according to the church tradition.

5. March 10: Great Lent Begins

Borrowed from St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, SC

“Your Look is All They’ll Need” by Nevena Paripovic - 10-12th grade 2007 Celebration of Faith Contest Winner

What do you feel when you stare into his eyes?
Those outstretched arms
Begging for compromise

Who does he turn to?
Who will help him out?
How many children are suffering like him?

*Through God’s eyes we are all the same
Different smiles, looks, languages, and names
But underneath we share the same fears
All the insecurities that pour out with the tears
Reach out a hand for any of those who plead
Because odds are
Your look is all they’ll need.*

Poverty, starvation, killings, gore and blood
Falling in the children’s hearts with a loud thud
Witnessing a war stays unspeakable forever
No matter where, it’s locked down like lever

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Next time he takes a look at you
His pleading large brown eyes will show him through
and through
Pick him up and place him somewhere safe
Where bombs and shrapnel won’t get near his face

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HOSPITAL REMINDER - because of the privacy laws (HIPAA), our pastor is NOT notified of Hospital or nursing home admissions. If you would like your pastor to visit during hospitalization or nursing home stay, please call the church office (517) 351-4627. and let him know immediately.

INTERFAITH DAY - this year will be hosted by HOLY TRINITY on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 from 9am to 2:30pm. Tickets are available for \$9 and may be purchased from Tsveta Lambo on Sundays or call her at 351-1503. Tickets are limited so don’t delay. If you need more information on this popular annual event, please see Tsveta.

OFFERING ENVELOPES - for 2008 are now available for your use. However, a number of families have yet to pick up their packets. Please do so soon. The month of JANUARY is almost over! Have your fulfilled your financial obligation by using all your envelopes especially the ones earmarked for MEMBERSHIP ASSESSMENT, AND INITIAL OFFERING which helps to defray the cost (\$448.31) of our offering envelopes.

BEST WISHES - to Marine Corps Pfc, STEFAN GLIWA, son of Alexandra Andretz who recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC.

SAFE TRAVEL - to **Cynthia Smalley** who left for Czechoslovakia earlier this year to visit with her husband, Reader James. And to **Pauline Petney** who is visiting Florida for a month of warmth & sunshine. And to **Donald & Jennie Dimitroff** who are also in Florida for a few months of relaxation.

YOUR PRAYERS - are requested for former parishioner, LAWRENCE ROBINSON who passed away on December 18, 2007. May God grant him rest eternal.

COFFEE HOUR - Volunteers are needed to host coffee hour for 2008. Please sign up in the church hall.

PROSPHORA DONORS are needed for 2008. Offering the special holy bread to be used in the Divine Liturgy is a wonderful way to commemorate special occasions for the living and departed. From this bread the Lamb will be cut, which will be transformed into the Body of Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. Also particles are removed for prayers for the living and departed. What is left over is cut up and given to the people after receiving Holy Communion, and after kissing the cross at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Prosfora</u>
Feb 3	Nevenka Dines & John Johnson	Pierpont / Fortais	Steve & Denise Covell for Matushka Mary's Birthday
10	Denise & Steve Covell	Christina Kyriakou	Maria Daly In Memory of Louis J Lambo on his Birthday
17	Sandy Oade & Penju Miteff	Nevenka Dines / Tsveta Lambo	John & Fran Johnson for Rachel Rae Warncke on her first Birthday
24	Leann & Samir Matta	Charis Brand	Maria and Bianka Daly for Michael Daly on his Birthday
Mar 2	Doug & Catherine Hattrem	Matta	Steve & Denise Covell for safe travel
9	Anna Zivic & Simo Paripovic	Patsy J Swidriski	John & Fran Johnson for Micki Warncke's birthday



Church Cleaning Schedule



<u>Week Ending</u>	<u>Upstairs</u>	<u>Downstairs</u>
Feb 2	VOLUNTEER	Berbasov
9	Hattrem	Miloage / Oade
16	Pierpont / Fortais	Matta
23	Gross	McFarland / Johnson
Mar 1	Parapovic	Shauver

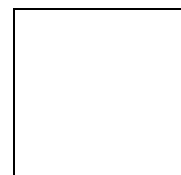


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 <i>9:30 AM Divine Liturgy Meeting of the Lord</i> <i>6:00 PM Great Vespers/Confessions</i>
3 <i>9:00 AM Confession 9:30 AM Liturgy</i>	4	5	6	7	8	9 <i>6:00 PM Great Vespers/Confessions</i>
10 <i>9:00 AM Confession 9:30 AM Liturgy</i> <i>Zacchaeus Sunday</i>	11	12 <i>6:30 PM Council Meeting</i>	13	14	15	16 <i>6:00 PM Great Vespers/Confessions</i>
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