

The LAMPLIGHTER

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH of Lansing

“Yea, Thou dost light my lamp; the Lord my God lightens my darkness...” (Psalms 18:28)

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Message to our 2007 High School Graduates from George Platsis, on behalf of AHEPA, delivered at the Palm Sunday Fish Plaki Dinner

Dear Graduates,

Whether you go on to college or have a job waiting for you in the workplace, you are embarking on a journey into a challenging world that will test both your physical and mental capacities to survive, to grow and to flourish as a good human being. In preparation for your upcoming adventure in life, I'd like to suggest that you read two authors if you have not yet done so. One is an ancient Greek, Homer; and the other is a 20th century modern Greek, Nikos Kazantzakis.

You may recall that in Homer's great work *The Odyssey*, written 700 years before Christ, Odysseus and his men endured ten years of physical dangers to survive their return trip home. This was after they spent 10 years fighting in the Trojan War. During his trip back to Ithaka, Odysseus was tempted by the Goddess Calypso to stay, forget his home and become a god. Odysseus, however, declined. A god would be perfect and unchanging. Instead, he opted to remain human, with the ability to change, adapt and improve. He said goodbye to Calypso's promised utopia and returned to his beloved Penelope.

During your lifetime journey, you will be tempted by many offers of apparent pleasures and imagined utopias. You may even be entreated by secular progressive professors and supervisors alike to abandon your values learned at home and in our church. And they will be tempting offers indeed. You may even suffer consequences if you refuse them.

Nikos Kazantzakis, a Greek poet and novelist from the island of Crete, writes about his response to some of the dilemmas you will face. *The Last Temptation of Christ*, *Zorba the Greek*, and *Report to Greco* are some of his best-known works. He traveled widely in Europe and Asia in the 1920's and 1930's. In his last book, *Report to Greco*, Kazantzakis describes his travels as a “personal journey among men, passions, and ideas.”

His was a search for the perfect system of government, a search for the most satisfying way to live in this world.

His search for utopia included encounters with Fascism in Italy and Germany; Communism in Russia and even Buddhism in China and Japan. After careful and reasoned examination of these “promised lands,” he found them all wanting because each one of them denied the essential nature of man. It must be added here that Kazantzakis never traveled to America. In the end, he concludes that individual achievement – especially outside the given norm – is the only source of human happiness. Indeed, he admired El Greco, the 15th century Renaissance painter from Crete, precisely because he “burst the chains of convention” and created a new and lasting artistic style.

Kazantzakis concludes that the pursuit of a goal is as important, if not more important, than the goal itself.

Like Odysseus, Kazantzakis returned to his origins, which were never far from his heart – he always carried a packet of Cretan soil with him wherever he traveled. In the Epilogue from *Report to Greco*, Kazantzakis exhorts his readers “to refuse ever to deny your youth, right up to extreme old age; to battle all life long to transubstantiate your adolescent flowering into a fruit laden tree – that, I believe, is the road of the fulfilled man.”

Kazantzakis wrote further: “I was always bewitched by three of God's Creatures—the worm that becomes a butterfly, the flying fish that leaps out of the water in an effort to transcend its nature, and the silkworm that turns its entrails into silk. I always felt a mystical unity with them, for I always imagined them as symbols symbolizing the route of my soul. It is impossible to express the joy I experienced when I first saw a grub engraved on one tray of the delicate golden balances discovered in the tombs of Mycenae and a butterfly on the other – symbols doubtlessly taken from Crete. For me, the grub's yearning to become a butterfly always stood as its – and man's – most imperative, and at the same time most legitimate, duty. God makes us grubs, and we, by our own efforts, must become butterflies.”

May God Bless you all.

Pastoral Reflection

Fr. Mark Sietsema

“Sometimes I think maybe I liked the old Jesus better than the new Jesus ...”

Can you imagine one of the disciples offering up this opinion after the Resurrection? It sounds absurd! By His Resurrection, Jesus Christ conquered death for all mankind. How could there be a downside to that?

But, of course, for the disciples who were used to their nice life with Christ from before, there was a change. Jesus was always there for them. He was their center, their rock. Even on a busy day, with a crowd of people around pleading for Jesus to heal them or feed them, just the sight of His face must have been a familiar comfort to the weary disciples.

After the Resurrection it wasn't the same. Yes, Jesus was with them “always, even to the close of the age,” as He promised. But they couldn't always see Him. They couldn't always sense His presence. And even when He was visible, they didn't always immediately recognize Him, it seems. Then there was that business of His showing up even when the doors were closed. Wouldn't that be a little uncomfortable for any of us? Jesus didn't *used* to do that with the disciples!

With every change in life something is gained and something is lost. With the Resurrection, Jesus Christ manifested the glorious body that is our inheritance in eternal life as the children of God (1 Corinthians 15:35-58). This was the something gained. And what a gain it was! But for those who knew Him best, this change in Jesus meant that something was lost as well: that familiar relationship, the old camaraderie, the comfortable presence they once knew. And yet to those who might have wished to hang on to the past, Christ commands, “*Do not hold on to me!*” (John 20:17).

I saw a bumper sticker the other day that summed up the lesson in these few words: CHANGE IS INEVITABLE: GROWTH IS OPTIONAL. Change is a fact of life. However, some folks respond to change by rejecting it outright. For them, all change is suspicious; all change is *bad*. The dictionary even has a word for this: *misoneism*. A refusal to accept change is a refusal to grow, a refusal to improve oneself.

You see this sometimes in some parents' relationship with their children. There are people, sad

to say, who are not capable of adapting their style of parenting to match the maturity level of their children. You see fully-grown children whose aging parents still try to baby them – and control them! – just as they did when the children were little. It is pathetic. Instead of embracing the change and enjoying a new relationship with their adult offspring as *equals*, the parents opt to reject the opportunity to grow with the children. Such misoneism is selfish and hurtful to all involved.

Change IS inevitable ... and growth IS optional. But as Christians we welcome change as a sign of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Wherever the Holy Spirit is operating, there will be constant change, constant striving towards perfection, constant growth and maturation and adaptation. Truth is unchanging, of course! But in a world of shifting values and technologies and forms of expression, the way the Church communicates those truths will change and must change.

For example, take the custom we have of processions (like on Good Friday with the Epitaphion). This was not an Apostolic practice. The processional liturgy was introduced in Constantinople by Saint John Chrysostom in 398 A.D., a practiced he borrowed ... from the heretical Arians! St. John knew that processional liturgies struck a chord with the common people, and he didn't want the Arians to have a monopoly on joyous worship. So he introduced this change – not in the Orthodox Faith itself – but in the expression of the Faith. With this change something vibrant and beautiful was gained. Of course, for those who don't care to get up and walk around a little, something also was lost!

Change is inevitable in church life. Where the Holy Spirit is at work, things will always be in flux, will always be in a process of *transformation*. Old carpeting will get ripped up and replaced; old paint will be covered over, sometimes in a different hue; old icons will be replaced with newer and more vibrant expressions of the Faith. Oh yes, and the language of worship will change to match the language of the worshippers. Where the Holy Spirit is at work, there will be changes!

Alas, in church life growth is also optional. I recently heard a complaint voiced by a parishioner: “There are so many faces now on Sunday that I don't recognize.” Actually, this statement isn't a complaint so much as it is a confession ... a confession of sin, albeit without repentance. New faces should be a source of joy! New faces should be a cause for thanksgiving! New faces should be greeted by the old-timers as opportunities to grow. A face that you

don't know is your debt to the Lord until you introduce yourself. But to complain because the church is growing and changing is to reject the work of the Holy Spirit. And this, according to the Gospels, is the one *unforgivable* sin! (Mark 3:29, Matthew 12:31)

No, change is inevitable, if we are to be a parish that strives to carry the Gospel to the city around us. One of the inevitable changes is that new faces will show up, and we must make the choice to grow and to change in order to accommodate them and their needs. To do otherwise, to cling to the past because it is comfortably familiar, is the ultimate selfishness. Change is necessary.

And – here you must forgive me for being very honest – change is desirable as well as necessary. Let's face it ... when it comes to the religious education of our youth, whatever we were doing for the last three decades *didn't work*. Where are the tail-end baby boomers in our Orthodox Church? Where are the Generation Xers?

Or for those of a certain age, let me ask the question differently: where are YOUR adult children on Sunday? I'm sorry to say that many of the sons and daughters of this parish who are now in their twenties and thirties and forties are not attending church regularly, either in this parish or in any other parish – Greek Orthodox or otherwise. They may darken the door around the holidays, but it's fair to say that the church is not a part of their life week by week. We have lost practically an entire generation.

Special Thanks

So many parishioners contributed to making Holy Week 2007 a beautiful season of worship that it is impossible to publicly acknowledge them all. However, it is necessary to offer thanks to certain parishioners whose contributions are not easily recognized in any other way:

Flowers, garlands, and Easter Lilies
 Holy Saturday Bay leaves
 Metalworking expertise for sanctuary vessels
 Candles for the Epitaphio and Cross
 Wreath for the Holy Cross
 Paschal Candle
 Pentecostarion Candle
 Myrrhophores Sashes
 Holy unction supplies
 Myrrhophores coordinator

Ladies Philoptochos Society
 Setas Produce
 Mark Millis
 Bertha Laskaris
 Bess Carantza
 Electra Nicolaou and Ann Georgiou
 Pauline Moutsatson
 Glykeria Christofilis
 Pauline Geovanes
 Jan Munk

God bless you!

I do not mean to be hurtful in saying this: it is simply a truth. As I go through the church directory and consider each family and where the adult children are now, more often than the answer is that these young adults are not truly active members of any church anywhere.

And so I submit to you: change is not only inevitable but desirable. Change is to be embraced, if we would not lose yet another generation.

Maybe it *wouldn't* have saved our lost generation if the choir sang the Hymn of Cassiane in English back in the 1970s.

Maybe it *wouldn't* have kept them in the parish if the iconography had been upgraded sooner.

Maybe it *wouldn't* have encouraged them to stay active if the priest had tried something as "Protestant" as sermons for children and young people during the Liturgy.

Maybe it wouldn't have. But then again, maybe it would have.

As with the Resurrected Christ, so it is with every change: something is gained and something is lost. But the same is true for resistance to change: something is gained and something is lost. And now we are in a position to see what can be lost by rejecting change.

In this Paschal season leading up to Pentecost, let us pray for the wisdom to accept and to grow with the changes that the Spirit of God brings in our lives and our parish. Amen!

Parish Council

by Stella Economy

Happy Spring! It's nice to see the sun shine and finally feel like Spring has sprung!

The Parish Council strives to keep you informed on what is happening in and around the community as outlined below.

At our April meeting

- It was reported that we have received 191 pledge units for this year totaling \$245,815.00. With a weekly income goal of \$5425.00, our donations for this month are as follows:

April 1	\$6,362.57
Holy Week/Pascha	\$10,599.96
April 15	\$5,682.00
April 22	\$ 4,708.02

- Holy Trinity is still participating in the Meijer Community Rewards program. However, we just received a letter that after May 31, the rewards will only be for cash and debit purchases, and purchases made on the Meijer credit card. Those who have already enrolled should be getting information in the mail concerning the new procedures. The church will continue to participate, and it will be up to each parishioner to decide if they want to apply for the Meijer card. While this change in policy is a disappointment for those who use checks, and other credit cards, Meijer is generous in providing this opportunity to the community. Parishioners using the program find it easy to use and an effortless way to provide additional income to our church. New enrollment information is included in this issue, or can be picked up in the church office.
- We are still in the process of updating our Parish Directory. If your contact information has changed, including email information, please contact Mary in the church office.
- Over 140 lamb dinners were served at this year's Paschal Feast. Vackis Nicolaou chaired the dinner with help from Parish Council members. Also helping were Mark and Ann Millis, Gus Kavalaris, Nick Siettas, John Fournodavolos and Eric Haynie. Steve's Produce donated the produce, Nick Garyet donated the wine, and Elaine Christofilis and Alexis Popoff donated the flower centerpieces which added a decorative touch to the social room. We thank all those who cooked, cleaned up, served, set up, donated items and attended the dinner. The fellowship of the evening was wonderful. This year we also took preorders for cooked and uncooked lambs.

George Mansour and Vackis Nicolaou came up with this great idea, and the response was tremendous.

- Plans are underway for our 'Taste of Greece' fund raiser taking place in June. This event is sponsored by all the organizations in our community and provides for great fellowship. Look for details in the Sunday bulletins and the June Lamplighter on how you can help.

At our April 22 General Assembly

- The design plan for the redecoration of the Baryames Social Hall was presented by committee chairman Hiram Fitzgerald. Peggy Thodis and Pam Heos Brancheau spent much time and energy selecting design materials and negotiating with contractors and we thank them for all their hard work. With the blessings of Metropolitan Nicholas, who supported the design, the redecorating will take place during the summer and should last approximately 8 weeks.
- The 2006 Audit was prepared by Dan Popoff, Nick Colovos and Gregory Deliyane and presented to the General Assembly by Dan. These three individuals spent many hours reviewing our bookkeeping records, pointing out areas for improvement and suggesting ways to better report the finances of the church. We thank them for all their time and efforts.

Mark Your Calendars

Saturday, May 19-Metropolis Oratorical Festival
 Saturday, June 2-Dormition Monastery Work Day
 'Taste of Greece' Fundraiser-June date TBA
 Saturday, September 15-Fall Dinner Dance,
 Lansing Center

Saint John Chrysostom District Oratorical Festival

by Stella Economy

On Saturday, April 21 four of our young people, accompanied by their parents, participated in the St. John Chrysostom District Oratorical Festival in Sterling Heights. Sam King and Erica Krantz represented Holy Trinity in the senior division and Andrea Krantz and Maura Grimm represented us in the junior division. All the speakers received Honorable mention rankings with Sam chosen as an alternate speaker for the Metropolis festival, which takes place here at Holy Trinity on Saturday, May 19. Congratulations to all the participants and their families and teachers who supported them along the way!

Philoptochos

by Soussana Tesseris

The OPA group met for the first time on April 18 and we had a great turnout. We invite anyone who would enjoy visiting with friends and spending a few hours in fellowship to come. We will be getting together again on Wednesday, May 16 at 1PM in the large Social Room. Please call if you need a ride. A very special thank you to Glykeria Christofilis and Olga Pascalenos for helping organize and getting the group started. Many of the people enjoyed looking at the photo albums from the archives that Olga has been working on with Ann DeRose and in the future we hope to show movies and films that will be of interest to you. There will also be other activities available.

Mark your calendars for the **Festival of Tables on May 12**. Some of you are already committed to decorating a table and I would like the rest of the people reading this to call and buy a ticket to attend the event. Ticket donations are \$12.00. It is for men and women and you can invite your friends and neighbors to come and enjoy. You can get tickets on Sundays or by calling Martha Stathopoulos or Diane Dellis.

Dates to Remember

- May 6 Philoptochos Coffee for Southside Kitchen
- May 7 Philoptochos General Meeting 7:30 PM
- May 12 FESTIVAL OF TABLES
(Call for tickets and bring a friend.)
- May 16 OPA GROUP 1PM
- May 19 Metropolis Oratorical Festival
(Philoptochos will be providing the morning coffee and lunch)
- June 11 Philoptochos Board Meeting 6PM

We are very fortunate to have many wonderful and giving people in our church community. The Philoptochos ladies of the past have set an excellent example for us to follow and I am happy to tell you that the ladies in the present are continuing in their footsteps. We have many things that we are involved in for our local community and support many philanthropic organizations. We are also very involved with our faith and help our church. Please ask how you can help us to continue the success.

We would like to welcome six new Philoptochos members:

Mary Brown, Pamela Heos Brancheau, Elan Stavros Nichols, Billie Rouches, Stephanie Perentesis and Angela Vlahakis.

MEIJER's

NEW Changes Will Continue to Help Holy Trinity

We reported last month how the Meijer Rewards Program benefits Holy Trinity. This benefit to our parish comes at NO COST to our members. Since Holy Trinity enrolled in the Rewards Program, our parish has received more than \$2700.00 from Meijer, thanks to purchases made by parishioners enrolled in the program.

BUT, less than one week after the April Lamplighter was published Meijer informed its membership that the Rewards Program will be changed effective the end of May! The changes they are making will increase the benefits Holy Trinity can receive from the program. Changes are summarized below:

1) All parishioners who are currently in the Meijer Rewards Program must re-enroll to keep their membership number active. TO RE-ENROLL call 1-800-962-7011

2) Members will be issued a new card and/or key card.

3) No minimum purchase is required before benefits are calculated. Currently, the first \$100 spent is discounted before a percentage of your purchases are designated for Holy Trinity. As of the end of May, the percentage Holy Trinity receives is calculated on the total purchases you make regardless of the amount.

4) The benefit rates are:

- a) For purchases made with a Meijer Credit Card, 1% of the amount will go to Holy Trinity.
- b) For purchases made with cash, .5% of the amount will go to Holy Trinity.
- c) For purchases made with a debit card, .5% of the amount will go to Holy Trinity.

5) No benefit is given to Holy Trinity for purchases made with a credit card other than the Meijer Credit Card.

If you currently do not participate in the program, you can enroll on-line at www.meijer.com/rewards or you can mail in an application form, a copy of which appears in this issue of *The Lamplighter*.

You will need the parish's number to indicate that you want the benefits of your purchases to be sent to Holy Trinity: 833482. This code number is already included on the application published in this issue of *The Lamplighter*.

Thank you for your support.

Meijer Community Rewards Meijer 1 CardSM Application



Here is what you need to start earning rewards. Need help? Call 1-800-962-7011

1. Obtain your organization's code number from your coordinator or online at Meijer.com/rewards.
2. Apply in store or online at Meijer.com/creditcard for a Meijer Credit Card **OR**
3. Apply online at Meijer.com/rewards for a Meijer 1 CardSM, or fill out the form below, fold, seal and mail to:
Meijer 1 CardSM Processing Center, P.O. Box 310032, El Paso, TX 88531-0032.
4. Receive card, shop at Meijer, swipe card and earn rewards for your organization!

Please print. Applications with incomplete required fields cannot be processed.

See privacy protection at left for more information.

Mr. Ms. Mrs. Number of Household Members: _____ Date of Application: _____
(eg. 03-26-2005)

Applicant First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____ Suffix _____

Applicant Street Address Line 1 _____

Street Address Line 2 (optional) _____

City _____ State/Province _____ ZIP/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Area Code Home Phone (must be 18+)

E-mail Address - Example: username@serviceprovider.com. If you would like to check your rewards on-line, this field is required.

Select ONE rewards method below. You may either fill in your organization code number(s) below OR choose the family and friends linking option.

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION - You may designate up to 3 organizations. This code number must be obtained from your organization coordinator or online at Meijer.com/rewards. Your rewards will be split equally.

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OR

FAMILY AND FRIENDS LINKING - Use this option only if you would like your household's rewards to go toward another cardholder's organization(s). Each account earns at its own rate. For example, grandparents who want to help earn rewards for their grandchild's school, simply write that grandchild's family Meijer 1 CardSM number here. **Do not** record any Meijer Credit Card numbers here.

Enter Family/Friend's Meijer 1 CardSM number here: _____

- If you DO NOT WISH to receive additional savings, discounts or promotional offers associated with your Meijer 1 CardSM please check this box. You will still receive program updates.

Applicant Signature _____

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Congratulations

Condolences

To Marina Poroshin and family on the passing of Marina's mother, Rolena Constaninouna Melkvmova in Moscow, Russia. May her memory be eternal!

Spiro and Diana Voutsaras on the birth of their granddaughter Athena Marie Hart, born April 4, 2007.

James Munk was chosen by his fellow students in the University of Michigan College of Architecture to give the undergrad speech at commencement. He also received a \$4,000 prize for his final senior project, which was part of a select group chosen from all the senior projects for special consideration.

Odyssey

by George Lafkas

On Sunday, May 20, 2007, during the church coffee hour the Odyssey Program will recognize the students who have participated in the program this past year. The coffee hour will feature Loukoumathes.

The Odyssey Board sends a special thank you to our Greek language teachers for the 2006-07 school year. Under the directorship of Dr. Zana Litos the teaching staff Melina Litos and Kathrine Gavas have provided an excellent environment for the learning of the Greek language.

Religious Education

by Stephanie Haynie

Another school year is coming to a close. I want to thank all our teachers who make our Sunday School program possible: Jan Munk, Ellen Rzepka, Elizabeth Brown, Ellen Karagoulis, Alexis Popoff, and Anastasia Kimbouris. A religious education helps form our children into knowledgeable, responsible, and caring adults and active members of our community. Thank you to all the teachers and parents who participate and value what we are doing!

2007/08 School year

We are in need of a high school level teacher for next year!!! We would like the Sunday School program to continue reaching out to the 9-12 grades. But we need a volunteer to make this happen. Would you be interested? Please consider this form of service to the church. If you have questions please contact Stephanie Haynie or Fr. Mark.

Vacation Bible School

June 18-21, 1:00-3:00pm

Join us!! Children entering grade levels kindergarten thru 6th grade are welcome to register. If your child would like to bring a friend, please encourage them to do so. All who attended last year enjoyed it very much and the parents were extremely complimentary of the activities. Look for the registration form in this issue of the lamplighter and at church. Hope you can come!

May 6—High School Discussion session with Fr. Mark. Immediately following Liturgy.

May 20—Sunday School Commencement

GOYA

by Maria Alexander

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the year once again. Congratulations to all of our graduating seniors. Our next activity is our Mother's Day Tea on May 13th, please join us. We are also planning a get together at the end of the year, details to come.

AHEPA

by Phillip Frangos

Although many families were on vacation during spring break, approximately 150 persons attended AHEPA's Palm Sunday Fish Plaki Dinner and Graduate Reception. John Christofilis and Jim Christophill headed up a crew which prepared a superb meal. Many thanks to everyone who worked on the event. Alex Willard and Alecos Nicolaou each received \$500.00 scholarships. Nikki Bates received a \$250.00 award and Stavroula Kyriakopoulos was the recipient of a \$100.00 scholarship.

Upcoming AHEPA events include the June 3 coffee hour following the Holy Liturgy. Life members will be honored and new members introduced. On Saturday evening, June 23, there will be an outing to Oldsmobile Park to see the Lansing Lugnuts play. The game will be followed by a fireworks show. For tickets contact George Lafkas. The chapter will again host the free Labor Day picnic on Monday, September 3, at East Lansing's Patriarche Park. This fun-filled event is open to the entire Holy Trinity community.

Since the church will be holding a dinner in September, AHEPA will schedule its Greek Village Feast at a later date to be determined. As of now, it appears the dinner will probably be held sometime in January.

AHEPA has made available four grants paying one-half of tuition to Holy Trinity's Odyssey program. Curt Kosal and Ruth Munk have each received a grant. AHEPA will also sponsor two youngsters to the Diocesan camp at Rose City. As of this writing eligible high school juniors have not applied for sponsorship by AHEPA to Michigan Boys State. Anyone interested in any of these programs should contact Vackis Nicolaou, Phillip Frangos, or Tony Fragale.

Interested in joining AHEPA? Please contact any member for information and an application form.



SonForce Kids Registration

Vacation Bible School 2007

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church's Vacation Bible School will take place Monday June 18 - Thursday June 21 from 1 PM to 3 PM at the church. We need to have account of the number of children attending in order to have the crafts, snacks, and staff necessary.

Yes my child/children will attend VBS.

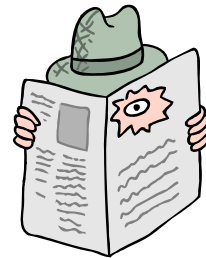
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Sorry, we are unable to participate this year.



Family

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I would like to help with VBS. Please contact me.

Name _____ Phone _____

Please Respond by June 3



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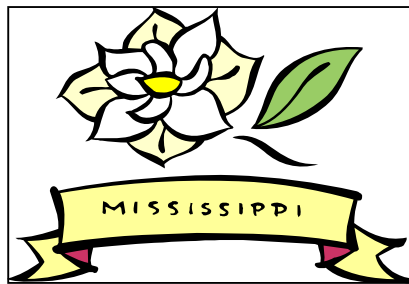
Building Biloxi

July 22-28, 2007

The Young Adult Ministry of the Metropolis of Detroit announces an outreach program to

BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

The Metropolis of Detroit YAL has teamed with the IOCC and Habitat for Humanity in an effort to help restore the storm-torn region of the Gulf Coast!



Please contact:

Metropolis of Detroit

Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

for more information.

Phone: 248-823-2411 or yal@detroit.goarch.org



A MINISTRY FOR YOUNG ADULTS 18-35

The 16th Annual Monastery Work Day



Saturday – June 2, 2007
9am to 5pm

DORMITION ORTHODOX MONASTERY
3389 Rives Eaton Road
Rives Junction, Michigan 49227
(517) 569-2873

CHRIST IS RISEN ! TRULY, HE IS RISEN !

Please come, hoe, garden, trim, cut and beautify the grounds of the Dormition of the Mother of God Monastery. Mother Gabriella and all at the monastery appreciate and need our labors. There is always much to do. What to bring: hand tools, rakes, work gloves, sun block, shovels, chain saws, analgesics, and a healthy appetite. There will be a very nice lunch provided for us. Please write or call Mother Gabriella or Ruxy Sheldon and tell them how many are coming to help determine food preparation for lunch. Thank you, and I hope to see you there!

Reader Nicholas Simon

A TASTE OF GREECE

Plans are underway for another “A Taste of Greece,” the successful parish-wide fundraiser that was begun last year. It will take place in early June. As you will recall, this event consisted of a Greek-style Chicken dinner available in the Social Room or by Drive-Thru. Over 1100 dinners were served last year.

Your help is needed for this year’s event. Using the form below, please indicate how you are willing to help. You will receive a phone call to follow-up:

Count on me. I am willing to help with “A Taste of Greece” in the following ways:

- Prepare food, before the event**
- Prepare food, the day of the event**
- Distribute flyers at work**
- Sell tickets in advance of the event**
- Serve food the day of the event: Indoors Drive Thru**
- Box-up food for the Drive Thru**
- Set up Social Room for the event**
- Help clean up following the event**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please return this form to the Parish Office before May 10.

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
 1701 East Saginaw Street
 Lansing MI 48912
 Office: 482-7341 Fax: 482-8524

8:45 a.m. ORTHROS
 10:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY
 Fellowship Coffee following Liturgy

May 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Baptism of Caroline Kirschner, 12:30 pm
6 Philoptochos Coffee Hour High School Discussion with Fr. Mark after Liturgy	7 Philoptochos Board, 6:30pm Philoptochos General, 7:30pm	8	9	10	11	12 Festival of Tables, 11am
13 GOYA Coffee Hour Mother's Day	14 Parish Council Meeting, 7pm	15	16	17	18	19 Metropolis of Detroit Oratorical Festival—at Holy Trinity
20 Odyssey/Sunday School Commencement Coffee Hour, with Loukoumathes	21	22	23	24 Ascension of Jesus Christ, Liturgy 10am G.L.A.R.S.P. Luncheon, 11-2pm	25	26 Saturday of Souls (No Liturgy)
27 Sunday of Pentecost Parish Council Coffee Hour & Luncheon	28 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	29	30	31		

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8:45 a.m. ORTHROS
 10:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY
 Fellowship Coffee following Liturgy

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
AHEPA Coffee Hour Sunday of All Saints	Philoptochos Board Meeting, 6:30pm			Taste of Greece Fundraising Event, 4:30-7:30pm		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Choir Coffee Hour	Parish Council Meeting, 7pm					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
JOY Coffee Hour Father's Day	V A C A T I O N B I B L E S C H O O L (Monday through Thursday, 1pm to 3pm)					
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Summer Coffee Hour begins						