

May 2005 Newsletter of
St. Andrew Orthodox Catholic Church
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Saturday Vespers 6 pm
 Confessions (following)
Sunday Liturgy 9:30 am
 Confessions 8:45 am

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Father Christopher
 Matushka Mary
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Schedule of Events

Sun May 8 St. Thomas Sunday Grave Blessings
 1:00 p.m. East Lawn, Okemos
 2:00 p.m. Evergreen, Lansing
 3:00 p.m. Deepdale Lansing
 T.B.A.—other cemeteries, per request;
 Father will only visit a cemetery
 IF someone has signed up in
 advance to meet him.

PASCHAL GREETINGS

During the Paschal season, Orthodox Christians greet each other with:

Christ is Risen! - Truly He is Risen!
 Christos Voskrese! -
 Voistinu Voskrese! (Slavonic)

Christo Tenestall! - Bewnet Tenestall!
 (Amharic)

Al Maseeh Qam! - Haqan Qam!
 (Arabic)

Christos Anesti! - Alithos Anesti!
 (Greek)

Christos a Inviat! - Adevarat a Inviat!
 (Romanian)

Harisutosu fukkukatsu!
 (Japanese)

Le Christ est Ressucite!
 (French)

Krishti u ngjall!
 (Albanian)

Respond to all with enthusiasm and certainty that our Saviour has vanquished death! We especially use these greetings for the 40 days of Paschal Season.

Church Calendar

Altar Servers

Matthew Hubinger, Will Gross, Joshua Greve,
 Don Beck, Chris deMorrow & James Smalley
 Carlos Matta, Nicholas Miller & Mitchell Pierpont

Ushers for May

1st (Pascha) - Anna Zivic & Jack Stein
 8th—Nevenka Dines & John Johnson
 15th—Denise & Steve Covell
 22nd—Sandy Oade & Penju Miteff
 29th—Tsveta Lambo & Samir Matta

If you are unable to keep your assigned time, please find a replacement and notify coordinator, Cathy Estrada.

Social Hour Hosts for May

1st (Pascha) - No Coffee
 8th—Brotherhood
 15th—Jack & Denise Stein
 22nd—Poufcas family
 29th—Kobidze, Kutchaev & Chulakova
 Coordinator: Matushka Mary Donahue

Cleaning Crews for May

Date	Upstairs	Downstairs
7th	Krause-Brower deMorrow	Fisher FOCA
14th	Cathy Estrada Paripovic	Greve Hubinger
21st	Hattrem	Britton
28th	Pierpont	Matta

Coordinator: Leann Lerie Matta
 Contact a key holder 24 hours in advance: Fr. Christopher, Mat. Mary, Maria Daly, Leann Matta, Parish Council, other.

FOCA Pop Can Returns for May

Cathy Estrada
 Returns can be taken as needed, when the container is full. Please submit the money from returns to Laura, ASAP.

✠ Words of Wisdom ✠

Anecdotes provided by our church school children, sharing their learned wisdom—

I learned that the outside of an Orthodox church there's a dome, and it means the heavens are over our church.—Barbara

Narthex—Front Porch; doors to Nave,
where the ushers stand. Nave—(from) doors
to Altar. Altar—(behind) Iconostasis.—
Nick

What I learned about lent is that we should not eat meat because it will make us sleepy and not want to pray to God.

About lent—we will be punished if we don't
fast.

I learned that dome means that the heavens are over the church. The church has three parts the Narthex, the Nave and the altar.

I learned that the greatest lent is graet lent.
You fast because you can pray better. -
Ibtisam

I learned that the dome shows that the heaven is above the church. The cross shows Christ. There are 3 parts in the church. They are the Narthex, Nave and Altar.—Anastasia

I learned that God will punish us if we pray to fast.

❖ Living Work & Donations ❖

❖ Thank you for sharing your “elbow grease”! A big thank you to everyone who pitched in and gave our beloved church and God's temple a deep cleaning, from dusting to weeding, from altar to lawns, your hard work has brought back the shine to St. Andrew Church. May our Lord and Saviour bless all of you with a Blessed Paschal

(If you did not have a chance to complete your chore, please plan to do so today. If you did not have a chance to volunteer for a chore this spring, please set aside a little time to help with the lawns and gardens around the church.)

❖ What an amazing difference a few dedicated volunteers have made to our church hall! Our eternal gratitude to the hardworking volunteers who have restored our church hall to its former glory through their exacting work in prepping and painting BOTH the walls AND ceiling tiles. Many countless hours have gone into their efforts and we pray that God will bless their handiwork. Although they worked “in private”, we thank our Painting Brothers & Sisters now: Joanne Lopushinsky, John & Fran Johnson, Steve & Denise Covell, Doug & Catherine Hattrem, Joshua Greve & Dani Tippins, Scott Pierpont, Cathy Fortais, Anna Zivic, Mat. Sarah, Samir Matta, Gregory & Natasha Kobidze, Sandy Oade, Mat. Mary, Tom Johnson & Natasha Rozdilski.

❖ We're sitting “high & dry”, thanks to John Johnson, who recently permanently installed a pump underneath our elevator to keep water from collecting in the elevator shaft and spilling into our church hall.

❖ Moments of Fellowship ❖

St. Elias Church of Battle Creek will be observing their 40th anniversary on September 8, 2006. Plans are now underway for this wonderful celebration. Save that date on your calendar.

☞ Church Departments ☞

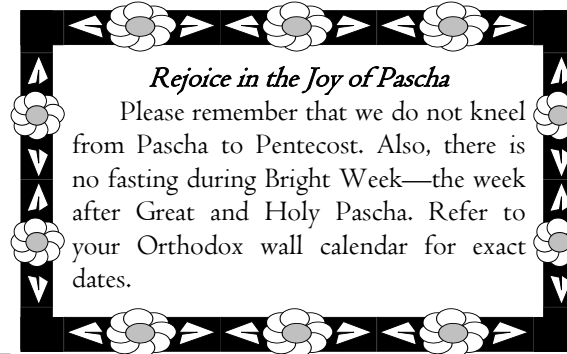
† Church School... Jennifer Beck,
Coordinator

Class Time The students are discussing Prayer, particularly “good prayer”: what it looks like and how to effectively do it, contrasting with the opposite type of prayer. Fr. Christopher spoke with the students about the difference between western Easter and Pascha dates, and why they are set as such; he has also explained the meaning of the letters on the icons. Students and teachers, alike, are working on a painted “stained glass” icon of the Holy Trinity, which they are attempting to complete by Pascha.

Whiteboards Donation A special thank you to Nevenka Dines, who has offered to cover the expense of the new whiteboards for the classrooms. Her donation is made in honor of her daughter, Dr. Lenna Dines.

† Choir... Leann Lerie Matta,
Director

Thank you to every member who found time to attend choir rehearsal in preparation for the Paschal Celebration. Your commitment to singing God's praises, especially during this the Greatest Feast, is truly appreciated. Additionally, thank you to those who will join us for the Holy Week and Pascha services. Our choir continues to grow in strength of spirit, expressing their love for God & the St. Andrew church through their dedication.



☞ Organizations of Fellowship ☞

† Jr. FOCA Youth Group... Laura Fisher,
Leader

Contest Entries We had 10 entries for the “Celebrations of Faith” contest. Good luck!

† Sisterhood of St. Helen... Barbara Pierpont, President

Thanks to all who attended the Lenten spaghetti dinner. The Parish raised \$247 through this event.

† Orthodox Christian Fellowship... Laura Fisher, MSU Group Coordinator

(for meetings & group info: www.msu.edu/~ocf)

Year End Wrap-up The schedule for the year wrapped up with the elections of new officers. A special thank you to everyone who made this year successful.

The Parish Council extends their thanks and gratitude to every member of our parish who assisted in preparing for the celebration of Holy Pascha.

❖ Prayer-filled Intentions ❖

Prophora Donors for May

1st—Jack & Denise Stein for grandson, Trevor, on the occasion of his 2nd birthday.

8th—Maria Daly wishing all mothers & godmothers of our parish a very Happy Mother's Day.

15th—Louis & Tsveta Lambo in memory of mother, Lenna Valcanoff, on the 54th anniversary of her falling asleep.

22nd—Maria & Bianka Daly in honor of Nevenka Dines & Father Christopher on their birthdays.

29th—Ted & Joanne Lopushinsky in memory of father, Father John Lopushinsky, on the 50th anniversary of his repose in the Lord.

❖ Parish Details ❖

☑ **Special Envelope:** Enclosed with this newsletter is an anniversary offering envelope marking another milestone in the life of our parish. Please be generous in your gift on this special occasion, marking 53 years!

☑ **Feast Day:** On Saturday, May 21, our Sisterhood of St. Helen will be observing their feast day—Sts. Constantine & Helene. May God grant them many more years as they labor for our parish in so many ways since founding on September 2, 1952.

☑ **Pascha Bread Sales:** The Sisterhood of St. Helen will have the Pascha Breads that were ordered available for pick up during social hour on Palm Sunday, April 24.

☑ **Grave Blessings on St. Thomas Sunday:** If you desire to have the graves of your loved ones blessed on the first Sunday after Pascha—St. Thomas Sunday, May 8, please sign up on the Grave Blessings form or speak to Fr. Christopher. The schedule of cemeteries to be visited is 1:00 pm—East Lawn, Okemos; 2:00 pm—Evergreen, Lansing; and 3:00 pm—Deepdale, Lansing. If you would like Father to visit another cemetery, please speak with him to make additional arrangements.

☑ **Newsletter Sponsor:** This issue of the newsletter is sponsored by Matushka Mary Donahue, commemorating the 53rd anniversary of the founding of our parish, 1952-2005.

☑ **News Deadline for June:** All church organizations, mark your calendars to have your **June news in by Sunday, May 22.**

❖ Personal Notes ❖

Our condolences to the family of Gariy Avenesyan, who fell asleep in the Lord on March 28, 2005, at the young age of 39. Gariy is survived by wife, Natalia, and children, Mariya and Tigran. May his memory be eternal.

Welcome Home: It was a pleasure to have Father Deacon Michael & Matushka Kristi Fadel and two of their grandchildren (Eva Maria) with us on Sunday, April 3. Both Father & Matushka were MSU students and wonderful parishioners in our early years. We look forward to a return visit, soon. They reside in Peabody, Mass.

Congratulations to:

Gregory & Natasha Kobidze on the purchase of their first home, in Okemos; their new address is 4453 Arbor Drive. Many years.

Chris & Heather deMorrow on the birth of their second child, a son, Aleksander, born on April 14th. Many years.

Else Andretz on the birth of her first great-grandchild, Lillian Elizabeth, in California (Natasha). Many years.

Graduation congratulations to Nick Jannakos, who is graduating from MSU with a pre-law degree, specifically a interdisciplinary social science degree, with a concentration in law. He will be attending the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis this coming fall for a Law Degree. Nick has faithfully served St. Andrew Church in our choir during his time at MSU and will be dearly missed. May God continue to bless his days.

Calendar

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Blessing of Artos

Artos is a Greek word which means "bread". It is the symbol of the bread of everlasting life of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eucharist. The Artos is a bread on the top of which an icon of the Resurrection is placed. The Artos is carried in the procession around the church. It is placed on the tetrapod table in the middle of the church as a reminder of Christ's presence. The Artos is blessed on Pascha and distributed on the Sunday of St. Thomas—the first Sunday of Pascha.