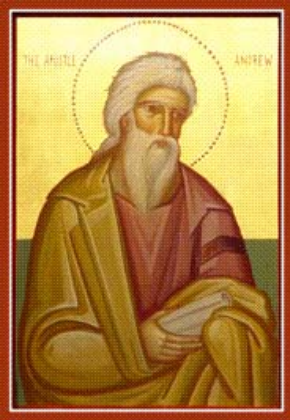


St. Andrew Orthodox Church

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April 2006



Rev. Fr. Christopher Rozdilski,
Pastor

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Saturday Vespers 6 pm
Confessions (following)

Sunday Liturgy 9:30 am
Confessions 9:00 am

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My Lord is the One who resurrects. He resurrects the dead from morning until dusk, and from dusk until dawn.

What the morning buries, the Lord brings to life in the evening; and what the evening buries, the Lord brings to life in the morning.

What work is more fitting for the living God than to resurrect the dead into life?

Let others believe in the God who brings men to trial and judges them.

I shall cling to the God who resurrects the dead.

Let others believe in the God, who does not even draw near to the living when they call upon Him.

I shall worship the God, who holds His cupped ear even at cemeteries and listens, to hear whether anyone is crying out for resurrection or for the One who resurrects.

The gravediggers dig graves and are silent. The Lord opens graves and shouts.

A mother places her daughter in a grave, the Lord takes her out of the grave; the Lord is

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Calendar of Events - April

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| 1) 2 pm | Brotherhood—Altar Cleaning | 20) 10 am | Vesperal Divine Liturgy |
| 2) 9:30 | Liturgy—St John of the Ladder | 6:00 | Passion Gospels |
| | Deadline for Pascha Bread Orders | 21) 8 am | Royal Hours (Great and Holy Friday) |
| 5) 6 pm | Presanctified Liturgy | 3 pm | Burial Vespers |
| 6) 6 pm | Canon of St. Andrew / St. Mary of Egypt | 6:00 pm | Matins and Procession |
| 8) 9 am | Baking Bee (everyone welcome) | 22) 10 am | Vesperal Divine Liturgy |
| 9) 9:30 | Liturgy—St Mary of Egypt | 11:30 pm | Matins, Procession, Pascha Liturgy |
| 11) 6:30 pm | Parish Council Meeting | 23) 11 am | Paschal Vespers |
| 12) 6 pm | Presanctified Liturgy | 29) | Fr. Christopher in New York |
| 13) 7 pm | Sisterhood Meeting | 30) 9:30 | Liturgy—St. Thomas Sunday |
| 15) 6 pm | Vespers with Blessing of Palms | | |
| 16) 9:30 | Liturgy—Palm Sunday | | |
| | Pascha Bread Sale | | |
| 19) 6 pm | Holy Unction | | |

Deadline for the May Newsletter is April 24

Immediately following the Pascha service Father Christopher will bless baskets in the Church hall. Everyone is invited to stay for the Agape meal after the baskets have been blessed.

This edition of the Newsletter is sponsored by Bianka Daly to honor Mike and Maria Daly's Anniversary

a better mother than the mother.

A father covers his son with soil, the Lord uncovers him. The Lord is a better father than the father.

A brother buries his brother, the Lord resurrects him. The Lord is a better brother than the brother.

The Lord has neither tears nor smiles for the dead. His whole heart belongs to the living.

The world mourns for their kindred in the cemeteries, the Lord seeks His own with a song and awakens them.

Resurrect my soul, O Lord, so that my body might also be resurrected. Dwell in my soul, and my body will become Your temple.

My neighbors ask with anxiety whether this body of ours will be resurrected.

If you have denied yourself once and for all, and no longer live for yourself, then your body is already being resurrected.

If your body is a temple of the Most High God, then the One who resurrects is within you, and your resurrection is already being accomplished.

Our body changes with age, throughout our lifetime we have called many bodies our own. Which of them will be resurrected?

Perhaps none of them. But you can be certain that if you have had a body which expresses the Word of God clearly, it will be resurrected.

My Lord who resurrects, does not resurrect death, because death was never alive.

You are the One who resurrects and You are the resurrection, for You are life.

Only the seed which contains You is resurrected, and that seed which is of You.

You will only bring to life that soul which now lives by You and not by the world.

You will only preserve that body, which has begun to be filled with the Holy Spirit during this time.

That which is of the Living God in the graves, will be resurrected into life.

No one can resurrect the dead except the Lord, and no one can rise from the dead except the Lord.

For He is in His holy people. Truly, He is in His living people, both in the grave and out of the grave.

— From “Prayers by the Lake” by Bishop Nikolai Velimirovich

Congratulations

To Matthew and Monica Hubinger on the birth of their son Wolfgang Johann at 3:30 am on Friday, March 24.



To Will, Shruti and Ezekiel Gross. Paniyota Esther Gross was baptized on March 25.

Thank You

To the Sisterhood of St. Helen for purchasing the wireless microphone that Fr. Christopher is now using.



Parish Directories

The new **color** parish directory is available for purchase. They are \$12 each and you can get them from Samir.

Parish Council

- **Samir Matta** **Chair**
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Parish Council—Samir Matta, Chair

With the start of the Spring Season and warm weather, the Parish Council anticipates a lot of activities within our parish community. We would like to keep you informed and ask for your assistance and support. Some of the upcoming activities and events include:

1. **The Parade of Homes, June 3-13**, sponsored by the Brotherhood. We expect to have a house in the DeWitt area, and will need staff for the open house.
2. **MSU Concessions for 2006 Football Season** are sponsored by the Parish Council and by the Sisterhood, and organized by Barb Pierpont. Thanks to all who work hard to make this event a success. It is one of the best fund raisers for our parish. **Your dedication and support is much appreciated.**
3. **Property at 1556 Greencrest Avenue** will require much attention this spring. The house needs a major cleaning and some upgrades in order to be used for whatever function the parish deems appropriate. Our insurance provider has deemed the roof a hazard and consequently lowered the coverage to only \$45,000 until we completely replace it. Our estimate for replacement is in the \$5,000 to \$6,000 range. All able bodied in the parish will be needed to perform many of the chores anticipated.
4. **A General Parish Meeting in Late May** will be held to discuss the State of the Parish and the many issues to be addressed this year. One issue to be discussed is the opportunity to amend the Parish By-Laws to incorporate “Pledging” as a means for becoming a member of our parish. Please watch for articles and additional information about the pledge concept which will be provided for your reading pleasure.
5. **Stained Glass Windows Repair:** The condition of the windows is worsening every year. We need to decide whether to restore them (at a high cost) or replace them entirely with different window styles. Your input is welcomed and encouraged. The Council understands the complex issues with the replacement option, especially the possibility of eliminating the original donor names. Our first priority is to restore them if possible, and to ask the families of the original donor if they would like to sponsor the needed repairs.
6. **Parking Lot, Sidewalk and Driveway Repairs:** As you may

Parish Council (continued)

have noticed, the parking lot is breaking up, the sidewalk and driveway to the garage at the rectory have settled, and numerous sections have spalled (become chipped,) or have a number of breaks in them. A new section of sidewalk is needed to connect the church to the property at 1556 Greencrest.

7. **A Riding Lawn Mower** will be needed to help maintain the grounds around the Church, Rectory and the property at 1556 Greencrest. Anyone interested in donating toward this purchase, please contact any member of the Parish Council.

The parish council appreciates all of your efforts, feedback and support.
our Parish Council

Presentation—Images and Sounds of Eastern Europe, April 12, 2006, immediately following Presanctified

Come join us for a post Presanctified Liturgy presentation by David Long. Dave is new to our parish and is a faculty member at MSU. He has been working (teaching and research) in southeastern Europe for the past six years and has had the opportunity to visit many churches. In his approximately one hour presentation he will show images and videos of the insides and outsides of churches, monasteries, and cathedrals; and play recordings of chants, bells, simantrons from Bulgaria, Serbia and Montenegro, and Romania.

Ushers Coffee Hour Sponsors and Prosfora Donors for April

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Prosfora</u>
2	Anna Zivic / Jack Stein	Smalley	Matushka Sarah for her sister Rebecca's Birthday
9	Nevenka Dines / John Johnson	Andretz Family	Fran Johnson with daughters Kim and Micki for John's birthday
16	Denise / Steve Covell	Lambo	Lou and Tsveta Lambo for Mike and Maria Daly's Anniversary
23	Sandy Oade / Penju Miteff	No coffee hour	Kim and Micki for John and Fran Johnson's Anniversary
30	Tsveta Lambo / Samir Matta	Matta	Doug Hattrem for Catherine's Birthday

Church Cleaning Schedule for April

	<u>Upstairs</u>	<u>Downstairs</u>
2	DeMorrow	Lou Lambo, Maria Daly, Joann Lopushinsky
9	Michael / Bianka Daly	Andretz / Miller and Olga Chulakova
16	UUU Holy Week	UUU
23	Sandy Oade / volunteer needed	Poufcas
30	Donahue / Covell	Beck

Organizations of Fellowship and Service

Brotherhood—Scott Pierpont, President

The Brotherhood will be honoring all mothers of the Parish on Mother's Day, Sunday May 14. All fathers are invited to help with setup at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 13.

The Lenten Altar cleaning will take place on Saturday, April 1, at 1:00 p.m. All men and boys are encouraged to attend. This is a wonderful opportunity to prepare for the Paschal season.

Brotherhood meeting minutes will be distributed by Email. If you do not have your Email address in the Parish directory, please send it to Scott Pierpont.

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Home Email: pierpontsbmmk@yahoo.com

FOCA/OCF—Laura Patrick, Coordinator

OCF

There is an OCF meeting April 12th, 7:30-9:00 pm in the Purdue Room at the MSU Union. Check out www.msu.edu/~ocf for any updates. At that meeting the students who went on Real Break will share their experiences about their life-changing trips.

FOCA

April	Krause
May	Parapovic
June	Matta

Please remove cans weekly or when the container is full, and give the funds to Laura.

Sisterhood - Tsveta Lambo, President

The Sisterhood has several projects going over the next few months:

- A white elephant table, now available in the Social Hall. Each item costs \$1.00. There may be something you cannot live without. 😊 Donations are welcome.
- A Pascha bread baking bee, which will be held on Saturday, April 8, at 9:00 a.m. All bakers are invited to attend.
- The Pascha bread sale on Palm Sunday, April 16. Order sheets are available from Matushka Sarah. Order deadline is April 2.
- A rummage sale on Saturday, May 6. All household items, including small appliances, are welcome. We will not accept clothing, including shoes, for this sale. Also for sale will be bolts of white lace and fabric, and Luster Ware demitasse coffee cups and saucers from occupied Japan.
- A Flea Market on June 17. Information will be forthcoming.

Church School—Jennifer Beck

Thank you to everyone who helped and took part in the 2nd Annual Pancake Breakfast on Cheesefare Sunday. We had good participation and look forward to hosting it again next year! The children enjoyed sharing the kitchen and serving duties with all of you! What a wonderful way to look forward to a glorious Lenten season! Thanks to all the parents who continue to bring their children regularly to church and church school. It is so nice to have our children in and experiencing the Orthodox faith in church, along with learning more in our church school classrooms. They are the future of our parish! We continue to study weekly with our theme of prayer, discussing and creating tools to learn more about the variety of prayers in our church, learning ways to make prayer an integral part of our spiritual lives.



Parish Family Picnic

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend our third annual family picnic on Sunday, August 20, 2006. It will be held at the beautiful Scenic Lake Park in Laingsburg. More details will be forthcoming.

Don't Miss It!

Orthodox Christian Women

The Orthodox Christian Women of Mid-Michigan will host a meeting on Saturday, April 29, at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. The theme of the evening is "Cultists at my Door."

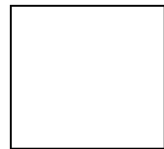


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>1</i> 2:00pm Brotherhood Altar cleaning 6:00pm Great Vespers/ Confessions
<i>2</i> St. John of the Ladder 9:00am Confession 9:30am Liturgy Deadline for Pascha breads	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> 6:00pm Presanctified Liturgy	<i>6</i> 6:00pm Canon of St. Andrew with the life of St. Mary of Egypt	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> 6:00pm Great Vespers/ Confessions Blessing of Palms
<i>9</i> St. Mary of Egypt 9:00am Confession 9:30am Liturgy	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> 6:30pm Council Meeting	<i>12</i> 6:00pm Presanctified Liturgy Talk on Eastern European churches during pot luck meal	<i>13</i> 7:00pm Sisterhood Meeting	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> 6:00pm Great Vespers/ Confessions
<i>16</i> Palm Sunday 9:00am Confession 9:30am Liturgy Pascha Breads delivered at Coffee hour	<i>17</i> Holy Week	<i>18</i> Holy Week	<i>19</i> Holy Week 6:00pm Holy Unction	<i>20</i> Holy Week 10:00am Vespers Divine Liturgy 6:00pm Passion Gospels	<i>21</i> Holy Week 8:00am Royal Hours 3:00pm Burial Vespers 6:00pm Matins & Procession	<i>22</i> Holy Saturday 10:00am Vespers Divine Liturgy 11:30pm Nocturnes, Matins, Procession, Liturgy Bless Baskets & Agape
<i>23</i> Holy Pascha 11:00am Paschal Vespers	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> Bright Saturday Father Christopher will be in New York No Vespers
<i>30</i> St. Thomas Sunday 9:00am Confession 9:30am Liturgy Blessing of Graves						

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