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Weekly Liturgical Schedule

Sunday 8:30 AM Matins
 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy, followed by Coffee Hour
 T,W,T,F 7:45 AM 1st & 3rd Hours
 T & Th 6:30 PM Vespers
 Saturday 6:00 PM Great Vespers followed by Confession

The mission of Holy Cross Antiochian Orthodox Church is to be a liturgical community in the tradition of holy Orthodoxy; worshipping, serving, and witnessing to the Most Holy Trinity, one God Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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The Newsletter
 of Holy Cross Orthodox Church
 In the Antiochian Archdiocese
 Serving Baltimore-Linthicum, MD

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You Are Cordially Invited To...

*Our Patronal Feast
 of the Elevation
 of the Holy and Life-Giving Cross*

Great Vespers with Litia and Artoklasia
 6 PM Saturday, September 9, Reception following

Matins Service
 8:30 AM Sunday, September 10

Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
 9:30 AM Sunday, September 10

His Grace, Bishop ANTOUN, presiding

Following the Liturgy, a Luncheon will honor Bishop ANTOUN.

Additionally, the Church School musical, *A Balalaika on the Onion Dome*, will be performed for the Bishop.

Beloved in Christ,

The recent pleasant weather we've had here in Baltimore, unusual though it is for August, is a reminder that summer is drawing to a close and that both the academic year and church year are about to begin again.

September 1st begins the Ecclesiastical year, and among the earliest feasts is our own Patronal Feast of the Holy Cross. This year we are honored to have His Grace, Bishop ANTOUN with us for the week-end of September 9-10. (For us this year, the observance of the Elevation of the Holy Cross will be transferred to Sunday the 10th.) Bishop ANTOUN will meet with the Youth Group, view our Church School musical, be honored at two receptions, and most importantly, serve Great Vespers, Matins, and Liturgy during his visit with us. Also, His Grace will ordain Mark O'Dell and Ephraim Roseland to the sub-diaconate and tonsure Doug Ashworth, Victor Lytle, and Stephen Mathewes-Green as readers (chanters) and Brayton Cole as an altar boy. Bishop ANTOUN is a wonderful friend and supporter of Holy Cross and, as assistant to the Metropolitan Archbishop, a reminder that we are an hierarchical church, the diocesan bishop being the normal, though not usual, "presider" of the Liturgy in each parish. The local pastor/priest serves as his representative, the altar antimens (cloth signed by the ruling hierarch) authenticating each Eucharist. Joyfully we await Bishop ANTOUN's time with us.

Additionally, this September ushers in another Church School year with a curriculum and staff of teachers we are justly proud of. Also, we'll begin on Sunday, September 24, a new adult education program. We will be focusing on the home, and ways in which to make each home a more Orthodox Christian environment. Included will be instructions on ways to observe the feasts and fasts of the Church with special meals and crafts, the how-to and significance of the icon corner, suggestions for prayers (family and private prayer) in the home, and other practical information that can help make each home an outpost of the Orthodox Church. Also as part of this program, Terry Mattingly will help all of us, but especially parents, recognize and respond to the often anti-Christian messages (some subtle, some not-so subtle) that bombard our homes through TV, magazines,

Please Remember in your prayers:

Our Bishops:

Metropolitan PHILIP Bishop DEMETRI	Bishop ANTOUN Bishop JOSEPH	Bishop BASIL
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Our Catechumens:

Andrea	Tristan	Deborah
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Parishioners:

Don	Diane & Dick	Jared
Sub-deacon Gregory	Michael & Stacey	Lillian
John & Mary	Annette	Ross
Carolyn & Keith	Basil	Liza
Anna, Hans	Mimi	Megan
Kenneth & Deborah	Doris	The Hutcheson family
Jeanne	Husam & Vanessa	Maria
Margo	Eric	

Friends & Family:

Paul Knox (Memory eternal)	Diane & John	Christa, Mary & John
Joseph (Memory eternal)	Dewey & Amelia	Robert
William (Memory eternal)	Larry & Amber	Fr. Peter
Tena (Memory eternal)	Lee	Mary
Fr. Joachiam (Mem. eternal)	Dale	Zenaida
Helen	Dave	Hilda
Elaine	Nancy	Gwen
Roland	The Key, Blackburn &	Mattingly families
Leslie & Bill	Margaret	Louis & Pauline
Hans & the Amen family	Frank & family	Jim
Betty, Kim, Rebecca, Marion & Ed		Marilyn
The Peacock family	The Jaworski family	The Wiezorek family
Darlene, Torry, Matthew & Joshua		
Nathan, Lynette, Tristan & Katherine Hoppe (missionaries)		
Mark, Frank, Merlynn, Mary, Margaret, Jeff, Jennifer & Jessica, Agnes, Noelle, Betty, Marina, Sergi, Peter, Elenore, Penny		

Thoughts on Giving

When rain falls upon the earth, it gives life to the quality inherent in each plant... similarly, when grace falls upon the hearts of the faithful, it gives to each the energies appropriate to the different virtues.

St. Mark the Ascetic

September Saints

Congratulations to those celebrating their Name Days this month!

September 5: Prophet Zacharis

Zach O'Dell, Zachary Thomas

Righteous Elizabeth

Elizabeth McKee, Beth Disharoon, Elise Metzger.

September 6: Archangel Michael

Michael Athas; Joseph Barkley

September 7: Cassiane the Hymnographer

Colleen Oren

Cassiane is the only female Orthodox hymnographer of distinction. She lived in Constantinople in the early ninth century and was not only beautiful, but also well educated in secular knowledge and the Scriptures. She was one of the six women from whom Emperor Theophilus would choose his empress, but he passed over Cassiane because he was intimidated by her wisdom and beauty. Happily she left the palace and built a convent in the city. Cassiane publicly defied the iconoclast policies of Theophilus and she was persecuted and scourged. When the Church fathers heard her spiritual poems and musical compositions, they encouraged her to compose hymns for the various feasts of the Church. Twenty-three of her hymns are still used. The most famous of these is titled the "Troparion of Cassiane" and is sung on Holy Tuesday evening. It describes the sinful woman who washed the feet of Jesus with myrrh. Cassiane writes of the woman's confession to Jesus. "Woe is me, saith she, for my night is an ecstasy of excess, gloomy and moonless, and full of sinful desire. Receive the sources of my tears, O Thou who dost gather into clouds the waters of the sea." She is pictured in the icon of the "Sunday of Orthodoxy" holding an icon.

September 9: St. Anna

Deme Wood; Anne Barkley; Holly Hamilos; Anna Allen; Anna Thomas; Heather Homick

September 17: St. Sophia

Emelia DeSousa


September 23: Ss. Xanthippe & Polyxene

These were spiritual children of the apostles. The Apostle Paul was a house guest of the wealthy couple Xanthippe and her husband Provus, a Spanish nobleman. While there, he converted them to Christianity. She helped with Paul's work in Spain. She gave her money to the poor and the churches. Her sister, Polyxene was first abducted and sold into slavery to work for a family in Greece. When she was set free, she was instructed by the Apostle Andrew, converted, and went home to Spain. Together, the two sisters were effective missionaries.

Note: If your name's day was left off this list, please contact Roxann Ashworth.

books, and movies. Terry, as a journalism professor, journalist, and a student of the media, is an authority on the secularizing (and paganizing) influence of the media and has taught numerous courses on this subject. Everyone, but parents especially, should expect to learn much that is helpful from these presentations. This adult education program will be offered at coffee hour on Sunday mornings.

Glory to God for all things!

 **Calling All Hands!**
Your help is needed the weekend of **September 9th and 10th**, when Bishop ANTOUN visits.

Saturday, after Vespers, we will host a light reception. This will be the evening when most of the local clergy and other parishes will be able to attend. Please bring your favorite finger foods and come to Vespers and the Reception.

Sunday, after Liturgy, we will host a Luncheon for the Bishop. After the luncheon, the children will preform their play and Bishop Antoun will speak. Let's really show off our cooking skills for this pot-luck meal!

If you can't cook or think of a food to pick up at the store to bring, please contact Roxann, to find another way of helping out on this important occasion. We really do need everyone to pitch in and make this a spectacular week-end!



CALENDAR NOTES

* Be sure to mark your calendars and **be at church early September 3rd and 17th** (as well as for the hierarchical Liturgy on Sept. 10th), as Deborah Bilyeu will be Chrismated on the 3rd, and Abigail Rockwell (daughter of Jennifer Anderson, that adorable baby the Shaws are always holding), will be baptized on the 17th.

* September 7th, at 7:00 PM, we will join our sister church, St. Mary's Hunt Valley at the Vesperal Divine Liturgy celebrating their patronal feast day, **The Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos**. This is a wonderful chance to renew our ties with this parish and meet their new priest, Fr. Rafeek Mufaraj.

* **Linthicum Community Fair** The fair will be held on September 30, this year. There will be a parade from 9:30-10:30AM. The hours of the fair will be 10:30AM - 3:30PM. More details in Stewardship Opportunities.

* **Fr Peter Gillquist** will make a presentation on the truth of Orthodoxy here at Holy Cross on Friday evening, November 3. This evangelistic event will be open to the public and you are encouraged to invite (and bring) your friends and neighbors! The next morning, Saturday, November 4, Fr Peter will address the youth in a special program on "Sharing the Faith".

* The speaker for our **Nativity Fast (Advent) Retreat** (Saturday, December 2) will be Fr George Calciu of the Romanian Episcopate of the OCA. Fr George was twice a prisoner in the communist gulag and even today he communicates the radiant faith that saved and strengthened him there. He is an author, teacher, and pastor. His book, *Christ is Calling You*, will be available in the bookstore next week.



Antiochian Women

The Sisterhood of St. Nina, Equal to the Apostles



We offer a very special "Thank You," to Joanie Peacock who spent a wonderful Saturday morning with us in August, teaching us how to weave market baskets. The impressive results will likely be on display next April in the form of Pascha baskets. For those who expressed interest but had other obligations in August, Joanie offered to teach us another style of basket next year, if we so desire.

The time to voice your interest in future activities is the annual planning meeting coming during our September First Saturday breakfast. Ideally, we would love to get e-mail, (MLODELL@Att.net) or

phone calls ahead of time expressing interests and requests. That would give us a good starting point and help make the group more closely meet your individual needs. Suggestions so far include, learning to make prayer ropes, trips to monasteries, basket making and unspecified exhibits & speakers. SEPTEMBER – First Saturday Breakfast, Sept. 2- 9:00 AM potluck. All women who are members or "friends" of Holy Cross are encouraged to join us for this time of fellowship, prayer and yummy breakfast treats.

Ina O'Dell
Sisterhood president
(410) 897-1015

The Abbess Syncletica has this to say about spiritual warfare: that we should live soberly, for through the senses of our body, even against our will, demons do enter. Then she asked, "For how shall the house not be darkened, if the smoke rising without shall find the windows open?"



Sunday School News

Thanks to all fifteen of you who have volunteered to teach this year--a record number and a full roster, meaning that we only teach 1 week in three (or 3 in 9, depending on the class). The updated curriculum has "gone to press"--i.e. Copycat--and will be ready for your perusal by the time this newsletter is printed. There have been some significant changes this year; I've actually typed the whole thing from scratch and redone the craft ideas, getting rid of the half dozen or so xeroxed pages for each lesson into a simple one or two page lesson plan. Let me know if this works better. If it does, I'll do the same for the Old Testament next year, and so on, until the whole curriculum is streamlined. Certainly saves on the copying and hopefully on the hunting around for the lesson pieces.

We again have a parents' guide with ideas for supplementing and reinforcing the lessons at home with your small children. Each family with a child ages 3-9 will receive a guide. There is a coloring or activity page for each lesson as well as ideas and prayers.

Finally, be sure to put these dates on your calendars now:

- (1) All Saint's Party, October 31 at the church--wear a costume of a saint, bring a snack or sweet type refreshment, and enjoy the evening at church with games, prizes, food, and just general fun.
- (2) St. Nicholas will visit the Church School during opening exercises on Sunday, December 3. Even the smallest children can come over and join us for the fun.
- (3) Three Kings Party, January 6, 2-4 PM, place TBA--follow the three wise men around the neighborhood in search of the baby Jesus, followed by a pinata, treasure hunt, and birthday party for the true King.
- (4) Egg hunt and cookout, Monday, April 16, after Children's Liturgy--bring a basket for your "loot" and enjoy a great time in the parish hall and yard.
- (5) Camping trip for ages 6-12, April 27-29--to be shared again by the other parishes and always a blast.

Anything else you particularly want to do? If y'all want to do it, I'm willing to plan it. So call!!! Pat Disharoon

Parish News & Notes

◆ Corrections to the directory:

The Czumak's have a couple of new e-mail addresses: DeaconGregory@juno.com and our new family e-mail address is: Czumaks@email.msn.com (Please note that this is in the plural, "Czumaks", and NOT "Czumak".) Update your address books now, as the old e-mail address, Czumak@juno.com, will be going away soon.

Sub-Deacon Gregory Harrigle's current address is: 8 Storey Lane; Yonkers, NY 10710. In a recent phone conversation, he reported that he is really enjoying his job as a chaplain for a Hospice Agency in Wilton, CT. He is attending church in Danbury, CT. Drop him a line or stop in for a visit (as the youth group recently did.)

Melanie Lardiero can now be reached at the Oren family residence, as can Emily Oren.

CeCe & Krissy Disharoon, and Stephen Mathewes-Green are now off at college. Look for their precise addresses in the next newsletter.

- ◆ Maryland Right To Life will be holding their 27th annual convention on October 28, 2000 at the BWI Holiday Inn. For a conference flyer and registration form, call MRTL at (410) 269-6397 or send an e-mail to mdrtl@aol.com. You can also visit the web site at http://www.mdrtl.org/convention.htm.
- ◆ The Evangelism Committee will meet in the parish hall, immediately following vespers on Thursday, August 31st, at 7:15. Fr. Gregory has a special presentation for the meeting. We will discuss ideas, goals and our roles as HCOC Evangelism Committee members. Please bring your calendars. All are welcome to serve on the committee!
- ◆ Congratulations to:
Megan and David Parker, who had their civil marriage blessed by the church, July 29th. May God grant them many years!
Mary Elizabeth Chelovitz, who was Baptized and Chrismated on July 30th. May God Grant her many years.

- ◆ Mark your calendars for October 14. That is the date of the HOLY CROSS (HUGE) Yard Sale/Bake Sale. START collecting items NOW! Never too soon to prepare! Get those attics, basements, garages and houses organized! Get your gently used garage sale items ready for donation to the HCOC yard sale! Since we are generally short on storage space, you are asked to bring your items following Sunday School on October 8th. If you are willing to volunteer to help with the yard sale or the bake sale, please contact Diane Stammer (410) 859-5046, dede@webcombo.net.
- ◆ The next meeting of Orthodox Women in Healing Ministries will be held on Tues, September 12, 2000 at St Nicholas Cathedral, 3500 Mass Ave, NW. Our speaker will be Mother Thecla, the abbess of the Sts Martha and Mary monastery in Wagener, SC. Mother will speak on "The Healing Power of Love". All are welcome, and the talk is sponsored by Therapia Psychotherapy Services, an Orthodox Christian therapy practice. For more information please contact Daria Virvan at the Therapia number, 301-231-3826.. We will take up a collection at the talk to support Mother's community in the building of their permanent church and monastery structures.
- ◆ The Tuesday Evening Bible Study will be beginning a new book on September 19th. They will be studying the book of Genesis, which is the theme for the Bible Bowl next year. If you would like to join this study, it meets following Vespers, at about 7:15 PM.

Fathers & Saints Study

The Saints and Fathers Discussion class will have its first session September 13 at 7PM, at the Roseland's in Laurel. After we meet the first time, we can try to find a better time or day of the week, if that is what the group wishes to do. The goals of the class will be to read the spiritual writings of selected Fathers and to discuss their implications for our lives. The saints whose works have been preserved for centuries have provided helpful direction for many Christians, as they can for us. After you have seen the value of these works for your daily life, it is our hope that you will make a regular place for the testimony of the saints, and take counsel in the holy advice of those who were illumined so brightly by the Holy Spirit. Contact Ephriam Roseland.



It's Festival Time!



Cathedral of the Annunciation

29th Annual Bazaar

September 8 & 9, 11AM to Midnight
September 10, Noon to 6PM

Located at the Cathedral,
Corner of Preston & Maryland Streets
Baltimore

Church of St. Demetrios

September 29 & 30, 4PM to Midnight
October 1, 11AM to 6PM

Located at the church
2504 Cub Hill Road

Both Festivals promise Greek overload:
Food, Crafts, Dancing, etc.

Free Admission





BOOKMARKS

For those of you who have missed this column, yes the bookstore is still in operation! And we continue to add to our inventory. Below are some of the newest items currently available or soon to be available. Take note that Sunday School is beginning soon, which means that Roxann will be teaching three Sundays out of nine, and that Stephanie Thomas, Debra Mattingly, and Janet Roseland will be taking turns minding the store. Don't be shy about purchasing books from them!

Due in next week:

The Journals of Fr. Alexander Schmemmann

This book has been translated and edited by his wife, and offers insight into the his thoughts and his relationship with Christ. These journals are sure to enliven, renew and bless all who read them.

Witnesses for Christ by Nomikos Vaporis

This is the compilation of the life stories of almost 200 martyrs for Christ from countries such as Albania, Bulgaria, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Cyprus, Egypt, Ukraine, and Georgia. All lost their lives under the rule of the Ottoman Turks between 1437 and 1860.

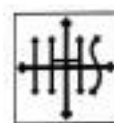
Currently in stock:

An Englishman in the Court of the Tsar

by Christine Benagh

Set against the turbulent backdrop of the early twentieth-century, this fascinating true-life account reads almost like a novel. Demoralized by the encroaching liberalism of the Anglican Church, Englishman Charles Sydney Gibbes travels abroad in a crisis of faith. Finding work as a tutor to the Russian aristocracy, his world is changed forever when he receives a personal invitation from Empress Alexandra Fedorovna to become a tutor to her children.

The bookstore is available Saturdays after Vespers and Sundays after Liturgy. Other hours available by appointment. Call or e-mail Roxann at (410) 298-7514; roxannashworth@home.com.



STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunities to give of time, treasure & talent

Stewardship pledge cards, pledging your time and talents for the next year, will be coming at the end of this month. Please consider, pray and talk with Father Gregory about your stewardship goals. There are no amounts too small to pledge and no limit to the kinds of ways you can give of your time, talents and treasure to the church and the community.

Submitted by John Thomas,
Stewardship Liaison

Come to the Linthicum Community Fair! Be a part of the annual event that supports the North County Emergency Outreach Network (NCEON). The fair will be held on September 30, this year. There will be a parade from 9:30 - 10:30. The hours of the fair will be 10:30 - 3:30. Holy Cross participates each year by selling ethnic cookies. The recipes are from many different countries and baked by the Holy Cross ladies. The fair is truly a community event which offers food, entertainment, demonstrations, music, games, pony rides, moon bounce, etc. Please come to help show HCOC's support for the needy of northern Anne Arundel County. The goal of the committee this year is to collect (at the fair) 2000 non-perishable food items for NCEON. In addition, twenty percent of all non-profit sales will be donated to NCEON to supplement the food donations.

Let's show the spirit and generosity of our Holy Cross parish! Anyone who would like to bake should phone Darlene Mikolasko or email her at mikoedm@aol.com. Anyone who is willing to help work at the bakesale table, please call Diane Stammer or email at dstammer@webcombo.net.

Submitted by Diane Stammer,
Evangelism Liaison

<u>Profile for July</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Attendance: 80, 86, 89, 97	Income: \$77,795
Income: \$13,538	Expenses: \$69,628
Expenses: \$10,613	

Here are some specific ways to let your light shine:

FOOD FOR HUNGRY BASKET: Just pop a can or box into the basket as you enter church on Sundays, or contact Fr. Gregory at (410) 362-6620. Couldn't be easier!

PREGNANCYCENTER WEST: The Brotherhood provides a security presence on Tuesday evenings. If you would like to volunteer, they need people to act as counselors, to provide prayer support, transportation, child care for the counselors, upkeep and maintenance of the center, or temporary shelter for a woman in crisis. If you feel God's calling to help save our children and give hope to mothers in crisis, contact Andy Van Sant (410) 263-4707 or Jay Moore (410) 265-8183.

"BABY SHOWERS" for the Crisis pregnancy center. You are invited to participate in this aspect of our ministry with Pregnancy Center West. Simply bring any of the items listed below, and place it in the basket designated for this purpose. They specifically need donations of Enfamil Formula and Diapers (up to 30 lbs.); as well as new or gently used maternity clothing, baby clothing, blankets, booties, shoes & hats. Having trouble remembering what to buy? Pick up a shopping list from the tract rack.

You are invited to a baby shower...

for David & Megan (Mathewes-Green) Parker

September 3, 2000 at 3:00 PM

At the home of Joan [Gundlach] Sargent, 1705 Park Grove Ave in Catonsville, potluck party.

They are expecting a girl, Hannah Felicia Parker, due Sept 26

This is co-ed, pot-luck event (so Dave won't feel too lonely!)

Note: If you're remembering going to Joan's house for the Holy Cross pool party each summer in years past--it's the wrong house! She and Chuck live three houses to the right of that one, so take note of the new address.

Building and Grounds Report

If you have been watching the outside of our building lately, you may have noticed a subtle but very much needed improvement. For the last two months, Mr. Charles Labo has been repairing and repainting the exterior woodwork and trim all around the building. Because the building is constructed of stone, the wood trim doesn't get a lot of attention, but it had deteriorated in a lot of places. In particular, some of the ground level windowsills were in bad shape. He also refinished the front doors which were badly weathered and discolored. In addition to painting, he repaired the masonry supporting the front steps to the building, and repointed and sealed the joints between the steps. Given the age of our building, it was a job for a real professional, and that is precisely what Mr. Labo is. We are very grateful to him, and to Jim Hamilos who sponsored this project.

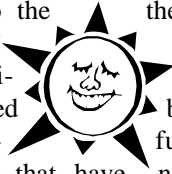
In addition to the painting of the exterior of our building, we have been doing some work on our rented Church School rooms next door. We have given the concrete floors a couple of coats of paint to help seal them. Also, the carpets have been cleaned, some new storage cabinets have been installed, and a more permanent dehumidification system has been put in place to keep down the humidity. All in all, these rooms should be more pleasant now.

Many thanks to the volunteers who have been involved in cleaning, painting, and other improvements. We could use a permanent volunteer to clean this space weekly. This would be a relief to the teachers who have to do this in addition to preparing and teaching each week, and would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me if you would like to discuss what would be involved.

We are grateful to Father Gregory and to Khouria Frederica, who have graciously extended the use of two rooms of their home (including the newly added "back parlor") to the Middle School and High School classes. Combined with the improvements to the rented space, we are reasonably prepared to accommodate the Church School classes which begin this month. However, these are really not long-term solutions. We continue to be blessed with additional young children in our midst, and we need to work on some more permanent solutions to the need for classrooms and youth group meeting space.

Cal Oren, Chair

We rarely saw him when a huge, ear-to-ear, grin was not shining off his face. He really lived up to the theme of his favorite song, "You are My Sunshine." Bishop ANTOUN spoke to us with smiling enthusiasm every day. He spoke of feeling greatly, uplifted by being surrounded by everyone singing so beautifully. On most Sundays he is visiting in churches that have no congregational singing, (no surround sound), and sometimes the choirs are "not so good." We hope he will have the same, joyfully transporting experience when we at Holy Cross "surround" him with our congregational rejoicing on Sept. 9 & 10.



One night, Bishop. ANTOUN said that he wished that everyone who had converted to Orthodoxy would write him and tell their story about coming to Orthodoxy because he was so encouraged by them. The next day, with a beaming smile, he showed some of us Holy Crossers, three amazing conversion stories that people had given him, including a lady who had been involved in Hare Krishna. So..., that's where you come in. When Bishop ANTOUN arrives at Holy Cross for our Feast Day this month, we would like to present to him, "en masse," our own individual stories of coming to "Orthodoxy," whether as a convert or as a cradle who has discovered the church anew. Please E-mail them to Roxann (roxannashworth@home.com) or put them in the box in the parish hall at church. If we do this quickly, we may even be able to produce a nicely bound book.

Submitted by Ina O'Dell

Annual Church Picnic

Sunday, August 27, 2000

after Liturgy, at the church

Please bring a change of clothes, swimsuits for the kids, and a dish to share.

The church will supply hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks

The Brotherhood of St. Joseph

On August 5th the Brotherhood Thomas, Mark O'Dell, and Zach came together and moved all of O'Dell, Thanks also go to John Doris Martinez's furniture from her apartment to a van that her son, Father Dan then drove to Pennsylvania. Moving the furniture into the van took the better part of the morning and special thanks go to the following men for their support: Father Gregory, Cal Oren, Elliot Oren, Victor Lytle, Kenneth Thomas, John



Marcin for providing a great breakfast prior to the move.

The next meeting of the men's group will be held on September 23rd at 7:30AM.

Discussion of the first five chapters of the book *Ascending the Heights* will occur after breakfast. The intent is to finish the book by Lent.

submitted by Doug Ashworth
corresponding secretary

You Are Invited...

to the service of Holy Matrimony for

Deborah Bilyeu

and

Kenneth Thomas

Sunday, October 1, 2000

3:00 PM

Holy Cross Orthodox Church

A reception for the congregation will be held during coffee hour, Sunday, October 15th.

YOUTH



EVENTS

Another month gone. (Insert a sigh here) This month has really been a time for me to get to know every body a lot better (seeing as I'm the "new kid" in the youth group), and to get into the the swing of things. (as well as get landed with a lot of responsibilities<smile>) But all in all it has been a very good month. Of course there was the getting used to a new leader. That always takes time though.

We've made some preliminary planning, and come up with some fundrasing ideas. For instance, we've decided to have a monthly babysitting. We don't have a set date for any of these except for Aug. 26. We will try to give you the dates a least a week in advance so that you can plan your night away =). We have decided that we're really going to strive for our mission trip to Romania next summer. Almost all of the fund raising money that we earn this year and next year

will go to the trip. We're hoping to get some news very soon about wether we will have permission to go or not (since we are under 18 we're not positive we'll be able to go). But in the meantime, youth group life goes on apace.

The newest technical development is that we now have a calender that we will be updating periodically, on the web site. Kenneth was very persistent in the matter of us all having the same calender as me (I'm the secretary and have the official "schedule"). So for any youth group people reading this please check it frequently to check the calender that you have at home. For those who don't know, the church web-page is: <http://www.holycrossonline.org>

Well, I guess that covers it. So for youth group this Sarah Mattingly signing out.

God Bless You!

The grace of the feast [Pascha] is not limited to one time, nor does its splendid brilliancy decline; but it is always near, enlightening the minds of those who earnestly desire it.

St. Athanasius of Alexandria



Sacred Music Institute

Our trip to the Sacred Music Institute afforded us all opportunities to try out lots of new liturgical music. For me, the choral music presented the biggest challenge, not only in learning unfamiliar musical styles and rhythmic patterns, but also in expanding my vocal range. The sopranos impressed me with their lovely and strong high notes. And, although I cannot claim to have actually reached these notes, perhaps one day, when the deacon says "Dynamis!", I might truly be able to sing them... "With strength!"

Aside from the choral music, I particularly enjoyed listening to antiphonal chant with alternating male and female voices. Grouping like-sounding voices lends itself well to chant, giving it that "monastery sound". Some of us were even able to take advantage of small group and individual practice sessions with one of the chant instructors there, Fr. David Barr, who made quite an impression on us Holy Cross-ers who attended.

Submitted by Mimi Arisumi

Unexpected Sunshine

Eight members of the Holy Cross choir and chanting core recently attended the Sacred Music Conference at the Antiochian Village. While we participated in the various workshops, our biggest blessing probably came from a number of unscheduled and unanticipated delights: from individual and personalized chanting sessions with liturgical and chanting expert, Arch Priest Fr. David Barr; to hearing Catherine Ditman perform several pieces from Operas at the talent show; to having two of our very own altar servers, Zach and Elliot being given the unexpected honor of serving in the altar at the daily services—including vesting the Bishop and other duties normally reserved for sub-deacons or priests; to worshipping at three services a day surrounded by a huge crowd talented musicians. One could imagine Prince Vladimir hearing such a sound, (magnified in size to fill the Hagia Sophia), and feeling transported to heaven. But possibly the most unexpected treat we experienced was in the person of "Mr. Sunshine" himself—Bishop Antoun, who joined us for the whole, four day retreat.

September Devotional Readings

1. II Corinthians 4:13-18; Matthew 24:27-33
2. I Corinthians 1:3-9; Matthew 19:3-12
3. I Corinthians 9:2-12; Matthew 18:23-25
4. II Corinthians 5:10-15; Mark 1:9-15
5. II Corinthians 5:15-21; Mark 1:16-22
6. II Corinthians 6:11-16; Mark 1:23-28
7. II Corinthians 7:1-10; Mark 1:29-35
8. **Nativity of the Theotokos**
Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28
9. I Corinthians 2:6-9; Matthew 10:37-11:1
10. Galatians 6:11-18; John 3:13-17
11. II Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 3:6-12
12. II Corinthians 8:16-9:5; Mark 3:13-19
13. II Corinthians 9:12-10:7; Mark 3:20-27
14. **Elevation of the Cross**
I Corinthians 1:18-24; John 19:6-11, 13-29, 25-35
15. II Corinthians 11:5-21; Mark 4:1-9
16. I Corinthians 1:26-39; John 8:21-30
17. Galatians 2:16-20; Mark 8:34-9:1
18. II Corinthians 12:10-19; Luke 3:19-22
19. II Corinthians 12:20-13:2; Luke 3:23-4:1
20. II Corinthians 13:3-14:2; Luke 4:1-15
21. Galatians 1:10-10, 20-2:5; Luke 4:16-22
22. Galatians 2:6-10; Luke 4:22-30
23. I Corinthians 4:1-5; Luke 4:31-36
24. I Timothy 3:10-15; Matthew 22:2-14
25. Galatians 2:11-16; Luke 4:37-44
26. Galatians 2:21-3:7; Luke 5:12-16
27. Galatians 3:15-22; Luke 5:33-39
28. Galatians 3:23-4:5; Luke 6:12-19
29. Galatians 4:8-21; Luke 6:17-23
30. I Corinthians 4:17-5:5; Luke 5:17-26

September Stewardship Schedule

<u>SEPTEMBER 3:</u>		C. Oren, A. Van Sant, R. Ashworth
Altar bread:	Janet Roseland	
Refreshments:	O. Botescu, J. Roseland, P. Disharoon	Chanters: E. Roseland, Z. O'Dell
Clean up:	The Ashworths	<u>SEPTEMBER 24:</u>
Lector:	Abigail Oren	Altar bread: Zenaida Bench
Greeter:	John Marcin	Refreshments: D. Mikolasko, B. Allen, S. Marcin
Sunday School:	Play Rehearsal	Clean up: The Teens
Chanters:	V. Lytle, Z. O'Dell	Lector: Roxann Ashworth
<u>SEPTEMBER 9:</u>		Greeter: John Marcin
Artoklasia:	Roxann Ashworth	Sunday School: I. O'Dell, L. Homick, C. Oren, A. Van Sant, R. Ashworth
<u>SEPTEMBER 10:</u>		Chanters: S. Marcin, M. Arisumi
Altar bread:	Kim Shaw	
Refreshments:	Potluck Reception	<u>OCTOBER 1:</u>
Clean up:	All	Altar bread: Maria Boulmetis
Lector:	Mimi Arisumi	Refreshments: R. Ashworth, L. Homick, H. Hamilos
Greeter:	Basil Athas	Clean up: C. Shuey
Sunday School:	Play Production	Lector: Basil Athas
Chanters:	D. Ashworth, S. Marcin	Greeter: Basil Athas
<u>SEPTEMBER 17:</u>		Sunday School: I. O'Dell, D. Wood, C. Oren, A. Van Sant, R. Ashworth
Altar bread:	Diane Stammer	Chanters: V. Lytle, D. Ashworth
Refreshments:	Kh. Frederica, H. Moore, I. O'Dell	
Clean up:	The Orens	
Lector:	Barbara Allen	
Greeter:	Kenneth Thomas	
Sunday School:	I. O'Dell, K. Shaw,	

Note: If you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities on the day assigned, please trade Sundays with someone else. If you are assigned to bring refreshments, please make sure all food is cleared before you leave. When bringing food, remember we are feeding about 100 people each Sunday. Please bring altar bread to Fr. Gregory Saturday evening, and bring Artoklasia bread 20 minutes prior to Vespers.

If you would like to be added to or deleted from this list, please contact Roxann. If you would like to contribute, but don't feel up to cooking, feel free to bring juice any time (we go through several gallons every Sunday).