



The Bulletin

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DATES TO NOTE *and*
MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Fri—Sat, June 23—25: Greek Landing Day Celebration 2006 in St. Augustine, FL. Please see flyer on bulletin board for detailed and contact information.

Mon., July 31—Fri, Aug 4: Vacation Bible School here at Holy Trinity.

**Dormition of the
 Theotokos Paraclesis Services**

Tues, Aug. 1—5:00 pm: Paraclesis Service

Fri., Aug 4—6:30 pm: (with VBS) Paraclesis Service

Tues., Aug. 8—5:00 pm: Paraclesis Service

Thurs., Aug. 10—5:00 pm: Paraclesis Service

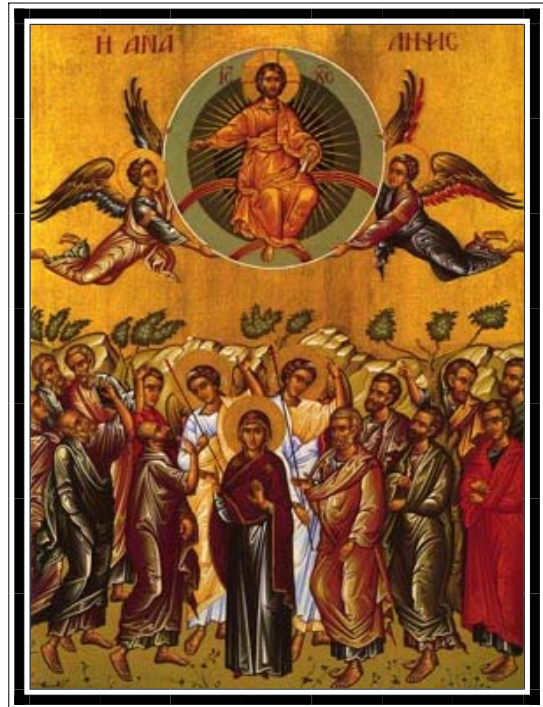
Tues., Aug 15 — 9:30 a.m.: Liturgy: "Panayias"
 Feast of the Dormition

Sat., Aug 19, 6-9 pm: *Taste & Sea: Wines of the Mediterranean* expansion fundraiser at Point Pleasant Marine, Douglas, Michigan. Please see information posted on the bulletin board.

Sun., Sept. 10: Holy Trinity Family Picnic following Divine Liturgy.

Please note: Orthros at 10:00 and Liturgy at 11:00. Coffee hour to follow Liturgy and lunch will begin at 1:00 pm. Come in casual clothing and enjoy a fun afternoon with all your Holy Trinity family!

Sat., Sept. 16: Philoptochos Excursion to Chicago!



The Ascension — August 6
 Bring Grapes to be Blessed!

PLEASE NOTE!

Fr. Jim will be at the Clergy-Laity Congress from Friday, July 14 through Friday, July 21. There *will* be church Sunday, July 16. Should a need for a Priest occur, please call Connie at Church or on her cell at 616-550-0732. Or for emergencies, please contact Fr. Andrew Walsh on his cell at 617-721-4801

THANK YOU!.....To those of you who attended my concert at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church and for your generous donations. It was a glorious and uplifting evening enjoyed by all!

Eileen Sarafis Bertsch

PS: DVDs will be available—please see Elisabeth Sarafis if you would like to purchase one.



A heartfelt thank you for your cards, visits, and food. Also, a special thank you for your donations to Holy Trinity in memory of Mary Triantafillou

Jim & Linda Triant & family

A Summer Bible Study from The Star (Chicago Paper) by Rev. Fr. James Dokos, Annunciation G.O. Church, Milwaukee, WI:

YOU SAY, "GOD SAYS" BIBLE VERSES

You say: "It's impossible."

S: All things are possible (Luke 18:2)

You say: "I'm too tired."

God says: I will give you rest. (Matt. 11:28-30)

You say: "Nobody really loves me."

God says: I love you. (John 3:15 & John 3:34)

You say: "I can't go on."

God says: My Grace is sufficient.
(II Cor 12:0 and Psalm 91:15)

You say: "I can't figure things out.:"

God says: I will direct your steps. (Proverbs 3:

You say: "I can't do it.:"

God says: You can do all things. (Philippians 4:13)

You say: "I'm not able."

God says: I am able. (II Cori 9:8)

You say: "It's not worth it.:"

God says: It will be worth it. (Romans 8:28)

You say: "I can't forgive myself."

God says: I Forgive you. (I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1)

You say: "I feel all alone.:"

God says: I will never leave you or forsake you
(Hebrews 13:5)

**ARCHDIOCESE LAUNCHES ORTHODOX WEBSITE IN
RESPONSE TO DA VINCI CODE AND GOSPEL OF JUDAS**

NEW YORK — The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America has launched a website with the Orthodox Response to the Da Vinci Code and the Gospel of Judas.

The website includes articles by noted theologians, clergy and educators that address the issues and themes of the publications from an Orthodox Christian perspective. Links to other useful sites and resources concerning the Da Vinci Code can also be found on the website.

According to Father Frank Marangos, Executive Director of Communications for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, "This page will be further utilized in an on-going fashion for future movie/book reviews and general communications concerning the popular culture.:"

Articles are available on the following websites:

www.goarch.org/en/special/DaVinci/ and
www.goarch.org/en/special/gospel_of_judas/



38th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress

Gaylord Opryland Resort of Convention Center ~ Nashville, TN ~ July 15-21, 2006

SHARING THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL
& THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Sponsorship Opportunities

The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America invites you to become a sponsor of the 38th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress. Your generous contributions will ensure the financial success of the Congress.

Clergy-Laity Congress Donations

This year our Detroit Metropolis is hosting the 2006 Clergy-Laity Congress to be held in Nashville, Tennessee July 15-21. Nashville is known for its replica of the Athens Parthenon, and our Metropolis is sponsoring a cultural event at the Parthenon site. We are committing a financial contribution of \$100,000 from our Metropolis for that event and to help with the expenses of the Congress.

Our Holy Trinity goal is to raise \$3,000. We will be working towards that goal from Sunday coffee hours through Sunday, July 2nd. To date, just from one coffee hour, we have collected over \$700 dollars! If you happen to be on vacation, and won't be able attend church, we ask you to please send in your contributions with your check earmarked "Parthenon Event". We will mail one check to the Metropolis from Holy Trinity.

Thank you in advance for your generous contributions! Please feel free to contact Fr. Jim if you have any questions.

GOYA Summer Activities

- July: We'll view The DaVinci Code movie and discuss the Orthodox Response presented by Fr. Andrew Walsh and Fr. Jim.
- August: The Muskegon GOYANs invite the Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, and Lansing GOYANs to Western Michigan Volley Ball Tournament at the Pere Marquette Beach on Lake Michigan
- You'll be notified as soon as the dates are set!

Vacation Bible School

2006 VBS "Prayer Safari" here at Holy Trinity July 31 — August 4, Monday through Friday at 6:30-8:00 pm

Come join us in fun and fellowship with the Pan-Orthodox Grand Rapids, church community. (St. George, St. John Chrysostom, St. Nicholas, Annunciation)

Sign-up with Joan Dallis in the church hall following Divine Liturgy. Thank you!

Dear Fellow Parishioner,

As I reflect back on this spring, I recall one the most enjoyable Lenten & Holy weeks in my Orthodox life. The fellowship, agape, learning and lectures were all tremendously enriching. Pascha at Holy Trinity is special due to the dedication of the community. From the visit of Metropolitan Nicholas to Akrivi and Katerina preparing the traditional Pascha Mayeritsa and to all in between, Holy Week was truly an inspiration to all! Through the generosity of the Archdioceses, our community has been fortunate to have the participation of the newly ordained Father Andrew Walsh. Please continue to welcome Father Andrew and Presbyteria Sophia Walsh as our guests.

During and after the Spring General Assembly, your council observed and listened to your questions, comments and concerns of our **Expansion Project**, both financial and planning. As a result, the Expansion Committee and Council both sought a cost estimate specifically to construct the improvements in the approved motion from September 12, 2004. Namely the "Phase I" features of the plan known as "HR2": The Council also requested the two (2) outstanding general contractors to provide their input and estimated cost to construct an entirely new sanctuary at the south end of our existing building. A schematic site plan of both concepts is included with this newsletter. The Expansion Committee and Council reviewed both general contractors' presentations on June 15, 2006 and are currently working hard to prepare recommendations. Please look for an announcement requesting your presence at a special general assembly later this summer, specifically to review the final recommendations and plan of action.

Spring was especially busy!

- On May 11th we had the **Taste of Greece** dinner which was again very successful. We had a great crew of workers, including our co-chairs, Paul Buterakos (parish council) and John Bageris. We're expecting a net of over \$17,000, a result of 1,500+ meals, baked goods, cookbooks and Greek jewelry!
- On Sunday, May 14, we enjoyed a fun and inspiring concert with **Eileen Sarafis Bertsch**. The concert was to benefit the Expansion Project and over \$7,000 was collected that evening!
- The **Calder Arts Festival**, despite the poor weather, provided Holy Trinity with another successful event. The skewering began after Memorial Day and food sales downtown started Friday afternoon June 2nd until late Sunday evening. Events this important and complicated require a special group of lead volunteers. We congratulate Carol Manos, Dan & Mary Karrip and Mike & Katherine Economos for their superior organization and hard work to make this a fun and financially successful experience.
- **Clergy Laity Congress**: The bi-annual Archdiocese Clergy Laity congress will be held in Nashville, July 15th to 21st. For more information, contact the Metropolis at Ph. 248-823-2400 or <http://www.clergylaity.org/publicity/>

In His Service,

Eric T. Trierweiler
Council President