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JUNE 20, 2010 — 4TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!

Please note: During communion please allow parents with newly baptized infants to receive first, the members of the choir second, and the community of Orthodox Christians thereafter. As always, we approach the Holy Eucharist "With the fear of God, with faith and love". *Ladies, please remember to remove your lipstick before receiving communion.*

ALTAR BOYS: All boys are invited to serve in the Altar this summer for Divine Liturgy. Please arrive before 10:00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Yassou! Festival prep: Please come and help this **Tuesday, Wednesday** and if needed **Thursday 11 am to 8 pm, (June 22, 23, 24,)** to prepare Spanakopita for Yassou Fest. We will start with making the filling on Tuesday and if we get enough help we can start rolling. *Everyone Welcome!!!* Also, please make sure to pick up your festival packet.

...on the same note, just for the fun of it, there are many Greek Festivals throughout the State of Michigan this summer...one such June 25-27, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 2245 E. Baldwin Road, Grand Blanc, MI. Take a day and check one out! Please check out the flyer on the Bulletin board for more information!

Greek Dancing Lessons—We were thrilled to see so many children (almost 40!) at our last practice! Our next practice will be on **Thursday, June 24th—6:30 to 7:30 pm**. Please contact Katerina Bichay, Vasiliki Christopoulos or Presvytera Liza if you have any questions.

Prosphoro Baking: All those interested in baking prosphora for church can call Marcia Liberski who is offering to bake prosphora here at church on Fridays. Please RSVP with Marcia if you would like to help out at 299-8059.

GOYA News!

- ◆ Day at the Beach: Wednesday, June 23rd. MIKE and KATHERINE ECONOMOS have graciously extended an invitation to host a gathering at their home in the beautiful town of Saugatuck - a COOL CITY! Details will be sent to GOYANS via FACEBOOK and also through phone calls.
- ◆ Details to come for a White Caps Game and trip to either Cedar Point or Michigan's Adventure. Any parents interested in chaperoning please contact Christy Buck or Esther Koukios.

"The Amber Beads" by Pearl Ahnen — Pearl Ahnen is a church member who has written many books and plays. Her newest play, *The Amber Beads* will be staged on Sept. 10 (7 pm), 11, 12 (2 pm) at the Red Barn Theatre in Saugatuck, located on the Blue Star Highway. \$15 Adults, \$10 Seniors, Students & LAA members. Pearl has graciously offered to donate the proceeds of the play to Holy Trinity. *Many thanks, Pearl!*



EPISTLE READING:

The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 6:18-23

BRETHREN, having been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations.

For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Monastery Trip

This past week our seniors group and others of Holy Trinity GR accompanied by seniors group from the Annunciation church of Grand Blanc and their priest Fr. Angelo Mago, made a trip to the Holy Trinity Monastery just outside of Port Huron Michigan. It was a rainy day here in GR, but at the Monastery it was a beautiful day. Upon our arrival, Fr. Joseph the Abbot of the Monastery, and Fr. Michael one of the 9 other fathers there met us in the courtyard. We all received the blessing of Fr. Joseph and proceeded into the church for a Paraklesis. After Service we were led into the "Trapeza" or dining room, where we ate as a spiritual family together. The meal was second to none! We had time afterwards to walk around the beautiful grounds. The church itself is almost surrounded by a lake and there are woods there as well. [continued on back page]



GOSPEL READING:

4th Sunday of Matthew

The Reading is from Matthew 8:5-13

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terri-

ble distress." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Matthew, Lynn & George Koukios who welcomed Constantine William

(5 lbs 15 oz.)

into their family on Friday, June 11.

Please keep Evanthia Fotieo in your prayers as she will be undergoing back surgery on Monday.

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 20, 2010

Paraklesis: Wednesday, June 23 at 5:00 pm

Wednesday 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study — **CANCELLED**

Great Vespers: Saturday, June 26: 6:00 pm

[continued from front page] As hospitality is very important to Monasticism, we were treated to almost any kind of coffee that we wished, along with a sweet. Coffee is one of the items the monastery sells to help pay for their expenses, and as I can vouch, the coffee was excellent. Fr. Joseph later led us to some seats by the water and we had a question and answer period. Fr. said some very profound things that day, but one I particularly remember is how he answered a question about the importance of monasticism. He quoted St. John Chrysostom saying that the parishes and the monasteries are like the lungs of the body, when both work well, the body functions at its best. But when one is sick, then the other has to work harder to bring air to the body. It was truly a blessed day and both churches Grand Blanc and GR began to plan for another visit even before we left the grounds. "May it be blessed" Fr. Nick

