

# The Apostles' Joy

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Dear Family and Friends in Christ:

*Glory to Jesus Christ!  
Glory Forever!*

September is a time for beginnings. In our daily lives, schedules become more structured as the summer months come to an end and the kids go back to school. Liturgically we also see this theme of beginning as September 1, is the Ecclesiastical or Church New Year.

We also celebrate the first of the Church's 12 Great Feasts, the Nativity or Birthday of the Mother of God. This feast on September 8, has a definite theme of "beginning." Besides it being her birthday, this feast also marks the beginning of our salvation as she would become the mother of the coming Messiah.

And even within our own parish we see this theme as well. Our "Orthodoxy 101" class, as well as our local Pan-Orthodox Bible Study will begin again. We will have 9 catechumens officially begin catechism training, and we will even celebrate the joy of a wedding. So many wonderful beginnings all coinciding with the Church cycle!

As we are preparing our busy schedules for the upcoming fall (Just look at September's calendar!) remember that we need to not only look at our calendars, but also our souls and organize and straighten out any disturbances or disruptions which hinder us from loving the Lord.

I ask you all to pray for our growing community as we celebrate and experience this time of beginnings and work to collectively walk towards Christ and His Heavenly Kingdom.

With love and God's blessing,



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*By thy nativity, O most pure Virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness; Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And we, thy people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to thee: The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the Nourisher of our Life.*

- Kondak of the Feast

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## *Our Mission @ a glance:*

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**New Catechumens:** This past August we received three new catechumens into the Church. We officially welcome Timothy Herman, and Wade and Criss Kirkendall to the Catechumenate, and pray that the Lord will reveal to them the Gospel of Righteousness and unite them to His holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

**Sunday Divine Liturgies** will return to our normal time of 9:30 am beginning the week following Labor Day, Sunday, September 9.

**Church School Picnic:** We will have our Annual "Back-to-School" Picnic on Saturday, September 15 following Great Vespers. All are welcome! The First official day of Church School will be Sunday, September 23, following the Divine Liturgy.

**Teaching Liturgy:** On Sunday, September 16, Father will serve the Proskomedia service at 9:00 am in the center of the Church as a teaching tool for the Church School students. Everyone is welcome to come and participate in this usually private service. Also certain aspects of the Liturgy service will be explained that day.

**Pan-Orthodox Picnic:** The Local Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood, the O.C.C.S.C.P. is having our annual Pan-Orthodox Picnic on Sunday, September 16, at Serb Park in Steelton from noon until 7:00 pm.

**Orthodoxy 101 Classes:** Our Orthodoxy 101 class will resume on Wednesday, September 19, at 7:00 pm at the Parish. This is open to EVERYONE interested in our Faith. Please come and join us!

**Mission Council Meeting:** The monthly meeting of the Mission Council will be held Thursday, September 20, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Church. All parish members are invited to participate in this important administrative

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### **SPECIAL CHURCH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER - Plan Ahead!**

#### **NATIVITY (BIRTHDAY) OF THE THEOTOKOS:**

Fri. September 7: Great Vespers & Litiya: 7:00 pm

Sat. September 8: Divine Liturgy: 9:00 am

#### **EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS: (STRICT FAST)**

Thurs. September 13: Great Vespers w/ Litiya: 7:00 pm

Fri. September 14: Divine Liturgy 7:30 am

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ministry of the Church.

**Orthodox Bible Study:** Our Orthodox Bible Study will resume after the August recess and will meet every Thursday evening at 7:00 pm at Holy Trinity G.O. Cathedral in Camp Hill. We will continue to study the Gospel of St. Matthew on Thursday evenings and will continue to use the Orthodox Study Bible as the main text.

**Morning Akathist:** We have been celebrating a morning Akathist weekly to the Theotokos "Nurturer of Children." Anyone interested in participating in this service please join us! If you are not able to attend, please submit names of any children, grandchildren, or Godchildren you would like prayed for and Father will remember them during the service.

**Holy Apostles 2007 Dinner Dance:** The 2007 Dinner Dance will be held Sunday, October 14, at the Radisson in Camp Hill. Please see the blue flyer in this newsletter for more information on tickets and sponsorship information.

**So I hear Fr Tim is going back to Seminary...?** Well yeah...kinda...Father will be assisting His Grace, Bishop TIKHON at St. Tikhon's Seminary in the Liturgics department. Father will be at St. Tikhon's on Mondays, early in the morning and returning later in the afternoon every week.

**OCA Mission Planting Grant :** Our parish is again applying for the National Church's Planting Grant. This money is designated to help Mission parishes jump start to the next level of development. Please keep this in your prayers as our proposal is presented to the Missions committee and then to the Holy Synod of Bishops for re-approval.

**Birthday listings on the Calendar:** It has been brought to Father Tim's attention that some birthdays have been left out of the monthly calendar. PLEASE, if anyone has not filled out a "Time and Talent" survey (many copies available in the vestibule!) fill this in and return it to the office. This is how Father compiles the birthdays for each month, and if he does not have your file, your name will be overlooked. He regrets any disappointment this has caused, but asks everyone to cooperate with him in updating the parish list. Thank You! Birthday listings will be suspended until missing files have been collected and updated as not to miss anyone else.

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# SEPTEMBER 2007



Holy Apostles Orthodox Mission, Mechanicsburg, PA

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>26</b> <b>TONE 4</b> D.L. 9 am & Fellowship Following	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>STRICT FAST</b> <b>BEHEADING OF</b> <b>ST. JOHN</b> Akathist 7pm	<b>30</b> Akathist 8:15am	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> <b>CHURCH NEW YEAR</b> Great Vespers & Confessions: 6pm
<b>2</b> <b>TONE 5</b> D.L. 9 am & Fellowship Following	<b>3</b> <b>LABOR DAY</b>			<b>6</b> Akathist 8:15am Orthodox Bible Study, Camp Hill 7pm	<b>7</b> Great Vespers & Litiya 7pm	<b>8</b> <b>BIRTH OF THE THEOTOKOS</b> Liturgy 9am Great Vespers & Confessions: 6pm
<b>9</b> <b>TONE 6</b> D.L. 9:30 am & Fellowship Following	<b>10</b> Simons / Durkish Wedding, St. John's Church, York: 3pm			<b>13</b> Akathist 8:15am Great Vespers & Litiya 7pm	<b>14</b> <b>STRICT FAST</b> <b>ELEVATION OF THE CROSS</b> Liturgy 7:30am	<b>15</b> Great Vespers & Confessions: 6pm
<b>16</b> <b>TONE 7</b> Proskomedie 9am D.L. 9 :30 am & Fellowship Following	<b>17</b> Pan Orthodox Picnic Srb Park 12-7pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Orthodoxy 101 7pm	<b>20</b> Akathist 8:15am Mission Council Meeting 7pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Great Vespers & Confessions: 6pm
<b>23</b> <b>TONE 8</b> D.L. 9:30 am Fellowship & Church School	<b>24</b> <b>NEW MARTYRS OF ALASKA</b>	<b>25</b> Orthodox/ Catholic Dialogue 12:00 pm, Harrisburg	<b>26</b> Orthodoxy 101 7pm	<b>27</b> Akathist 8:15am Orthodox Bible Study, Camp Hill 7pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Great Vespers & Confessions: 6pm
<b>30</b> <b>TONE 1</b> D.L. 9:30 am Fellowship & Church School	<b>1</b> <b>PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS</b> Akathist to the Theotokos 7pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Orthodoxy 101 7pm	<b>4</b> Akathist 8:15am Orthodox Bible Study, Camp Hill 7pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Great Vespers & Confessions: 6pm



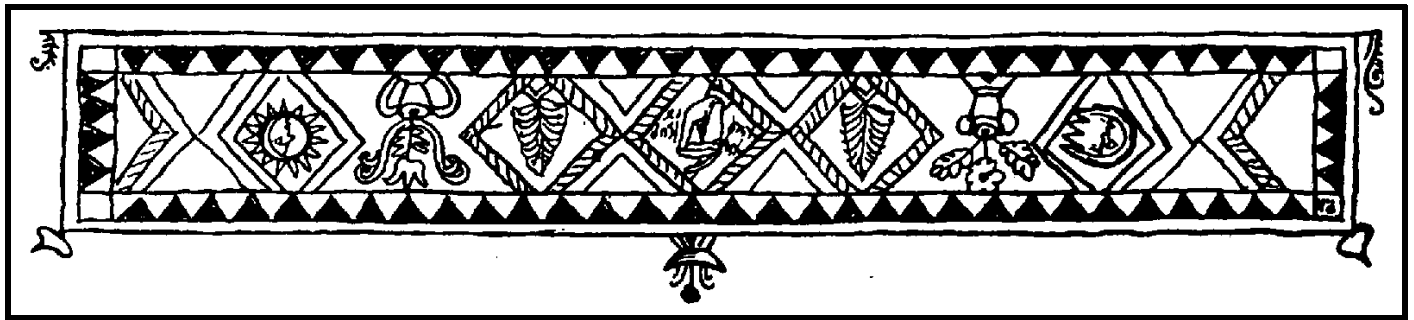
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***Prayers for the Health & Salvation of those who are in need:***

Metropolitan THEODOSIUS (retired Primate of the OCA), Archbishop GREGORY (retired OCA Archbishop of Alaska), Archimandrite Jerome (Newville), Archpriest John Perich, Archpriest Michael Mihalick, Priest George Coca, Priest Innokentios Byakatonda, Presbytera Pearl Veronis, Matushka Mary Geeza, Pauline Fetsko, Margaret Balog, Leo & Marlene Washburn, Lubov (Lillian) Husted, Michael & Margot Katchur, Ludmilla Kern, Melania Kosty, Amelia Kuzmiak, Mary Burke, the child Christopher Elliot, Matushka Tamara Cowan & the Child to be granted to her, Hannah Gordon, Harry Sysak, Sharon Hanna, Mary Lou Grove, Dorothy Medill, Janice Fields, Mary Kneiss, Eva Pron, Ryan Matthew Pron, Peter Melnik, Charles Hier, Julie Harb, Beth Arneson, Fred Salay, Samuel Utlely, Subdeacon Peter Takarchek, Subdeacon Richard Hathaway, John DellaMonica, Carol Allen, Helen Davis, Gregory Geeza, Thimi Costas, Gloria Onufrak, Carol Durkish, Elizabeth Middlesworth, Daniel, Pei, Lydia, Joshua, & Anna Medill, Nancy Wingert, Francis Waldrop, Kevin Carpenter, Vincent Durkish, the infant JaNae, Donald Udics, Barbara Reynolds, and for our Catechumens: Dana, Hanna, Wesley, Grace, Elizabeth & Samuel Pope; Timothy Herman; and Criss & Wade Kirkendall.

***Prayers for the newly Departed: Memory Eternal!***

Patriarch Theoctist of Romania (+7/30), Anna Kondratik (+7/30), Calvin Tyler (+7/?), the Victims of the Tragedy in Minneapolis, especially Christina Sacorfas (+7/31), Matushka Karen Mahaffey (+8/8), & Barbara Udics (+8/16).