

mounted on the corners as they were. The other repair job is for the walk-in freezer. Before the hall rebuild, the walk-in was situated by the kitchen door. It is now in the storage building bay, and has been repaired (had some leaks and such), rewired and will be ready to go for Glendi.

• GLENDI:

Activities upcoming: **Baked Goods** (cookies, banitsa, biscotti) will be prepared every Wednesday and Thursday evenings during August.

**Piroshki** is being made Wed. July 25–Sat. July 27. We are scheduled to unload the Glendi 40 ft. storage trailer on Friday, August 17, from 5–7 PM. See the Glendi Gazette for more info. Please come and participate.

• FORT ROSS BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION:

The OCA, ROCOR and the Moscow Patriarchal Church will celebrate the Divine Liturgy together at the Fort (outside, on a raised platform/tent structure) on Saturday, August 25. Eight Bishops and many priests are expected to be serving together. Our choir will be singing the responses in English, answering the choir of the Geary Street Cathedral. The Liturgy begins at 9:30 AM.

• OUR GOALS:

*As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."* (I Peter 1:14) Recently I heard someone say that we Orthodox are “out of step” with society on major issues (abortion, same-sex attraction and marriage, contraception, marital fidelity, euthanasia, etc.), and because of that we will lose and not gain members. Christians are always going to be “out of step” with the world, and need to be, since “the world” has radically different goals for humanity than those who are of the Kingdom of the Crucified One. We are to be the “salt” which savors (Matt. 5:13), and “the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid,” (Matt. 5:14) for those who “labor and are heavy laden” with wounds, sorrows, sins and the brokenness that has resulted from being “in step” with the world. That’s just not possible if we are “in step” with worldly casues. We pray for the world, since God, Who created it, loves it, and we serve those in the world, do not judge them or condemn them, yet must discern what is clearly of God and that which is not. The Liturgy is served “for the life of the world.”—*Fr. Lawrence*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, July 29, 2012

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• TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION, Tone Seven:

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death; to the thief, Thou didst open Paradise. For the myrrh-bearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy.

• KONTAKION OF THE RESURRECTION, Tone Seven:

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hades is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry: the Saviour has come to them that have faith. Enter, ye faithful, into the Resurrection.

## ACTIVITIES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Saturday, July 28: 5 PM, VIGIL
- Sunday, July 29: 9 AM, Confessions / 10 AM, Divine Liturgy  
Noon, **Potluck Agape Meal**
- Tuesday, July 31: 6 PM, Great Vespers for the Procession of the Holy Cross  
*Glendi Baking (Wednesday and Thursday evenings)*
- Wednesday, August 1: 9 AM, Blessing of Water  
Holy Unction for Tom Pellizzer to follow  
5 PM, Catechism  
6 PM, Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos  
*Glendi Baking in the Hall*
- Thursday, August 2: 6 PM, Supplicatory Canon
- Friday, August 3: 6 PM, Supplicatory Canon
- Saturday, August 4: 3 PM, Panikhida for Fred Labankoff, one year anniversary of repose

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4 PM, Baptism of Will James Feigen

5 PM, Great Vespers

- Sunday, August 5: 9 AM, Confessions, 10 AM Divine Liturgy  
Agape Meal to follow  
2 PM, Vespers for Transfiguration of Christ

- WELCOME:

We are honored to welcome Archpriest Paul and Matushka Michelle Jannakos, visiting today. Fr. Paul and Matushka serve at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Fenton, Michigan. They are long time friends, were fellow classmates at St. Vladimir's Seminary. Fr. Paul and Michelle are celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and we congratulate them. —*Fr. Lawrence and Matushka Ann*

- PROCESSION OF THE HOLY CROSS:

This Wednesday we will celebrate the feast of the Procession of the Cross: Vespers at 6 PM, and the Blessing of Water on Wednesday, August 1, at 9 AM. The feast recalls the Cross and Holy Water processions through ancient Constantinople during times of sickness and plague, as well as the baptism of St. Vladimir on August 1, 988. This feast is one of three annual feasts of the Cross, and offers us the opportunity to rejoice in our salvation which came through the Cross of Jesus Christ.

- BAPTISM NEXT SATURDAY:

Please join us for the Baptism of Will James Feigin (son of Kate and Keith of Ukiah) on Saturday, August 4, at 4 PM, just prior to Great Vespers.

- SUPPLICATORY CANON TO THE THEOTOKOS:

The Dormition Fast begins on August 1, and ends on the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos, August 15. During the fast we abstain from meat, dairy and eggs on all days, and wine and oil on most weekdays. The Fast prepares us for the Feast. During the fifteen days of the fast we will occasionally serve the Supplicatory Canon (Paraklesis) to the Theotokos. This is a service of supplication for the health, salvation, and welfare of the living. It's a way in which we honor the Theotokos, and remind ourselves of her greatness, and in so doing, prepare ourselves to celebrate her dormition (death as a falling asleep) on August 15. This service was composed by a monk named Theosterictos, some time in the 9<sup>th</sup> century. In Greek

monasteries this service is done daily after Vespers. In many Greek parishes the service is chanted daily (excepting Saturdays and Sundays) during the Dormition Fast. When coming to the service, please bring a list of names of your family, friends and loved ones and so we can pray for them.

- FEAST OF TRANSFIGURATION—AUGUST 6:

The Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ—one of the Twelve Great Feasts—will be celebrated with Vespers on Sunday, August 5, at 2 PM, and Matins/Divine Liturgy on Monday, August 6, starting at 8:45 AM. As we do each year, we will bless the vineyard following the Liturgy.

- THOUGHTS ON THE TRANSFIGURATION:

“...for in His mercy the Savior of our souls has transfigured disfigured man and made him shine with light on Mount Tabor.” “He makes bright the weakness of man and bestows enlightenment upon our souls.” “Today Christ on Mount Tabor has changed the darkened nature of Adam, and filling it with brightness He has made it Godlike” (*Hymns of the Feast*). Just as the Resurrection of Christ is a pledge of our resurrection, so the Transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor is a pledge of our transformation. And that transformation is both the return of the original radiance of our humanity—as the disease and disorder that our own misconduct has brought into our spiritual lives is healed—and the deification of our humanity as we accept the sharing in the Divine Life Jesus offers us. “He showed them the nature of man, arrayed in the original beauty of the Image,” says another hymn. Christ transfigured shows us what God is like in human form, and even the disciples closest to Him cannot bear the full glory of the sight, but He also shows us the authentic glory of our own human nature when it is brought back to the living image and likeness of God, by being joined to Him. On Tabor time collapses for a moment. Moses and Elijah stand at Christ's side; the Law and the Prophets testify to who He is. The dead Lawgiver of the Old Israel and the Prophet who was taken up living in the fiery chariot stand at His side, showing “that He hath power both of death and life, is ruler both above and beneath.” —*borrowed and adapted*

- IN PROGRESS:

Two projects are underway at the moment. The bell tower of the Protection Church is being repaired. It's been leaking for some time, and has a good amount of rotted wood which needs to be replaced. Also, new small “onion domes” have been crafted (the original ones rotted off years ago) and will be