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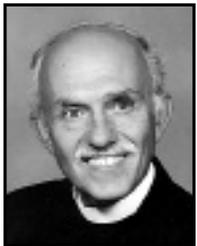
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From Father Bill...



Having the correct tools for gardening

The *Chicago Tribune* home and garden section recently listed all the places to visit in the Greater Chicago area to discover the beauty and wonder of God's creation. We took time during the summer to visit some of these locations and each time came away thrilled and excited with the splendor of the color and the variety of plants and blooming flowers. Seeing these areas, minus the cicadas, made us want to rush to the nursery, buy beautiful plants, and enjoy a ready-made garden at our own home. Later that day, I began to raise other questions.

Why is it that we can't have a ready-made Christian life? Why can't we buy the fruit of God's Spirit somewhere? "I'd like two flats of joy, and all the goodness that's in bloom, please. And while you're at it, throw in a sack of patience too."

We can laugh at such a thought, knowing full well that the elements necessary for a joyful Christian life can't be packaged or bought. They must be grown and cultivated on our own. I recall seeing at different hours of the day literally an army of men and women working in the gardens, weeding, feeding and watering. When asked how much time is devoted to these plants, I was told it depends on the plant itself. It became even clearer to me that the results in the nursery did not happen by chance but rather the result of careful planning and human effort to accomplish the goal.

I was reminded of our Savior's words recorded in John 15, which we could call the gardener's chapter of the Bible. Jesus makes an acute observation about how to grow in your Christian life. He says you've got to be

...See Fr. Bill on P. 4

A Sunday school report card

With great anticipation, the Sunday school greets the new ecclesiastical year with classes beginning on September 9. Our heartfelt thanks to Ioanna Burtzos for her many years of devotion to our children and teachers as a teacher and Director of our Sunday School program. We cherish her friendship and guidance and look forward to calling upon her this school year!

After 25 years of dedication, Liz Slowik and Toulia Boznos have retired from teaching our 3rd grade students. Our high school class will be meeting as scheduled, but Irene and John Boutzarelos are taking this year off. We will miss all of their smiling faces in the classrooms and wish them many blessings in the years to come. Our sincere thanks to these devoted teachers for their loving kindness and dedication to our children.

We welcome the 3rd grade teaching team of Chris and Tanja Chulos, and Jim and Bessie Pappas. All of our teachers are looking forward to meeting their students and beginning the new year.

As with last year, our students in the 4th – 8th grade will be learning the different Apolytikia and other special hymns as part of

our continuing liturgical music education program. Beginning in October, these students will have the opportunity to sing these hymns with our Senior Choir during Divine Liturgy. They will join the Senior Choir on the 4th Sunday of each month during the school year.

The success of our Sunday school program is dependent upon a partnership with the parents. During the week, we encourage you to discuss with your children the lessons taught in class on Sunday. Bringing Sunday School into the home, the valuable tools and lessons of the Church and her Saints are reinforced.

Classes begin each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and continue throughout the period of the Divine Liturgy. To minimize the disruptions to the lessons, we request that students arrive on time for the beginning of the day's instruction. If you are new to Holy Apostles, a stewardship pledge is required in addition to the Sunday School fee when you register.

In the coming issues of *The Mosaic*, we will be highlighting the Sunday school classes, their students and teachers.

We look forward to the many blessings of this new ecclesiastical year.

Students spend Saturday cleaning up

On Saturday, August 18, nine students gave their time and energy to our parish by participating in a clean up program. Students in 7th grade through high school were offered the opportunity to earn service hours for school by cleaning the church.

These eager students cleared the landscaping of rubbing, cleaned and organized pews, decorated hallway bulletin boards and cleaned and organized classrooms for almost 5

hours. Many thanks to Victoria Andros, Ellena Foutris, George Foutris, Alaina Kafkes, Lia Kass, Nick Petrus, Alex Petrus, David Schieber and Eric Thompson for their hard work and dedication.



From Father Nicholas



Living between Sundays

Fall is almost here! All summer we have heard about this being the year for our beloved Cubbies. The pennant chase is here. Soon the playoffs will begin! Football also begins this month. Fans will meticulously study each Bear's opponent and review the game. Bears fans study the odds on the game, key match-ups, injury reports and the series record between the teams. They will be glued to the television sets on Sunday afternoon anxiously watching Rex and company. People will trade their weekly predictions. If the Bears win, fans will be ecstatic in the beginning of the week. As the week progresses, Bears fanatics will begin to worry about the next week's game. Weekdays are spent living in between games and anxiously anticipating next weekend's game.

People can be fanatic about sporting events, television reality shows, music concerts, academic pursuits or even dating relationships. We have a natural excitement as we anticipate these events. If these activities occur on a regular basis, they order our lives. We fall into a rhythmic pattern based on our participation in these events. The same holds true in our spiritual lives.

As summer and vacation season ends, the church year begins! Some of us may have been away or involved with other summer activities. Maybe our liturgical pattern of life was broken. September offers the opportunity to return to that weekly liturgical event that structures our lives. Celebrating the Divine Liturgy on Sunday brings us together as a worshipping community. The Body of Christ comes together. Challenges that we face throughout the week require the grace of the Holy Spirit. How can the peace of God that surpasses all understanding (Philippians 4:7) and the closeness to Christ experienced on Sunday accompany us in our daily challenges of life? If we are not careful, our lives can be reduced to attending the Sunday Liturgy as another event among the myriad of obligations that we have. How can we live "in between" our receiving of God's grace on Sunday and the anticipation of doing it again next Sunday? What sustains us?

Our Christian rhythm of life can be so easily interrupted. With September comes school schedules, extracurricular activities and sports. Worship is at the heart of our Orthodox

Parea trips past and future



Parea members enjoying a narrated, Architectural Chicago River Cruise in June. A buffet lunch followed at Pegasus Restaurant.

Parea is planning two programs for this fall. The first is a bus tour to Nappanee, Indiana in Amish Country on

Thursday, Sept. 20.

The bus will leave at 8:45 am and return at 7pm. The cost is \$60 and includes lunch. Contact Elaine Palumpos at (630) 629-0071 if you are interested in going.

Secondly, there will be a theater trip to see "Hizzoner" in October or November.

Christian life. As parents we can become taxi services shuttling our children from one obligation to the next. Life can flash right by us! Our lives can become a sequence of unrelated events. In the midst of this, we wonder why we (and our families) don't feel closer to the Lord throughout the week.

Thankfully, the church offers some tools that can order our time-starved lives and bring us closer to the Lord throughout the week. These tools will help us to remember, worship and stay close to God daily. Our experience of God in the church, or the Body of Christ, is not confined to the physical church building. We read in the Gospel of St. Matthew: "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20)

The many church ministries are a great aid for us to gather together in the name of Christ. They span from TOTS (toddlers) through our Adult Christian Bible Study and Fellowship (Seniors). Holy Apostles offers groups for single people (Young Adults) as well as married couples and families (Families and

Children Together and PAREA). We are blessed because our church gives us many opportunities to gather together and learn in the name of the Lord.

Making these ministries a priority will help us to order our busy, chaotic lives. Regular daily prayer and Bible reading (even for just a few minutes each day) throughout the week will bring order and structure to our cluttered lives. These tools (daily prayer, Bible reading and ministry participation) will help us in building a bridge between our weekly worship in the Divine Liturgy and living "in-between" Sundays.

We are sustained by the heavenly food or the "medicine of immortality" (Holy Communion) that we receive on Sunday or at any other Liturgy that is celebrated.

Living "in-between" times and utilizing the church's tools will help us to experience Christ's love, grace and mercy daily. This will order our spiritual lives into a whole, cohesive life. As September begins, we anxiously anticipate this new Church year and the structure it brings to our daily, Christian lives.

CHICAGO!

**Saturday, October 20
at The Carlisle
in Lombard**



CHICAGO! promises to be another fantastic Holy Apostles Philoptochos luncheon fashion show. It will highlight all that is great about Chicago. The event will feature fashions by Zzazz Productions. Cocktails, silent auction, and raffle preview will begin at 11am, followed by a luncheon at noon.

Two charities will be the primary beneficiaries of the event. One of the recipients is the Women's Treatment Center of Chicago, whose mission is to provide women with a continuum of care, recovery tools and parenting skills to maintain a sober lifestyle as they rebuild their lives and futures and mend the bonds of their families. The other recipient is the Fairygodmother Foundation, founded under the direction of the National Philoptochos. This project grants wishes to terminally ill adults, 18 and over. Our chapter donates \$25,000 annually to charities. Your attendance helps make this possible!

Donation for adults is \$45 and children (12 and under) \$25. Reservations will be accepted beginning on Sunday, September 9 after the Divine Liturgy, or contact Francine Anastopoulos (630) 443-1120 or Anthoula Pomrenig (708) 588-0258.

Please join us for an afternoon of fun and fashion!

The **HARC** CORNER

St. Cyprian of Carthage On The Church: Select Treatises

Translation, Introduction,
& Commentary by Allen Brent

St. Cyprian, third-century bishop of Carthage, developed a theory of church unity almost universally accepted up to the European Reformation: to be a member of the body of Christ you needed to be in communion with a priest who was in communion with a bishop, who in turn was in communion with all other bishops in the world. But, how could one discern who was a legitimate bishop? St. Cyprian wrestled with this question and many others, which are translated in this volume.

Softbound, \$14.00

Two books for children:

The Jesus Prayer & Me

By Vasiliki Tsigas-Fotinis, Ph.D
Illustrated by Joanne Dallis, MFA

The Jesus Prayer teaches us how to pray, thus teaching us to know and to love God. By reading this book, children will be reminded of the many opportunities to know and to love God throughout the day. Very important religious educational goals are included such as creating a critical time of reflection each day to be with Christ in a most intimate way.

Hardcover, \$13.00

Under The Grapevine A Miracle by Saint Kendeas of Cyprus

By Chrissi Hart
Illustrated by Claire Brandenburg

When Christina becomes seriously ill, her mother prays constantly for her. One day a holy man appears on a white horse and takes Christina to his church to be healed. This true story describes the miraculous healing of a young girl in Cyprus by a much-loved local saint who lived more than one thousand years ago.

Hardcover, \$16.00

Philoptochos Member Spotlight

The Member Spotlight is a new feature that gives a personal face to Philoptochos so that you can get to know the people behind the organization.

In the upcoming months, we will focus on different members.

This month, the Member Spotlight shines on Mary



Mary Dangles

Dangles. She has been a devoted member of Philoptochos for 35 years and has recently stepped down from the Philoptochos Board after 16 years of service as Historian.

Her ten creatively organized photo albums, on display in the Philoptochos room, focus on a variety of Philoptochos events over those years. In Mary's words, she is "a happy and interested Philoptochos member who enjoys working with the group."

Catechism classes begin September 19

Since 1980, two sessions of catechism instruction classes have been conducted at Holy Apostles Church—one beginning in January and the other in September, with approximately eight classes to each session. Fall classes will be held beginning on Wednesday Sept. 19 from 7:30pm to 8:45pm.

This series of classes is geared primarily toward those wishing to convert to Orthodox Christianity, but Orthodox Christians who want a refresher course in their faith are also

welcome to attend.

I strongly encourage the Orthodox Christian spouse, fiancé, or fiancée to attend the classes with his or her non-Orthodox candidate for confirmation.

Catechism lessons for children are conducted separately from the adults.

To register, please contact Fr. Bill (708) 562-2744 or Mr. D. (708) 562-0869 as soon as possible.

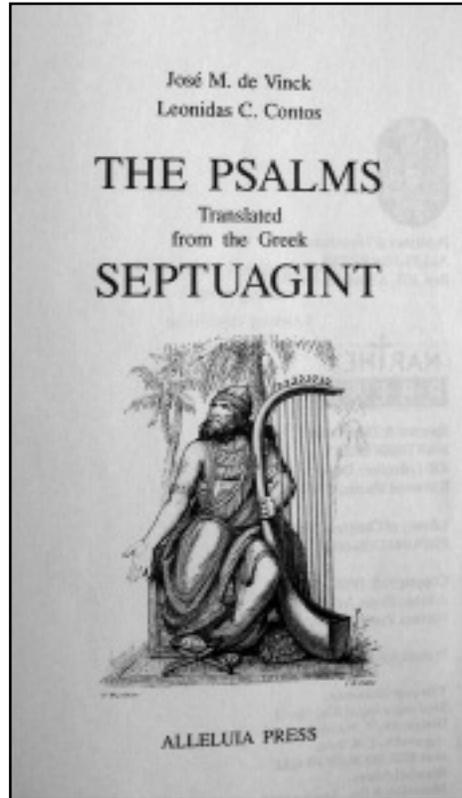
By George J. Demetralis

Why we use the Septuagint for the Old Testament

The following explanation pertaining to the Bible appeared in the St. Athanasius (Antiochian) Academy Newsletter.

Some of our friends are still wondering why we chose to make an English translation of that ancient version of the Old Testament for the Orthodox Study Bible. Here is why: The Orthodox Church has always used, and still uses that Greek Old Testament available at the time of Christ and used by Jesus and His disciples. Most New Testament quotations from the Old Testament are from this Greek Edition, called the Septuagint in honor of the seventy (or seventy two) Jewish elders who were responsible for the careful translation of the Pentateuch from the dying Hebrew to widely spoken Greek. The whole of this version was translated by Jewish scholars from about 270 B.C. to the time of the coming of Christ. It was the commonly used version of the Christian Church and its evangelistic efforts.

In fact, the Septuagint remained the Old Testament of the church everywhere until the time of Jerome (d. 400?). He made a new translation into Latin using the Modern Hebrew version current in his day- a much later Hebrew version than the translators of the Septuagint had used. The Latin Bible was



used in Rome and in all the churches under the patriarchate of Rome.

Eventually, the Roman Church and those under her influence, stopped using the Septuagint altogether, believing a Hebrew translation to more accurately represent the Jewish scriptures. Further, the Roman Church began labeling certain canonical books “deuterocanonical,” to distinguish them from the books they considered fully canonical. Later, 16th century Protestant reformers and their heirs separated these books from the rest of the Old Testaments, calling them the Apocrypha.

To many of the Protestant leaders, the Apocrypha was not worthy of being bound with the Bible, and by the early 19th century, Protestant Bibles were being published without these books. As a result, many English speaking Christians have never even heard of, nor have read these canonical books. Of the Protestants who have, they most typically consider the Apocrypha to be untrustworthy, perhaps even heretical. Consequently, few people in Protestant churches even know the content or scriptural significance of these books.

We, however, do know, and we are truly thankful to be the recipients of all that the Church has received and passed on to us from its beginning!

Fr. Bill: Gardening in scripture sprouts many things to think about

attached to the Source. “I am the The Vine,” He says, “you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing” (John 15:5).

I remembered my New Testament professor at The Chicago Lutheran School of Theology, who had a penchant for illustrating his lessons, one of which was based on John 15. On one occasion, he took a scissors and snipped some vines growing on the building, and brought them inside and placed them in the corner of the classroom. As I recall, he took one vine and placed it between two books, the Bible and a Prayer Book, just to make sure it was in a good setting and in hopes that somehow, something wonderful might happen.

Even though it was resting between two excellent books in a good climate, by the end of the week, the leaves were as dry as toast. You could just crinkle them into dust in your hands. Once the vine and the branch were disconnected, there was no green and no growth.

You may think this is a silly exercise. But wait a minute! How much joy and growth do you experience when you're cut off from the

Source? For your life to bloom and bear fruit of the Spirit, you must cultivate your relationship with your Father. The flowers and harvest are evidence of His work in your life. Because Jesus was part of a predominantly agrarian society, it doesn't surprise me a bit that Jesus used agricultural examples when He taught. In fact, gardening is a fairly significant theme throughout Scripture.

King Solomon in his wise writings bequeathed to all the simple knowledge of growth in our faith. In Ecclesiastes 3:1, he writes: “To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven. A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, and a time to pluck what is planted.”

September marks the beginning of a new ecclesiastical year. A new church year means renewed efforts towards living and celebrating the events of Christ's life, the lives of the saints and other feast days that mark time spent as God's people.

Growing is a tough process-that's why we need to celebrate every bit of spiritual growth we experience. Growth in the garden of your Christian life depends on one main principle: how attached you stay to the Source. The vine

that was snipped by my professor is now dried up because it was disconnected.

During the beginning of a new ecclesiastical calendar, the Church invites us to become reconnected to the Source of life. Attendance and participation in Holy Communion certainly will rekindle your growth. Instruction in our Faith is vital. Register children in our Sunday school, and as parents renew your commitment to learning. The Church offers so many opportunities for growth.

Let's bring a spade and dig to discover the treasure that awaits us concerning the eternal truths of God and His divine plan for us.

Is the garden in church perfect? No, but neither is the world in which we live a perfect place. The cultivation of a spirit of worship will enable you to produce a life filled with the fruit of the Spirit. Christ is working through you to lift his Church to a plentiful harvest. Plants are not able to exist without God and neither can we.

Lessons from the Six Shooter

While listening to my XM Satellite classic old-time radio channel early one morning during Holy Week, I heard a program called "The Six Shooter," starring Jimmy Stewart, who played Britt Ponset, aka The Six Shooter, a cowboy who roamed the Western plains and helped people in need.

In this particular story, Easter Creek had only one church and was in dire need of a new church building, for which they needed \$1,000 and they only had \$42.50 in the building fund treasury. But the week before Easter Sunday, The Six Shooter, who had come to choir practice, witnessed, along with the other choir members, the final breakdown of their old, patched-up organ and the psychological breakdown of the organist.

As the minister, the sheriff who also served as the church treasurer, and the members of the choir considered the problem. They decided their only recourse was to use the money in the building fund towards the purchase of a used organ in good condition that a church in a neighboring town was selling.

They only had \$42.50, and the used organ cost \$95. Suddenly, Britt Ponset, the Six Shooter, found himself the unanimous choice to be a one-man committee to collect the remaining amount. The next day, he visited the residents of the little town, but was still \$48 short. Well, it sure didn't look like Easter Creek would have an organ for their Easter Sunday Service.

The Six Shooter noticed a number of

seedy-looking shacks at a distance from Easter Creek. "Oh," the sheriff explained, "that's where men purported to be outlaws live."

"Have the residents of those shacks ever harmed the citizens of Easter Creek?" the Six Shooter asked. "No," the sheriff replied.

"Then," the Six Shooter said, "I'm riding out there to ask them to contribute." Leaving a dubious sheriff, the Six Shooter first rode to the shack where the infamous Red Eye Kirk was said to be living. The man, purported to be the notorious outlaw, at first denied being Red Eye. When the Six Shooter assured him that he hadn't come to cause trouble, but that he had come instead to collect money for a church organ, Red Eye not only contributed two 20-dollar gold pieces, but asked to accompany the Six Shooter on his mission. "I'm sure," Red Eye said with a chuckle, "that I can persuade the other outlaws—I mean, my friends—to contribute a little extra."

So, with Red Eye's help, a great deal more money than needed for the organ was collected. "It's too bad," Red Eye Kirk said after they had visited all the shacks, "that Wisconsin Billy wasn't at home. I know he'd want to give, too."

The sun was about to set and the Six Shooter couldn't come back the next day. He thanked Red Eye for his help and, because his horse Scar was tired from the day's trek, the Six Shooter with saddlebags loaded with the money he and Red Eye had collected, slowly rode back to Easter Creek. When he was still a

By **George Demetralis, aka Mr. D**

way from his destination, he heard a rider coming up fast behind him, shooting as he came. It was Wisconsin Billy. At first, the Six Shooter thought Billy had come to rob him. "Oh shucks no," Billy said, "I fired my gun to make you stop. When Red Eye told me that you and he came by my place to collect money for a church organ and didn't find me at home, I came after you so I could contribute something, too. Here, take it."

When the Six Shooter dumped the contents of his saddlebags on the sheriff's desk, there was more than a thousand dollars, enough for the organ and a new church building to boot.

As the radio program came to an end, the Six Shooter was standing in the congregation at the Easter Sunday service. As they sang the hymn "Bringing in the Sheaves," accompanied by the rejuvenated organist playing the new organ, some of the men, purported to be outlaws, were in the congregation singing along with everyone else.

There are certainly a number of lessons one can learn from this story. I'm going to rely on the Holy Spirit to guide you in this matter. Let me leave you with the following Scripture passages which will help you on your quest: Mt. 11:28-30, 18:12-14; Lk. 15:1-10; Jn. 3:16-17; 2 Pt. 3:9.

Adventure Theater Classifieds

For Sale

Radio Tapes and Movie DVDs For Sale! The Adventure Theater is offering for sale, \$5.00 per radio play and \$10.00 per movie. This includes all radio plays produced from 1980 through August 2007, and our two movies. Interested? Contact Mr. D.

Wanted

The Adventure Theater urgently needs two carousel slide projectors. It has recently been brought to my attention that, by projecting scenes on slides using a carousel slide projector onto a backdrop made of fabric, a great deal of time and trouble spent on painting scenes on backdrops could be saved. So, if there is anyone in the parish who has a slide projector or two that we can borrow, please contact Mr. D. at (708) 562-0869, office; (708) 528-2782, cell; or online; fanari@sbcglobal.net.

Youngest Mosaic reader

Our messages reaches far and wide. John and Katherine Demakis' 2 year old granddaughter, Evangelia, enjoys the Mosaic in Virginia.



October Registry

Baptisms

Arthur, son of
Kristi & Eric Landorf

Sponsors: Hannah & James Athas

Weddings

Andrea Weld & Michael Tangedahl
Sponsor: Nicole Ostendorf

Lindsey Monahan & George Zurales
Sponsor: Nicholas Chiganos

Shannon Coyne & James Messerges
Sponsor: Desi Bakalis

Anna Thiel & Anthony Dawson
Sponsors: Sophia & Mauricio Forero

The Way deserves more participation

The Way, provides an excellent opportunity for religious and moral instruction, as well as time for fellowship and recreation for boys and girls from first through eighth grade, will begin its fall program on September 17.

The group meets on a Monday usually twice a month from 5:15 to 7 pm. The lesson is preceded by an agape meal. The registration fee is \$10 per child, which helps cover expenses for instruction material and other needs. When the children are registered, parents may also indicate whether they would like to host a simple agape meal.

The group's teachers are truly dedicated and qualified, and much care has been taken to formulate a curriculum for the moral and spiritual needs of the children of each grade.

Today, more than ever before, our young people not only need religious instruction, but also an opportunity for fellowship with each other. They are facing many destructive temptations from TV, movies, books, the Internet, and their peers.

Parents, please enroll your children in The Way as well as the other activities provided by Holy Apostles for our young people.

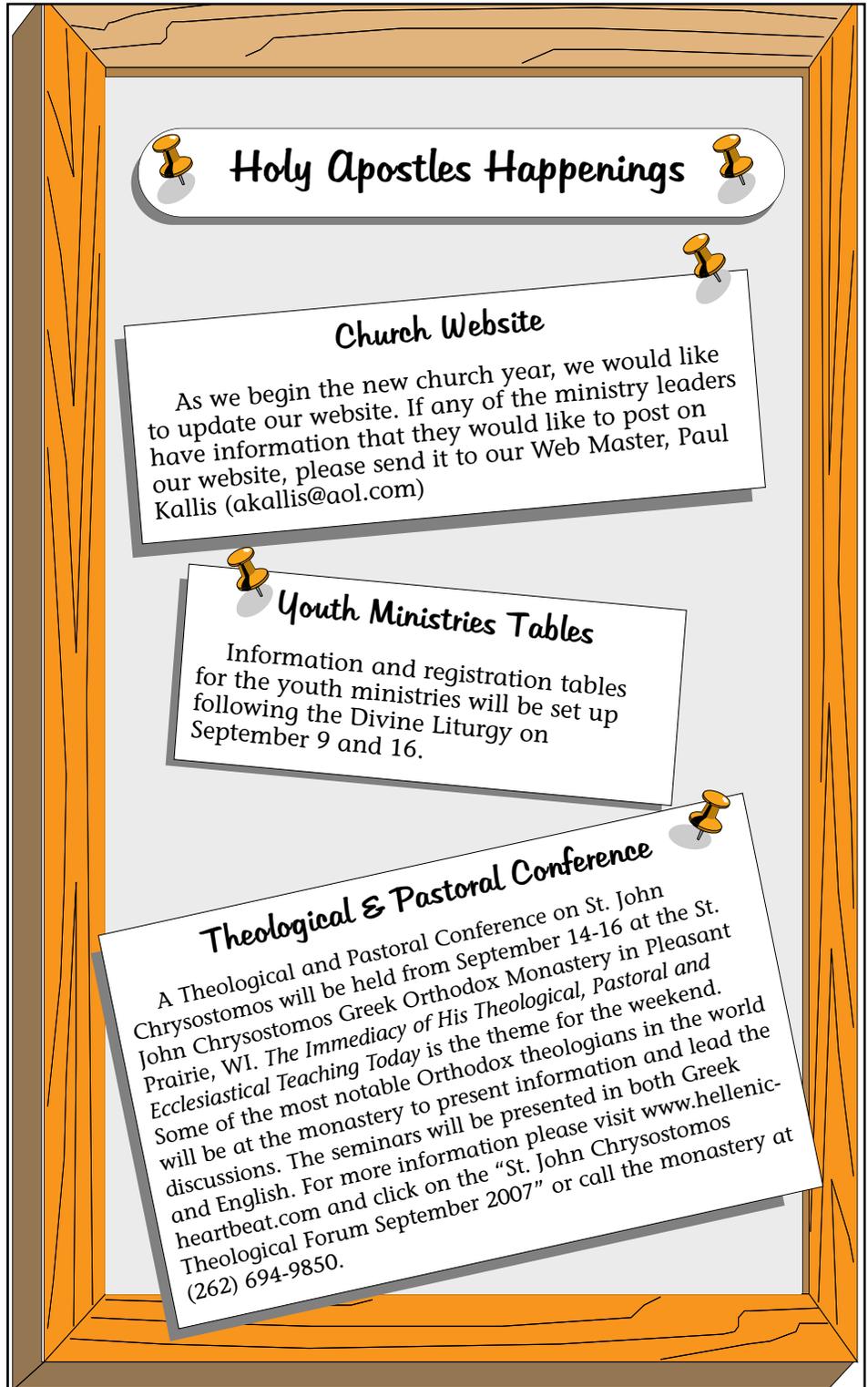
by George J. Demetralis

Casting call for the Adventure Theater

On September 7 at 4:30 pm, Adventure Theater will begin rehearsals for its Christmas stage play.

The Adventure Theater is comprised of boys and girls of grade school, junior high, and high school age, and produces three original plays annually. The goal of all our productions is to teach Orthodox Christian values and their application in everyday life. The group also sets aside time for fellowship which includes outings, a barbecue, a Halloween party, a retreat, a lock-in, and pizza parties.

We are always looking for new members. Interested? Contact Mr. D. in person or by



Holy Apostles Happenings

Church Website

As we begin the new church year, we would like to update our website. If any of the ministry leaders have information that they would like to post on our website, please send it to our Web Master, Paul Kallis (akallis@aol.com)

Youth Ministries Tables

Information and registration tables for the youth ministries will be set up following the Divine Liturgy on September 9 and 16.

Theological & Pastoral Conference

A Theological and Pastoral Conference on St. John Chrysostomos will be held from September 14-16 at the St. John Chrysostomos Greek Orthodox Monastery in Pleasant Prairie, WI. The Immediacy of His Theological, Pastoral and Ecclesiastical Teaching Today is the theme for the weekend. Some of the most notable Orthodox theologians in the world will be at the monastery to present information and lead the discussions. The seminars will be presented in both Greek and English. For more information please visit www.hellenic-heartbeat.com and click on the "St. John Chrysostomos Theological Forum September 2007" or call the monastery at (262) 694-9850.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Barbara Pappas announces that the popular Wednesday Night Bible Studies will resume October 3 at 7:15pm.

She will be continuing her series on 1st Corinthians, chapter 7.

An invitation from the Adult Christian Fellowship and Study Group

The Adult Christian Fellowship and Study Group, which meets throughout the year, will continue its weekly Wednesday afternoon classes. Sessions begin at 1 pm with refreshments and fellowship, followed by the study of Holy Scripture and other aspects of our Orthodox faith.

Throughout the year, excellent recreational

activities are provided for the group and coordinated by Kay and Jim Bobis. On October 3, there will be a Chicago boat cruise. The cost is \$33.00 for the cruise and lunch.

We are always looking for new members. Interested in joining? Just come, and you'll receive a warm welcome.

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Weekday Services

Nativity of the Theotokos

Saturday, September 8
8:00am Orthros
9:00am Divine Liturgy

Elevation of the Cross

Friday, September 14
8:00am Orthros
9:00am Divine Liturgy

Feast Day of Ss. Sophia, Faith, Hope, & Agape

Monday, September 17
8:00am Orthros
9:00am Divine Liturgy

Mosaic Deadline

The deadline for the October
Mosaic is Wednesday, September 5.

Philoptochos

Membership Night



We're turning a new leaf! Join us for Membership Night at Drury Lane on Tuesday, October 2. An interior designer from D. Edmunds in Burr Ridge will present new ideas in home decorating. Join us for beverages, appetizers and desserts. More details will be forthcoming.

Basketball

Boys and girls in grades 6-8, and boys and girls in grades 9-12 will be playing for our church again this year. Practices will be once a week, and the games will be on Saturdays or Sundays. Please contact Maria and Paul Kallis (630) 455-1688 or akallis@aol.com to sign up.

Memorials

*Chester Matysek
Leon Stratton
Sophia Stratton
Steve Stratton
Nicoletta Kappas
James Kappas
Mary Fotopoulos
Eleftherea Alevritis
Nicholas Patsavas
Bessie Agoranos
Angeline Maduros
Leon Savide
Peter Lallas
Yianni Kinnas
Ann Kinnas
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Lynette Hoppe
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