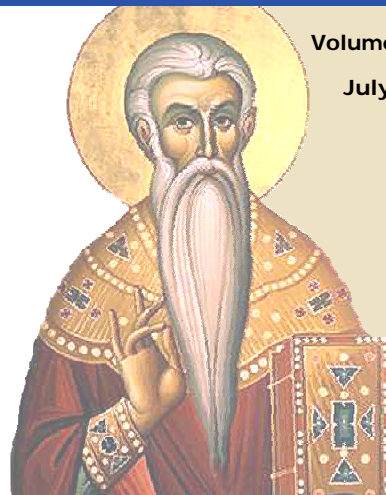


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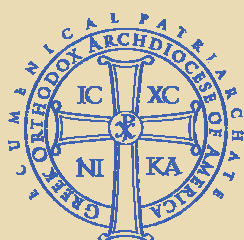
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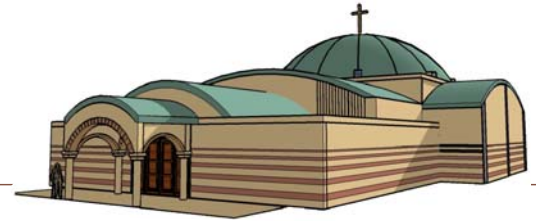
*"You were transfigured on the Mount,
O Christ God, revealing Your glory to Your
disciples, insofar as they could comprehend."*



Transfiguration of Christ, August 6

Lord, You know that men are flesh and blood; forgive them their sins and pour out Your blessing on all. — St. Haralambos

For Everything a Season: Building a New Church



Assembly Required:

What are Construction Documents?

When you consider the complexity of our Church and all the different materials and skilled labor that must be delivered, fabricated and coordinated with the end result being a beautiful new Church, you may wonder just where one gets a set of 'assembly' instructions for a building like that?

How do all those pieces and parts (over 16,900), stucco, steel and stairs, cement and concrete all arrive at our Church site and come together exactly as designed, drawn and specified? It's not magic, it starts with a very large set of plans known as CD's (construction documents). CD's are composed over a period of several months (sometimes years). The Church plan was reviewed and revised by our own parishioners then the CD's were drafted and inserted into St. Haralambos' 'construction documents'. CD's include the following:

1. Handbook – Specification / Project Manual: General Conditions of the Contract, The Contract Agreement, Project Schedule, Divisions of Work Description and Requirements, Closeout Requirements, Warranty and Commissioning Requirements.
2. Drawings - Street Index and Title/Cover
3. Drawings - Civil: Site Geometric, Legal Setbacks & Building Placement; Grading, Drainage, Retention & Erosion Plan; Landscaping and Surfaces; Parking & Traffic Control; Site Lighting Plan.
4. Drawings - Structural: Church & Modular Foundation Plan; Building Structural Steel Framing Plan; Roof Framing Plan; Sectional Structural Details; Foundation Details.
5. Drawings - Architectural: Architectural Site Plan; Sidewalk Plan; Composite Plan; Main Floor plan; Mezzanine Floor plan; Composite Roof Plan; Roof Details; Building Elevations; Wall Details; Restroom Elevations & Details; Casework (Cabinetry); Interior Elevations; Elevator Plan; Door Schedules & Elevation with Detail Plan; Window Schedules & Elevation with Detail Plan; Ceiling Details; Acoustical Details.
6. Drawings - Mechanical: Main Level HVAC Plan; Mezzanine HVAC Plan; HVAC Details; Equipment Details & Schedules
7. Drawings - Plumbing: Main Level Plumbing Plan; Mezzanine Plumbing Plan; Plumbing Isometrics; Plumbing Details & Schedules; Fire Protection Plan

8. Drawings - Electrical: Standard Symbol Index; Electrical Site Plan; Main Level Electrical Plan; Mezzanine Electrical Plan; Main Level Lighting Plan; Mezzanine Lighting plan; Main Level Power Plan (Load Calculation); Mezzanine Power Plan (Load Calculation); One-Line Diagram; Electrical Detail Accessories & Schedules
9. Drawings – Specialty & Other(s): Acoustical Design; Balanced Acoustical Surface Diagrams including Walls, Ceiling and Floors; Acoustical Schedule & Details.

What are specifications?

Construction Specifications are the detailed descriptions of the materials, method of construction, application of materials and correlated written directions to each sheet of the above listed 'construction documents' (CD's). The specifications also detail the length of time for the project, contract and agreement formats between the owner and contractor, special conditions of the project, closeout manual requirements with warranties and guarantees as well as surplus materials (air filters, paint, tile, base board, light bulbs, keys etc.).

What is the plan review process and how do we obtain building permits for our Church?

The City of Peoria requires a certain standard of construction within its city limits. Plan review is the process where the engineering department, community and development department and the fire safety department review each drawing, all details within those drawings and compare every depicted line and detail to the 'building codes' that are currently required to be met by the city.

Because of the intense scrutiny each page undergoes, the city normally has at least one set of 'corrections' that the architect and engineers have to address, revise, add, delete, clarify and correct. The architect then submits the 'revised' drawing set which usually is approved when the city stamps the drawings *'Approved for Construction'*.

What is a building permit?

At this point we obtain our *'building permit'* after we pay all of the fees that the city requires. The building permit is the official stamp of approval from the City of Peoria, which allows us to begin the construction and inspection process. To obtain a *'building permit'* we must pay 'development fees', 'impact fees', 'review fees' and 'fire safety review fees' as well as 'utility tap fees' which allow us to tie into the water system and sewer systems of the city.



Support of the Church Is Returning to God What Already Is His

Bingo, Bake Sales, Festivals and Raffles. Can anyone think of a church community that hasn't held one of these – or a similar fundraising event – to help supplement its operating budget? Whether it's \$1 for a chance at the Grand Prize, or \$5 for the world's best pastries, these type of fundraisers have, in the minds of many, become synonymous with church financial support.

And why not? Don't we see the same with other organizations? Schools, hospitals, crisis shelters, food banks and a seemingly endless list of worthwhile charities all need and solicit funds from the public to help support their particular causes. In one elementary school alone, parents are asked, each year, to help support various school needs by purchasing pizza dough, cookies, t-shirts and extra classroom supplies. Multiply that by two or three children in the average family who are each involved with two or three other organizations or programs (sports, ballet, girl scouts, for example) and it's easy to see how a family's disposable income is quickly disposed of.

Are church budgets competing for the same funds from its parish families? Yes, until at least two things are better understood: 1) the Church is not a charity (despite being classified as such by the IRS); 2) the practice of tithing or percentage giving is adopted.

A discussion of the unique role of the

Church in the world, not as a charitable organization, but as the means our Lord Jesus Christ established for the salvation of souls can be made in future issues; however, this month, we'll take a look at the practice of tithing, the most historical, fair and biblical approach not only to supporting the church, but to understanding the concept that everything we have in life is not ours but God's.

The tithe (as expressed in the Old Testament) was fundamentally a way of reminding man that life is a gift of God. God provides everything to sustain life, and man is obligated to remember this by offering back to God a tithe (or ten percent) of his earnings, harvest or livestock. This naturally meant that the actual amount given would be different each year, depending upon the harvest or the condition of the livestock, etc. During a good, productive year, the contribution would be greater; during leaner years, it would be smaller. But the general concept of dedicating a percentage or a portion of a man's resources, rather than a fixed amount, helped to reinforce the understanding of God as the provider of life.

Believe it or not, there are people who continue to practice the tithe today. Instead of giving 10% of their harvest, it is 10% of their monthly income. How do they do it? By remembering that God is the provider of life, and adapting to live on 90% of monthly resources.

There is a common opinion that only the wealthy can give generously to the church and/or to a variety of charities. Stop for minute and think about a person who gives a gift of \$100 on a monthly income of \$1,000, and another person who gives \$1,000 on a monthly income of \$10,000. The amount of the first gift is not as large, but is just as generous, since both gifts represent 10% of monthly income.

Although there is a long history in our Archdiocese of paying dues (\$1/month for example) for church membership and support, tithing or the concept of percentage giving, is slowly coming around since this practice is a more historical and fair system. For those who have never considered percentage giving and may be used to giving a set amount each month or each year, it will take some time before deciding to make such a change.

As we continue this discussion (in the September issue) with more examples and further explaining the concept of percentage giving, let's keep in mind that supporting the church, Christian stewardship, is not just concerned with dollars and cents, but with the understanding that everything in creation is God's gift of life. Nothing is really our own; we are caretakers of God's creation. It is His. Returning a portion (5%, 10% or more) in support of the Church is really returning back to God what already is His. (Continued in the September issue.)



**St. Haralambos
Greek Orthodox
Church**

Rev. Michael Pallad

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Sunday Worship

September - May
Matins: 8:45 a.m.
Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m.

June - August
Matins: 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.

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Hours

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Parish Council

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George Christie
Mike Danielek

Olga Fredericksen
Mary Manos
Peter Retsinas
Katherine Tally
Peter Tremoulis
Mary Wysmierski

ORGANIZATIONS



Coffee Hour

Thank You to Our Coffee Hour Hosts/Sponsors

June 1	Charlotte Servetas
June 8	Michael & Chryss Danielek and Thalia Zorbas
June 15	New Steward Welcome Reception
June 22	Donna Gligich and Sue Charbel
June 29	John & Penny Obren
July 6	Marius & Stella Pagos
July 13	Available
July 20	The Milonas Family
July 27	Available
Aug 3	Available
Aug 10	Available
Aug 17	Available
Aug 24	Available
Aug 31	Available

Note: Due to publication printing deadlines, any modifications or changes to coffee hour listing will be noted in next month's newsletter.

Philoptochos

By Charlotte Servetas, President

Thought for the month: "Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape."

Congratulations to all high school graduates:

- ♦ Anna Kennedy-Bautista
- ♦ John Fredericksen

- ♦ Maria Papamatheakis
- ♦ Greg Solomon
- ♦ Vassiliki Tsianos

The next Philoptochos meeting will be Sept. 8 at 6 p.m. We will be sharing a pot-luck supper.

Have a fun and safe summer!

St. Christopher's Bookstore

THOSE WHOM GOD CALLS BLESSED:

The Beatitudes for Everyday Living

Anthony M. Coniaris, 2003, 206 pages

The purpose of this book is to convince us that "if God does not dwell in us," we will find disappointment whether we look within ourselves or out around us. "But when we look upward...we find in [God] the true source of blessedness." After all, says Fr. Coniaris, we owe all our talents, our virtues, even our lives to God. We are living on "borrowed time." Therefore, when we choose to live a life pleasing to God, we are essentially "re-paying a debt." (Coniaris quotes St. John Chrysostom.) We are blessed by God in so many ways in order to be a blessing to others (2 Cor 1: 3-4).

The author discusses each of the Beatitudes in the context of modern day living, making it relevant to the reader's life. He explains that the "Way of the World" is quite different from the "Way of God." God teaches us to be humble, patient, forgiving, generous, grateful and repentant of our sins. But the world teaches us to watch out for "number one" (not God, but ourselves), to be selfish, full of false pride, to fight to get ahead without regard for others, to be

greedy and power hungry, and to live to satisfy our own passions and material desires.

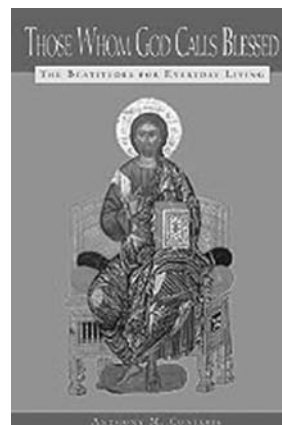
Because we have sinned and "crowded God out" of our lives, there is "a place in the human heart that only [God] can fill." Fr. Coniaris says that the things of this world can satisfy feelings of discontent temporarily, but making God the center of our lives is the complete and permanent fix. "He's got something much better...for [us] if [we] will only open the door to Him." We are "helpless" without God, because only He can "empower [us] to live the Beatitudes."

For each of us, the goal of life is to go home to God.

Because we were created in the image of God, we have a

"homing instinct." Yet many people are not aware of what they need or what they're searching for, so "they follow many false trails," writes the author. "God sends us many wake-up calls to help [us] focus...on the true meaning of life...and to set us on the path that leads to...Him—a journey back home to God."

The reader will love this book. It will up-lift and inspire the reader to "adjust his will to the will of God."



July

Birthdays



Jan Morin (5th)
 Stavros Theoharatos (7th)
 Catherine Pallad (9th)
 Nicholas Genes (9th)
 Pamela Marshall (10th)
 Lisa Theoharatos (11th)
 Elijah Gross (12th)
 Lee Retsinas (12th)
 Bill Winn (17th)
 Alexandra M. Barbes (19th)
 Mike Hansford (21st)
 Mikhala Krochta (25th)
 David Fredericksen (25th)
 Desiree Milonas (27th)

If you don't see your name, or those of family members, and would like to be included on the monthly birthday listing, please send the information to the church office.

Name Days

Many years/ *Chronia Polla* to those named after the following saints:

St. Kyriaki (7th)
 SS. Cyril and Methodios (7th)
 St. Euphemia (11th)
 St. Vladimir (Basil) of Russia (15th)
 St. Mary Magdalene (22nd)
 St. Marcella of Chios (22nd)
 St. Paraskevi (26th)
 St. Panteleimon (27th)
 St. Irene (28th)
 St. Julietta (30th)
 St. Joseph of Arimathea (31st)

Assisted Living/ Hospitalization

The following parishioners may not be able to be with us physically, but are still loved members of our parish, and we ask you to please remember them in prayer: Orin and Mary-Jean Davis, Jim Froumis, Fannie Huzinec, Tom Pallad, Nikita and Josette Reisler.

Memory Eternal

May God grant eternal rest to the soul of his servant, Nellie Poleschuk, who fell asleep in the Lord on May 26. May our Lord grant peace and comfort to her family.

May God grant rest to the soul of his servant, Alice Massahos, who fell asleep in the Lord on May 29. May our Lord grant peace and comfort to her family.

May their memory be eternal.

Change in Sunday Service Times

For the hot summer months of June, July and August, the Sunday service times will be moved a half-hour ahead: Matins will start at 8:30 a.m. and the Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m.

August

Name Days

Many years/ *Chronia Polla* to those named after the following saints:

St. Theodosios of Argos (7th)
 St. Laurentios (Laurence) (10th)
 Repose of the Blessed Virgin Mary (15th)
 St. Stamatis (16th)
 St. Theophanes (19th)
 St. Irenaios (23rd)
 St. Moses the Ethiopian (28th)

Birthdays



Dorothy Ayan (5th)
 Helen Lape (7th)
 Pres. Miriam Paraschou (9th)
 Tom Langan (13th)
 Aphrodite Devolites (14th)
 Victoria Georgen (15th)
 George Christie (16th)
 Kristian A. Barbes (17th)
 Fr. Michael Pallad (18th)
 Anna Yacyshyn (22nd)
 Greg Solomon (24th)
 Evanthia Vardalos (25th)

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Parish Families Making a 2008 Stewardship Pledge

2008 Pledge Update

Number of Pledges: 141

Amount Pledged: \$101,149 Average Pledge: \$728

*Milton & Pamela Agelastos
Glen & Tracy Albrant
Todd & Katerina Anderson
*Costa E. Androulakis
Chris Asimos & Jodi Estes-Edmund
Kimon & Dorothy Ayan
Benjamin & Georgina Barbes
Jean L. Baxter
Marianne H. Boyd
Chris Birtsas
John Callas & Alice Zeng
Kalliope A. Chafoulis
Sue Charbel
Angie Cholas
Theofanis & Pauline Christakos
Roy & Maria Christian
George & Patricia Christie
*Dorothy Coniaris
Larry & Joan Coor
Dennis & Florence Curran
Michael & Chryss Danielek
Constantine & Bella Danos
Mary A. Dascalos
Mary Davis
Bill C. DeMoss
Charles C. & Marie DeMoss
Chris J. DeMoss
John C. & Marjorie DeMoss
Arliss P. Dennison
Paul DeTrana
Aphrodite Devolites
Dutch & Eve Devolites-Rosenberg
Michael & Voula Dodd
Zoe Dress

Angeliki Drossos
Lola G. Durand
Gale & Paula Farr
Eulia Feutz
Dave and Olga Frederickson
*Michael & Kay Fulghum
Dennis & Vickie Georgen
Helene Georgiou
Dennis & Shirley Germanis
Bill & Elaine Giannias-Winn
Anna Giles
James & Elizabeth Gorman
Daniel Gross
Demetrios & Magda Gryparis
Stephens & Evelyn Hansen
Michael & Elena Hansford
Angela Hapgood
Mary Harrington
Christina Harris
Alice Hecht
Don & Andriana Henson
Irene D. Howerin
Fannie Huzinec
John Ioannou
Melanie Ioannou
Martha Jannis
Katherine P. Janofsky
June Joynson
James & Alice Kambanos
Voule & Cathy Kapetanakis
Jim & Angeliki Kapolas
Leon & Sophia Karandreas
Louise Karmeris
John & Julie Karoutas
George & Jean Karras
Anna N. Kennedy-Bautista

Chris & Chrissy King
Laine Kinney
*Chris and Lourdes Kotsobeis
Greg & Michele Krochta
Esther Lampropoulos
Thomas Langas
Estelle L. Lazzelle
Russ & Pam Lemons
Steve & Sophia Mallos
Arthur & Mary Manos
Dorothy Masley
Despina Medina
John & Lianne Migyanko
George E. Miller
Dean & Reni Milonas
Nick & Jane Milonas
Ann K. Morley
*Margaret E. Nelson
George & Ethel Nicholas
Evangelia Nicolaides
John & Penelope Obren
Marius & Stella Pagos
Athena B. Palaio
Thomas & Catherine Pallad
Rev. Michael & Presvytera
Kristin Pallad
Anthony & Ruth Panousopoulos
George & Bonnie Papas
Hareclea Pappas
Harriett Pappas
Thekla Poulos
Ronnie & Koula Ratliff
Nikita & Josette Reisler
George and Rachel Retsinas
Peter & Lauren Retsinas
William & Brittany Retsinas

Lillian Ryan
Connie Scouffas
Charlotte Servetas
John G. & Jean Sgouros
Melanie Singleton
Jim & Pamela Solomon
Dimitri & Nicoline Spanos
Mary Sprintz
Peter & Kerri Stamas
Katherine Stathis
Effie E. Stathopoulou
Paul & Martha Stithem
Stephen & Cynthia Strategos
George & Irene Stratos
Carl & Constantina Surman
Donald & Roberta Szklarski
Katherine Tally
*Genet & Ocbai Tesfay
George & Lisa Theoharatos
Nick & Tina Thomas
George & Georgia Trakas
Peter & Sabrina Tremoulis
Elaine Tsialafos
Thomas & Ellen Tsolakos
Bill & Judy Tsoukalas
Peter & Lindsay Vardalos
Argyro Vasquez
Mildred Vignyovich
Joseph & Maria Wardzinski
Bill & Effie Watters
*Mark & Jenene Wilkins
Raymond & Mary Wysmierski
Anna Yacyshyn
Thalia Zorbas

*Indicates new Steward Family

JULY 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 8:30am Matins 9:30am Divine Liturgy	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 8:30am Matins 9:30am Divine Liturgy	14 Archdiocese Clergy Laity Congress (through Friday)	15	16	17	18	19
20 8:30am Matins 9:30am Divine Liturgy	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 8:30am Matins 9:30am Divine Liturgy	28	29	30	31		

AUGUST 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Fast of the Dormition Begins 7:00pm Office of Supplication	2
3 8:30am Matins 9:30am Divine Liturgy	4 7:00pm Office of Supplication	5	6 9:00am Divine Liturgy The Transfiguration of Christ 7:00pm Office of Supplication	7 7:00pm Chanter Rehearsal	8	9
10 8:30am Matins 9:30am Divine Liturgy	11 7:00pm Office of Supplication	12	13 7:00pm Office of Supplication	14 7:00pm Great Vespers Assumption Church, Scottsdale (No Chanter Rehearsal)	15 9:00am Divine Liturgy Dormition of the Theotokos	16
17 8:30am Matins 9:30am Divine Liturgy	18	19 7:00pm Parish Council	20	21 7:00pm Chanter Rehearsal	22	23
24/31 8:30am Matins 9:30am Divine Liturgy	25	26	27	28 7:00pm Chanter Rehearsal	29 9:00am Divine Liturgy Beheading of John the Baptist	30



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