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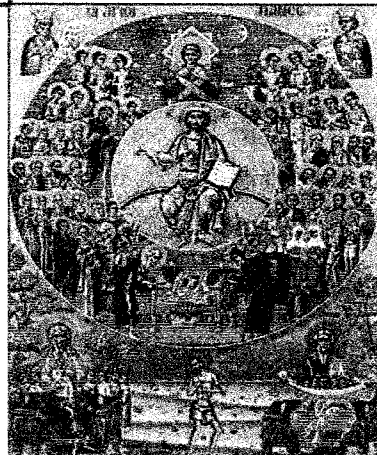
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Apolytikion: With the rivers of your tears, you have made the barren desert fertile. Through sighs of sorrow from deep within you, your labors have borne fruit a hundred-fold. By your miracles you have become a light, shining upon the world. O Chariton, our Holy Father, pray to Christ our God, to save our souls.

Kontakion: Delighting in abstinence, O godly-minded one, and reining in the desires of thy flesh, thou wast seen to be increasing in faith. And thou didst blossom forth like the tree of life in the midst of Eden, O all-blessed and most sacred Chariton.

Chariton was a distinguished and devout citizen of the city of Iconium. Imbued with the spirit of his compatriot, St. Thecla, Chariton openly confessed the name of Christ. When a bitter persecution of Christians began during the reign of Emperor Aurelian, Chariton was immediately brought to trial before the eparch. The judge ordered him to worship the gods, but Chariton replied, "All your gods are demons, and were cast from the heavens into the nethermost hell." Chariton clearly proclaimed his faith in the One Living God, the Creator of all, and the Lord Jesus, the Savior of mankind. The eparch ordered that he be tortured and beaten, until his whole body was like one great wound. When Aurelian's evil deeds caught up with him and he died an evil death, Chariton was freed from torture and prison. He then set out for Jerusalem. On the way he was seized by robbers, but escaped from them by God's providence. Chariton, not wanting to return to Iconium again, withdrew to the wilderness of Pharan, where he founded a monastery and gathered monks. He established a rule for the monastery and then, to avoid the praise of men, withdrew to another wilderness near Jericho. There he founded another monastery called the Monastery of Chariton. Finally, he founded a third monastery, Souka, which the Greeks called the Old Lavra. Chariton died at a great old age, and took up his abode in the glory of his Lord on September 28, 350. His relics repose in his first monastery. The composition of the rite of monastic tonsure is attributed to St. Chariton. In guiding the dispensation of this world, and especially of His Holy Church, God often makes unexpected moves, and changes the evil destiny of His servants to the good. This occurred many times in the life of St. Chariton. Following cruel tortures, Chariton was thrown into prison and was promised certain death. Then, Emperor Aurelian died unexpectedly, and the new emperor freed the Christian captives. Thus, Chariton escaped death. Then, when he was traveling to Jerusalem, robbers seized him and took him to their cave. They left him there, and went off to rob and plunder, with the intention of killing him when they came



back. In this cave there was a wine cask into which a poisonous snake had crawled, drunk of the wine, and vomited its venom into the cask. When the robbers returned, tired and thirsty from the heat, they drank the venomous wine and, one by one, fell dead. And thus, St. Chariton was saved from death by yet another unexpected event. The Lord heaped misfortunes upon His servant, in order that by these misfortunes He would temper and purify him as gold is tempered and purified by fire, and that He might bind him even more securely to Himself. He delivered him from death, because Chariton had yet to establish several monasteries where, by his ascetic example, he would direct many human souls on the path of salvation.

Apolytikion and
Kontakion from the
Holy Transfiguration
Monastery

Story from the Prologue
from Ochrid

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

We did it again! Praise be to God for the beautiful weather for the sixth year of our participation in the American Folk Festival on the Waterfront! Many, many thanks to Lee and Cathy for a tremendous job in chairing this wonderful fun-filled event that everyone so looks forward to each year. Without EVERYONE'S participation, such a successful event would not be possible. It was so heartwarming and encouraging to see so many of our youth more actively involved each and every year. A special thanks to those who traveled a considerable distance in order to help. And for those who were not able to participate physically, it was great to have the moral support – cheering everyone on! Thank You All !!!!

As mentioned in the previous Messenger, we are planning a wonderful celebration and re-dedication of the cross on the outside of the church on Sunday, September 14th, Holy Cross Sunday. This is the time when we reflect on the meaning of the Cross in our own lives, and remember our own Holy Cross School in Brookline, MA. Please make every effort to attend, and be sure to see Presvytera Lisa to sign up for what you would like to bring for the potluck luncheon following Liturgy and the dedication.

Now that fall is fast approaching and the school year is beginning, let us all make every effort to re-dedicate ourselves to the church by bringing our children to Church School and participating in the many services offered.

I look forward to seeing you all in church.
With love in Christ,

Paula C. Page, President
Parish Council

FEE SCHEDULES

From time to time, people ask about the fee schedules at the Church. We, of course, do not charge for the sacraments. The charges are for the use of the Church building, hall, candles, etc. For any of these services to be performed, it is necessary to abide by the rules laid down in the Archdiocese Regulations.

Weddings	\$200.00
Baptisms	\$200.00
Funerals	\$200.00
Memorial Services	
With candles	\$ 25.00
Without candles	\$ 0.00
40-Day Memorial	\$ 0.00
Chrismations	\$100.00
Baby Churchings	\$ 0.00
Trisagion Prayers	\$ 0.00

UNDERWRITING THE MESSENGER

We invite parishioners to help subsidize our newsletter. You can support publication of *The Messenger* in the following ways:

- Sponsor the Monthly Dedication Page @ \$75.00 per month.
- Become a *Messenger* Patron @ \$50.00 for the year.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR 2008

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George Lealos.....	989-2166
Ambrose Smitherman.....	866-7717

***“The Lord...
...will watch over
your life.”***

AUGUST HAPPENINGS

Sept. 1st - 9 am Orthros with Liturgy following - for Ecclesiastical New Year

Sept. 6th - 6 pm Great Vespers

Sept. 7th - 9 am Orthros with Liturgy following - for the Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross

Sept. 8th - 9 am Orthros with Liturgy following - for Nativity of the Theotokos

Sept. 13th - No Great Vespers

Sept. 14th - 9 am Orthros with Liturgy following - for the **Exaltation of the Holy Cross & The Cross of our Church - Potluck Luncheon following**

Sept. 16th - Fr. Adam in Boston for Brotherhood Meeting

Sept. 20th - 6 pm Great Vespers

Sept. 21st - 9 am Orthros with Liturgy following - for the Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
This will also be the first Sunday of Sunday School

Sept. 25th - 5:30 pm Vespersal Divine Liturgy for the falling asleep of St. John the Evangelist

Sept. 27th - No Great Vespers

Sept. 28th - 9 am Orthros with Liturgy following - for the 1st Sunday of Luke

Oct. 4th - 6 pm Great Vespers

Oct. 5th - 9 am Orthros with Liturgy following - for the 2nd Sunday of Luke

Oct. 11th - No Great Vespers

Prayer before Communion

At Divine Liturgy, the choir will be leading the Congregation in the liturgical prayer of Confession before Communion. This beautiful prayer of Confession, by St. John Chrysostom, can be found in the red *Prayer Book* that is in the pews, on page 62.

Holy Cross Celebration at St. George

Sunday, September 14th, is the liturgical remembrance of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. However, this will also be a special day for the congregation at St. George. On this day, Fr. Adam will be blessing the beautiful, new cross that will adorn the outside of the church! In addition, the Divine Liturgy and Blessing will be followed by a Potluck Luncheon downstairs in the Church Hall. A sign-up sheet is being passed for this event. We look forward to seeing everyone for this community celebration!

Tuesdays at John's

On Tuesday, September 9th, is the next monthly get-together at John Howard's home from 3 pm to 5 pm. This social gathering is for anyone who would just like to get out of the house. We play cards and board games and enjoy some refreshments. John's home is at 146 Leighton Street in Bangor (942-4020). For directions or more information, Presvytera Lisa can also be called at 947-4709. Everyone is welcome!

Andrew Brontas Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament *Formally Captain Nick's Tournament*

Sunday, September 14th
at Bangor Municipal Golf Course
Shotgun Start at 8:30 A.M.
to benefit Brewer High School Scholarship Fund

ENTRY FORM (\$60 Entry Fee)

Name: _____

Team Members: _____

Phone: _____ Male: ____ Female: ____

Club Affiliation: _____ Handicap/Index: ____

I wish to reserve a golf cart: Yes ____ No ____

Send completed entry form to: **Brian Enman, Golf Professional**
278 Webster Avenue, Bangor, Maine 04401

TA NEA (The News)**By Cathy Speronis 118 Poplar Street Bangor, ME 04401 (942-7822)**

Well, first and foremost, I must thank **Our Lord** for providing us with the most amazing weather for the weekend of the Festival. It was truly a Blessing for all involved in this spectacular event. The warm days and cool nights truly make us thankful for where we live. Our prayers go out to those in the south who are dealing with another season of bad weather.

Thank you everyone!!! For helping us make the St. George Food Booth at The Festival a success once again!

Bonnie Eastman says "Thank You" to the Church for the gift of the 75th Album: "To My St. George Family, Thanks for the wonderful memories! What a wonderful surprise! Thank you all so much for such a generous and treasured keepsake. I love seeing all of you again even if it's only in pictures. I miss each and everyone of you more than you know and hope to get back one day to visit and see our new windows, too! Thank you very much! Love, Bonnie"

It was great to see **Paula Nicols and Joe McClusky** back in Maine, at church and at the Festival. They have been visiting old friends before returning to their retirement home in Arizona. We have missed you!

Best wishes to **Suzanne George and Tyrone Paul Gonsalves** on their impending nuptials! Suzanne & Paul will be married in Worcester, Mass., on Saturday, October 11th with **Fr. Adam** co-celebrating and **Presvytera Lisa** as sponsor. Thank you, Suzanne, for sharing your wedding announcement and invitation with us at St. George! Suzanne misses St. George, and she looks forward to introducing us all to her beau, Tyrone. She writes, "Please pray for us both before and after our wedding. We will need all the help we can get as we embark on this most wonderful and life-changing endeavor. Love always, Suzanne" *We are very happy for you both, Suzanne!*

Nicholas A. Vafiades, son of Scott N. and Domenica Vafiades returned safely home with, and to his Special Forces Unit at Fort Bragg from his second tour of duty in Iraq. Nicholas has been with the United States Army as an Airborne, Computer Analyst, for the last 8 years.

Former Parishioners, **Charlie & Kathy Dekilas** of Ft. Wayne, Indiana and their daughter, **Christine Dekilas Delong**, her husband **Douglas** (who has an amazing resemblance to actor, **Tom Hanks**) along with son **Alexander** of Reading, PA made a very brief visit to Bangor on Aug. 9th. **Charlie** was stationed at **Dow AFB** in 1967 and **Kathy** worked at King's Dept. Store on Union St. The family wanted to revisit Bangor after 40 years & contacted **Hopie & Jack Montgomery, Godparents to Christine**. They were only in Bangor for an overnight. So a quick tour of Bangor was planned, a visit to our Church was arranged and a dinner at "**Captain Nick's**." **Charlie** and **Kathy** are retired and **Christine & Doug** own a restaurant "**Christine's Creekside Inn**" near Reading.

A person in need - A beautiful and touching letter was brought to our attention by **David Smalley**. Unfortunately I do not have the room to fit it in this issue (hopefully I can in next month's edition.) **Spyridon Lesbines' widow** is in much need of a new roof. She lives in a small, uninsulated cabin which is heated by a wood stove and does not have enough firewood to get through the winter. The Smalley Family (who suffered their own tragedy a few years ago) is doing all that they can to help. David has offered his services as a carpenter to repair the roof and is looking for donations for the materials and firewood - the estimated cost is \$4,000. If we can all find a way to either donate a small amount or maybe even supply some firewood.

**You can contact David Smalley at (207) 456-7575, Email elves@gwi.net
53 Andrews Road, Wytotpitlock, ME 04497. - Thank you -**

All news is welcome! If you have anything you would like to share you can call me at my number above. If I'm not in please leave me a message. You can also email me at catthecook@roadrunner.com. Best of Luck to all of our students and professors as they begin another school year. Continued prayers to those in need. ✠✠✠ In love and faith, Cathy

Honor A Loved One

*The Foundation Society of St. George is still looking for eleven donors
to complete the beautiful plaque above the candles.*

Donations are \$50.00

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2008 Stewardship Status (as of 8/24/08)

Stewardship Target.....\$49,690
 Stewardship Units Pledged.....85

Stewardship Gifts Pledged.....\$48,005
 Stewardship Gifts Rec'd.....-38,280
 Current Stewardship Deficit.....\$ 9,725

PLEDGES RECEIVED AS OF AUGUST 24, 2008

Alling, Charlene Aloupis, Angela Aloupis, Athena Aloupis, Vance Andreescu, Astrid Angel, Richard & Eleni Aretakis, Jonathan & Ann Asimakopoulos, Aaron Barbalias, Louis Brountas, Arthur & Maria Brountas, Peter Burgess, Paul & Polly Moutevelis Christakos, Dianna Y. Cox, John & Debra Sinclair Cox, Kevin, Sherri & Callie Cox, Thomas & Cathy Davis, Penelope V. DeJesus, Ann-Marie DeJesus, Marianne DeSiervo, Augie Duddy, Athena Fitzpatrick, Chip & Kathy Flanzala, Paul & Maria George, Nick & Grace George, Suzanne Gressitt, Stevan Harrison, Stanley Howard, John Indianos, Rose	Jolander, Katherine Haliotis Jonason, Leonidas & Susan Karagiannes, Christos & Alice Karris, Lambros & Cynthia Kelley, Phyllis Kesaris, Nick & Callie Kisamitakis, Dino & Nicole Kulikowski, Timothy & Allison Leakos, George Limberis, Chris & Nancy Limberis, Mary Louridas, Peter & Glenna Lowd, Claudia Luck, Christopher & Evyenia Markides, Kyriacos & Emily Markowsky, Elizabeth Metropoulos, Fr. Adam & Lisa Michaud, Bert & Patty Montgomery, Jack & Hope +Morrill, Helen Muller, Eugene & Maria Nawfel, Dr. Michael M. & Dolores Page, Brian & Paula Panakis, Athanasios & Vasiliki Pangakis, Jerry & Martha Paul, Georgia Pearce, Bryan & Deta Petrides, Christos Petrikas, George	Predaris, Anastasia Predaris, George & Norah Predaris, Jon & Mary Rees, Penny Rozos, John S. Sevcicu, Alexander & Claudia Shaw, F. Allen & Joan Skoufis, Mrs. Peter J. Smalley, David & Susan Smith, Barbara Smitherman, Ambrose & Marina Soulas, Doris and +Bob Speronis, Lee & Cathy Speronis, Peter Spofford, John & Koula St. Peter, Sheldon & Kyveli Stanley, Anna Stanley, James S. Stamos, Paula Pangakis Stroian, Anne-Marie & Matei Ilina Theoharidis, Steven Turla, Niko & Elizabeth Vafiades, Scott & Domenica Vardamis, Alex & Fran Wells, Joe & Olga Wirta, Sophia Zacas, Miltiades & Dora Klimis-
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As we start to gear up for fall, we would like to give our parishioners an overview of where we are with our Stewardship'08 drive. As noted above, the Parish Assembly set a Stewardship goal for 2008 of \$49,690. This goal was an attainable goal if everyone in our Community were to support Stewardship. To date, 85 of our parishioners have made Stewardship Pledges. If you have not yet made your pledge, it is not too late. We will be mailing out pledge forms to those we have not heard from on or about September 1st. Also up-date statements (3rd Quarter) to those who made pledges and have a balance due remaining. Please, let us hear from you.

Thank you and may God Bless us, everyone!
 Hope P. Montgomery, Chair Stewardship Committee '08

FINANCIAL STATEMENT as of August 31, 2008

	<u>August '08</u>	<u>YTD '08</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	\$ 16,015.00	\$63,841.53
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	\$ 6,707.15	\$59,889.18
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 9,307.85	\$ 3,952.35

21 Stewards We Especially Want to Thank

This Community is indeed fortunate and most appreciative to those very special former parishioners and friends of St. George who gave their old hometown Church a helping hand this year. They collectively donated \$9,535 as of August 25th towards our \$49,690 Stewardship goal. So on behalf of all of us we send 21 special thank-yous to the following:

*Cox, John & Debra Sinclair	(ME)	Predaris, George & Norah	(NH)
Cox, Tom & Cathy	(PA)	Predaris, Jon & Mary	(MA)
Duddy, Athena	(FL)	* Rozos, John	(ME)
George, Suzanne	(MA)	Shaw, F. Allen & Joan	(AZ)
Indianos, Rose	(FL)	Skoufis, Mrs. Peter J	(DC)
Jolander, Katherine Haliotis	(MO)	Soulas, Doris & +Bob	(AZ)
*Karagiannes, Chris & Alik	(ME)	Speronis, Peter	(SC)
Michaud, Bert & Patricia	(NC)	Stamos, Paula Pangakis	(IN)
Pangakis, Jerry & Martha	(CT)	Stanley, Anna	(FL)
Petrikas, George	(NH)	Vardamis, Alex & Frances	(CA)
Predaris, Anastasia	(FL)		

(* = Members who live in Maine but out of our district.)

THE AMERICAN FOLK FESTIVAL 2008 THANK YOU ST. GEORGE VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to all of our volunteers who gathered together to help make this another successful year for the St. George Food Booth, and Thank You Lord for blessing us with such beautiful weather!

Much Gratitude goes out to all of our hard-working volunteers: Angela Aloupis, Artemis and Charles Bennett, Mark, Athena and Callie Brountas, Susan and Katie Brountas, Sherri and Callie Cox, Sharon Cyr, Bill and Athena Duddy, Chip and Kathy Fitzpatrick, Paul and Ivan Flanzala, Bill and Justin Herrold, John Howard, Susan and Isabelle Jonason, Lambros, Cynthia and Alexander Karris, Vasso Katsipodi, Seraphim Kulikowski, Claudia Lowd, Chris, Nia, Madison, and Samantha Luck, Tony Margaronis, Kyriacos and Emily Markides, Elizabeth Markowsky, Ken McCarthy, Maggie Mourkas, Father Adam, Stefan and Presvytera Lisa Metropoulos, John and Eleni Mihalopoulos, Julia Miller, Jack Montgomery, Paul and Polly Moutevelis-Burgess, Paula Page, Marina, Ambrose, Catherine and Joel Smitherman, Lee, Cathy, Stephen and Elena Speronis, John and Karol Youney, Destiny and Tzietel Winters.

Thank you to our sponsors: Dennis Paper and Food Services, Coca-Cola of Bangor, Angelo's Pizzeria - Hammond St., and Captain Nick's.

Thank you to George Brountas for allowing us to store the Spanakopita in his refrigerator and providing us with aprons, and to Nikko Turla of Angelo's Pizzeria for providing us with delicious pizza and soda.

It was such a pleasure working with everyone and gathering together as a community to share in the success of this event. We look forward to the St. George Greek Taverna Food Booth in 2009!

Thank You! Spanakopeta Volunteer Bakers

A big "Thank You" to everyone who volunteered to bake spanakopeta! Your response was very gratifying, and you did a great job! Bakers were Artemis Bennett, Maria Brountas, Kathy Fitzpatrick, John Howard, Claudia Lowd, Karen Maas, Matrona McCarthy, Eleni & John Mihalopoulos, Anna Mojica, Hopie Montgomery, Margaret Mourkas, Paula Page, Presvytera Lisa, and Marina Smitherman.

We Give Thanks

To the Prosporo bakers: John Howard, Maria Muller, Kyvele St. Peter, Vasiliki Panakis, Marina Smitherman, Maria Flanzala, Presvytera Lisa, and Claudia Sevicu.

To Olga Wells and Maria Muller for wine for the altar.

To all who helped out, sponsored, and/or attended our St. George Food Booth at The American Folk Festival.

To Jerry & Martha Pangakis for the donation towards a case of lemons and next month's Altar Angels.

Congregation Beth Israel Celebrates 120 Years

On Sunday evening, September 7th, the Congregation of Beth Israel will be celebrating their 120th anniversary. They kindly issued an invitation to everyone at St. George to share in the celebration that is at 7 p.m. at the synagogue on York Street in Bangor. The evening will feature both a guest speaker, Daniel Mariaschin, and the introduction of their new rabbi, Rabbi Steven Schwarzman. Please try to attend to support our brothers and sisters in faith. For more information, contact Fr. Adam.

Annual Columbus Day Outing - Monday, October 13th

Once again we are planning St. George's annual Columbus Day Outing in Baxter State Park. This fall's hikes will be on Monday, October 13th. Plans are to leave from Bangor on that Sunday afternoon and spend the night at a motel in Millinocket. Then we head into the Park early Monday morning. One hike for the experienced heads up Mt. Katahdin. Another hike for the young or less experienced heads up the beautiful, but more accessible, Mt. Sentinel. A final option for the very young and parents is to picnic, canoe, and look for moose at Kidney Pond campgrounds. If you are interested in going, please RSVP to Fr. Adam or Presvytera Lisa.

Paedeia of Maine

Paideia of Maine is proud to invite the general public to Bacchae, a Greek classical play performance. The Play will tour the US in August and September of 2008. This theater performance is sponsored by the Greek Government and Greek and American business and individual contributors who support educational, cultural and artistic events offered by the Hellenic Society Paideia. Professor Jeannine Diddle Uzzi, Associate Professor of Classics at the University of Southern Maine will give a multimedia presentation before the play regarding Euripides and his play Bacchae.

What: Bacchae, a classical Greek drama by Euripides presented by a Greek theater company with English super-titles

Date: Wednesday, September 24, 2008 **Time:** Before play presentation @ 5:45 PM. Bacchae play @ 6:30 PM

Where: John Ford Auditorium, Portland High School

Tickets: \$ 12.00 for adults, and \$ 5.00 for 18 year old and younger audience.

Ticket information: Cynthia Arnold: email camold@blazenetme.net; or tel. (207) 721-0439

Kolliva-Making Class

There have been a number of requests for a workshop on how to make "kolliva," the boiled wheat that is offered in church at memorial services and for the Saturday of the Souls liturgies. For this reason, we would like to organize a kolliva-making class that would meet sometime in the Fall. Maria Brountas has agreed to be our teacher for what should be a very interesting session. If you might be interested in participating in this class, please express your interest to Presvytera Lisa (947-4709). We will then schedule a time that best fits into everyone's schedule.

“Did You Know?” by John Howard

The creation story in the Bible is only Genesis 1:1 - 2:3. This narrative does not pick up again until Genesis 5:1 (some scholars would say 4:25).

This is the only creation story that has stood the test of time. It ends with perfection and man in paradise. In this creation story is found much of the essence of our Orthodox Christian Faith. (See page 4 of the Orthodox Study Bible. This will only give you an introduction to this concept. For a much greater in-depth look I recommend beginning with “The Hexaemeron of St. Basil, P 51, Vol 8, Nicene and Post Nicene Fathers, Second Series. Also Gregory of Nyssa, “On the Making of Man,” P 386, Vol 5 from the same series. This latter presupposes a knowledge of St. Basil. (These are in the Church Library.)

The Adam and Eve story, (Gen 2:4 - 5:1) is an expanded story to explain the deterioration of man’s relationship with his creator. God makes man from the dust of the earth. Then God plants a perfect garden eastward in Eden (paradise) and puts the man there. The man (Adam) was free to eat from every tree in the garden except the tree of the “knowledge of good and evil.”

God saw that it was not good for the man to be alone. So God forms all living creatures and brings them to Adam to name. But there was still no companion for Adam. So God took a rib from Adam and made woman. Thus God proclaims human sexuality as a holy and sacred act within the framework of marriage. So far, so good. But now Eve falls to the cunning wiles of Satan. She eats the forbidden fruit - and it is all down hill from there.

These are not simple passages. First, there are a number of great and deep concepts established. One being that Man was not created to be alone. Another, that there can be no true love unless the beloved has the absolute freedom to accept or reject the love that is offered. (Another, that the love of God can only be free submission to His will and His way.)

In these passages we find the basic opening of the study of human nature and human psychology. The complexity between man and woman. And many other subjects. These passages have been seen as a great Epic Poem. And with a considerable play on words. Here we meet head-long the entire concept of worship and especially Sacrifice. And the end of it all is that mankind is a rebellious child struggling against the greatly loving parent that would even die to protect him. The parent that wants nothing but the best for his rebellious little one.

Talk to Father Adam. Let him guide you in reading these passages with the Fathers of the Church. And to help you dig deep to root out any rebellion remaining within yourself.

Bottle Redemption – An Easy Way To Help Your Church!

For several months now, St. George Church has had an account with Big Red Redemption, the bottle redemption business run by Community Health and Counseling in Bangor. Thanks to everyone who has contributed so far! To date, the account has earned St. George Church just over \$250! Big Red is open Monday through Saturday and is located around the corner from the church on Main Street, next to the fire station. Just count and bring your recyclable bottles and cans to the loading dock, and tell the attendant to put them on the “Saint George Church account.” *It’s that easy!*

ST. GEORGE “CARE COMMITTEE” ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MEMBERS

What a wonderful way to be involved in our St. George community while helping others!

The next Care Committee will be on September 28th.

For more information or if you know of a need the Committee could meet,
Please contact Presvytera Lisa (947-4709)

St. George Wish List

- 1) Altar Angels for altar needs: wine, incense, charcoal, etc...
- 2) Renovation of the bathrooms, making them handicapped accessible.

If anyone would like to contribute to the needs of St. George please see a Parish Council member. Thank you.

Daily Bible Readings SEPTEMBER 2008

1. Luke 4:16-22
1 Timothy 2:1-7
2. Mark 1:16-22
2 Corinthians 5:15-21
3. Mark 1:23-28
2 Corinthians 6:11-16
4. Mark 1:29-35
2 Corinthians 7:1-10
5. Matthew 23:29-39
2 Corinthians 7:10-16
6. Luke 10:16-21
Hebrews 2:2-10
7. John 3:13-17
Galatians 6:11-18
8. Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28
Philippians 2:5-11
9. Luke 8:16-21
Galatians 4:22-27
10. John 3:16-21
2 Corinthians 9:12-15;
10:1-7
11. John 12:19-36
2 Corinthians 10:7-18
12. John 11:47-54
2 Corinthians 11:5-21
13. John 12:25-36
1 Corinthians 2:6-9
14. John 19:6-11, 13-20,
25-28, 30
1 Corinthians 1:18-24
15. Matthew 10:16-22
Colossians 1:24-29

16. Luke 7:36-50
2 Corinthians 6:1-10
17. Mark 4:35-41
2 Corinthians 13:3-13
18. Mark 5:1-20
Galatians 1:1-3, 20-24;
2:1-5
19. Mark 5:22-24, 35-43;
6:1
Galatians 2:6-10
20. John 8:21-30
1 Corinthians 1:26-31;
2:1-5
21. Mark 8:34-38; 9:1
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22. Luke 3:19-22
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24. Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28
2 Timothy 3:10-15
25. Luke 4:16-22
Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5
26. John 19:25-27; 21:24-25
1 John 4:12-19
27. Luke 4:31-36
1 Corinthians 4:17-21;
5:1-5
28. Luke 5:1-11
2 Corinthians 4:6-15
29. Luke 4:38-44
Galatians 4:28-31;
5:1-10
30. Matthew 24:42-47
1 Corinthians 16:13-24

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU!

✠ Louis Barbalias ✠
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Juanita Pellon ✠ Kosta Shanos
✠ Sheldon St. Peter ✠

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE SPECIAL
PEOPLE IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS**

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WAS LIT...

On August 24th by **Poppy Davis** for
husband Charles - 10 yrs

MEMORIAL SERVICES OFFERED

**On August 10th for His Eminence Dionysios of
Neapolis and Stavroupolis at the request of
Metropolitan Methodios**

MAY HIS MEMORY BE ETERNAL

Recent Baptism

On Sunday, August 31st, Fr. Adam had the joy of
baptizing baby **Joaquin**, the son of **Daniel & Anna
(Flanzala) Mojica**. Godparents are **Uncle Ivan
Flanzala and Marina Smitherman**.
Best wishes to the Flanzala and Mojica families!

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COFFEE HOUR * *BOUQUETS

August 10th - **The Church**
August 17th - **The Church**
August 24th - **The Church**
August 31st - **The Flanzala and Mojica Families**
in honor of grandson Joaquin's baptism

**Many thanks to those who offered Coffee
Hours during this past month!**

Experienced Babysitter / Housecleaner Seeks Employment

Parishioner Maddy Herrold is available to do
babysitting, housecleaning, or yardwork.
Please contact her at 659-7016 or
Presvytera Lisa at 947-4709.

"I lift up my eyes to the hills where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Creator of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip, He who watches over you will not slumber; Indeed, He who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord watches over you, the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day; nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm, He will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forever more."
(Psalm 121)

My brothers and sisters in Christ, how much do we trust in the Lord to deliver us from the trials and tribulations of this present life? All we need do is to look to Him to guide us and to show us the way in which we should walk. Let me illustrate this with a story I read called "The Buzzard, the Bat, and the Bumblebee."

If you put a buzzard in a six-foot pen and leave the top entirely open, the bird, in spite of his ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of ten or twelve feet. Without space to run, as is his habit, he will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life thinking, "There is no way out."

The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkably nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place. If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash.

A bumblebee if dropped into an open tumbler will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself.

In many ways, there are lots of people like the buzzard, the bat, and the bee. They will go about in circles saying there is no way out... when actually there is a way out if they would only look up....

How often does nature teach us about ourselves. God in his wisdom shows to us our fallacies and shortcomings so that we may learn and grow. We can overcome them with our persistence in faith and with our trust in God's providence for us all. All we need to do is to look up and turn our eyes away from the false trappings of this world and fix our gaze upon the One who laid the foundations of the world for us. May we ever be consistent in looking up to heaven, with the fear of God, with faith, and with love, always!

Peace,

+Fr. Adam

SEPTEMBER 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9 am Orthros with the Liturgy following for Ecclesiastical New Year	2	3	4	5	6 6 pm Great Vespers
7 9 am Orthros with Liturgy after for the Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross	8 9 am Orthros with the Liturgy following for Nativity of the Theotokos	9	10	11	12	13 NO GREAT VESPERS
14 9 am Orthros with Liturgy after for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross & the Cross of our Church	15	16 Fr. Adam in Boston for Brotherhood Meeting	17	18	19	20 6 pm Great Vespers
21 9 am Orthros with Liturgy after for the Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross <i>Sunday School Begins</i>	22	23	24	25 5:30 pm Vesperal Divine Liturgy for the falling asleep of St. John the Evangelist	26	27 NO GREAT VESPERS
28 9 am Orthros with Liturgy after for the 1st Sunday of Luke	29	30	October 1st	October 2nd	October 3rd	October 4th 6 pm Great Vespers
October 5th 9 am Orthros with the Liturgy after for the 2nd Sunday of Luke	October 6th	October 7th	October 8th	October 9th	October 10th	October 11th NO GREAT VESPERS

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