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5TH **ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Afterfeast of the Transfiguration. St. Emilian the Confessor, Bishop of Cyzicus (813-820). Ven. Gregory the Iconographer, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th c.). Translation of the Relics of Ven. Zosimas and Sabbatius of Solovétsky Monastery (1566). St. Myron, Bishop of Crete (ca. 350). Martyrs Eleutherius and Leonidas of Constantinople, and many infants martyred with them. Ven. Gregory of Sinai (and Mt. Athos—14th c.). The "TOLGA" Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos (1314).

EPISTLE: Romans 15.30-33: May the god of peace be with you through these earthly struggles.

GOSPEL: Matthew 17.24-18.4: Whoever is humble as a little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

PRAYER FOR CHURCH GROWTH

This prayer is said at most Divine Liturgies, and privately in the homes of many of the parishioners. It is our way of asking for the Lord to continue blessing His Holy Church with growth through the coming together of His children in worship, fellowship and service.

Again, we pray to Thee, O Lord our God, that you would renew us and this parish by the Power of the Holy Spirit. Fill us with love and longing for Thee. Grant that we would seek not our own will but to do Thy will in all things and to be willing to lay down our lives out of love for Thee and for our neighbor. Draw thirsty souls to this place and remove their spiritual blindness, granting them through Thy grace to see the beauty of Thy Holy Glory in this place. Fill this community with new life, spiritual vigor and an insatiable desire to live godly and holy lives. Forgive us all of our sins as we fall down before Thee. Bring us all to a greater repentance and to an amendment of our lives as we look to Thee, the only Merciful and loving Lord Who calls all to salvation. We beg Thee, our merciful Lord, hear us, grant all of these petitions and all of our requests unto salvation: We pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.





Holy Apostles is a vibrant community that strives to live out the Gospel commandments as a community of brothers and sisters bound together in the love of Jesus Christ.





Funding the Future

Holy Apostles has been immensely blessed to receive the OCA Church Planting Grant for three years- a recognition of the hard work of the parishioners. This

enables the parish to spread the message of the Gospel in a multitude of ways.

That funding ends soon.

While the parish is indeed growing, it is still a mission and needs support to continue with its apostolic charge. It takes the hard work of many people to realize the vision of planting a new church. You can be part of helping a young mission survive and thrive.



If you would like to make a donation to support this vital ministry, scan this QRCode.



Thank You!

AGENDA FOR THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY

9:30 AM His Eminence, Archbishop Michael of New York arrives 10:00 AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

12 Noon Festive Meal at the Lansing Community Center 29 Auburn Rd, Lansing. Head south on Rt 34 and head 1 3/4 miles. Just past the traffic signal, on the right.

4 PM Great Vespers

SUNDAY

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy 11:00 AM Social Hour

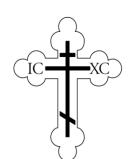


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MAKING DISCIPLES



Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28.19



We have been blessed with many baptisms and chrismations thus far. Children and adults alike have joined the Holy Orthodox Church and grown in their spiritual lives.

College Ministry

Orthodox Christian Fellowship

Weekly meetings at both Cornell and Ithaca College provide times of fellowship, worship and study under the care of local clergy.



The OCF hosts an annual regional retreat at St. Andrew's Camp.



They also bring in excellent lecturers to speak on topics such as "Christianity in the Arab World" and "Am I Saved? An Orthodox Christian Perspective."



Lastly, they serve those in need through various ministries such as fundraising for the local Advocacy Center and preparing meals at Loaves & Fishes.

PRAYER LIST

<u>LIVING:</u>	Helen	Jim & Kim	Apr Alexander
Apr Timothy H	Judy	Rachel	Rdr Gregory
Apr Herman S	Gretchen	Constantine & Maria	Daniel
Apr John C	Mary & Susan	Gaetan	Ada
Apr Thomas E	John & Carmine	Jean	Lillian
Apr Michael T	Nathan	Christine	Joseph
Apr Stephen M	Leah	Samuel	Marie
Pr Jason	Helen	Lisa	Joseph
Pr Athanasios	Lindsey	Lyudmila	Laura
Dn Symeon	Susanne H	Nickolay	Martha
Dn Michael	Elizabeth	Anetta	Stanley & Helen,
Abbess Silouana	Mary	Iconographer Helena	Taissia
Mother Raphaela	Joe A	Catechumens: Elliott	Steluta
Mother Christopl	Daniel	Children: Caleb, Christopher	Theophan
Mat Cecelia	Andrew & family	E, Anthony, Mia and Isabel,	Lynda
Mat Katya	Harold	BIRTHDAYS: Alyssa W.	Florence
Mat Dorothy	Wilhemina	ANNIVS: Brian & Wendy.	James
Joshua	Elizabeth	NAMESDAYS: Melissa,	James R
Brittany & Isaac	David	Shiloh.	Vasily
Gretchen	Madeline	DEDOCED.	Modecai
Peter	Shirley	REPOSED:	NEWLY REPOSED: None.
Marriane	Larry	Priest Matthew	ANNIVERSARIES: None.

To add names to the prayer list, leave a commemoration slip in the offering basket.

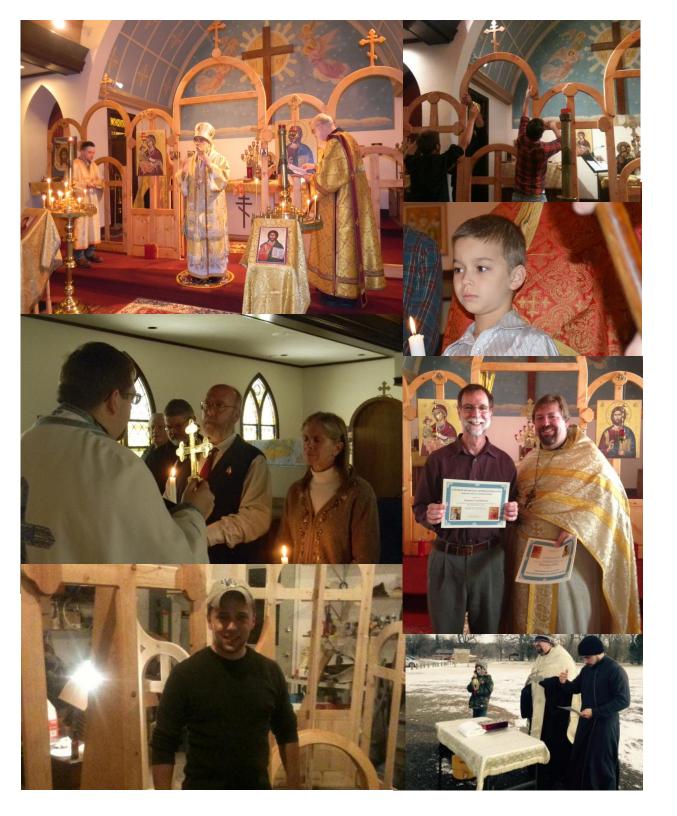
THANK YOU!

Priest John

Christina

Terrence

We want to thank His Eminence, Archbishop Michael of New York for both being with us today for these celebrations, as well as for his archpastoral love, compassion and guidance; the assembled clergy who have come to celebrate with us, serving as reminders that the Church is truly blessed and growing in this diocese and beyond; and all those who travelled from far and wide, and from the neighboring parishes and towns for joining us on this wonderful day. We could not have made it this far or been celebrating the blessings bestowed on us if it were not for the contributions of each and every one of you for the building up of Christ's Hoy Church here in Lansing. It takes the entire diocese and the intercessions of all the saints to plant and tend to a vineyard, and we are most thankful.



RECTOR'S WELCOME

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

My brothers and sisters, it is with great joy in our Risen Lord that I greet you and welcome you to our 5th Anniversary Celebration. It is my hope that throughout this weekend you will get to witness and partake of the great blessings that the Lord has



bestowed upon this community. We are a young community, but fervent in our desire to follow our calling as apostles in our little corner of the world - and we are most glad that you have joined us in joyous celebration!

You will notice that we try with all our heart and strength to be a spiritual home that embodies the essence of Orthodox hospitality, friendship and faithful service to the Lord. These are the things that brought this community together - and hopefully what will drive this parish for the next 50 years and more!

It is with the assistance of the Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors Program, as well as the Church Planting Grant program that we have been able to grow as we have so far. By utilizing these gifts, we have been afforded the opportunity to have services at a minimum of six days a week, worship with a full and robust holy day schedule, offer multiple educational opportunities and lectures, nurture two growing OCF chapters, and give charitable of our own time, talent and treasure.

May Christ our True God richly bless you and may He grant to you many years!

With great joy, I am your unworthy servant,

Rev Fr James Worthington

