

Reflections

Holy Mother of God Greek Orthodox Church

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Coming Home ~ Reflections from Fr. Alex

After long hard days, when I feel like I can't even drag my feet, my mind wanders and travels sometimes--often to places of comfort and peace ... many times images of "home." These "mind-pictures," if you will, take many different forms, none of which I can really explain. There is that moving picture-show of my sneakered feet, shuffling and crunching through the crispy maple and oak leaves, orange, purple and crimson a few weeks ago, but now steadily browning. I'm walking home from school by the old Frog Pond--a favorite childhood play-spot--with no particular place to go. A massive statue of Washington looms just to my right, arms outstretched. The sky is bluer than blue; the October air is crisp and chilly. It's perfect.



Then I'm off to the beach ... another childhood favorite, Plum Island Beach. It's July, hot, buggy (these awful, menacing "green-head" flies). I'm surrounded by my parents, brothers and sister--we're all sitting in the sand eating ham sandwiches packed by Mom. The ham and bread is squishy and warm, almost melting. And I can taste sand in the sandwich. It's funny to be eating a crunchy ham sandwich. There's "Kool Ade" and laughing and fussing about this and that, and everything's perfect.

Then it's off to the little downstairs apartment in the classic Boston "triple-decker," where Brandy and I lived while at seminary. It's December, freezing. I finally have listened to my smart young wife, & I've stopped shoveling the heavy, wet snow

to build a snowman with Phoebe. There's not quite enough snow to make a snowman, and it's not the right kind, (too slushy and heavy). But we build him anyway, and she thinks he's magnificent. There's not really enough snow, so we make a scaled-down snowboy. His name is "Potato-nose" even though he has a celery-beak (who can argue with that logic?). Brandy's calling us in for hot-chocolate; Phoebe's asking me—eyes big, deep and urgent—if he'll live forever....

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11 am - 7 pm

Spaghetti Dinners
June 1st & July 6th

Upcoming Events!

GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL BAKING:
Check the schedule on page 8 and make plans to be there this summer!

SPAGHETTI DINNERS FRIDAY JUNE 1ST AND JULY 6TH 11 AM – 7 PM: Join us to serve, or bring your family and friends to eat! There will be **Church tours** on July 6th given by Fr. Alex from **5 pm to 7 pm.**

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Weekday Services in June/July

June 28th: Apostles Peter and Paul. Orthros begins at **6:00 p.m.** (celebrated in anticipation of the 29th)

July 17th: St. Marina. Orthros begins **9:30 a.m.**

July 25th: St. Paraskevi. Orthros begins at **6:00 p.m.** (celebrated in anticipation of the 26th)

Altar Service

Fr. Alex would like to thank all of our servers and their parents for all of the hard work and dedication during Holy Week. Going forward, parents are kindly reminded to take note of your Altar server's assigned Sunday: if we have too few boys, we cannot carry out the Divine Liturgy properly; if there are too many present, we cannot properly teach, mentor and manage them. Each week, our captains who have Orthros duty are asked to arrive at Orthros no later than 10:00 a.m.; all servers should be in the Altar by 10:20 a.m., so they can have time to get settled and vest before Liturgy begins. Parents are encouraged to contact David Purpura, our Altar leader, with questions, ideas and input: purpura@psy.fsu.edu.

Team 1 Captains:

Nick Griner
George Joanos
CJ Barkas
Chris Perrigan
James Perrigan
William Perrigan

Team 2 Captain:

Nic Gavalas
Jimmy Branch
Nicholas Gavalas
Thomas Geeker
Nicholas Koikos

June 3rd, Team 1 (Orthros Duty: George Joanos)

June 10th, Team 2 (Orthros Duty: Nic Gavalas)

June 17th, Team 1 (Orthros Duty: Nick Griner)

June 24th, Team 2 (Orthros Duty: Nic Gavalas)

July 1st, Team 1 (Orthros Duty: George Joanos)

July 8th, Team 2 (Orthros Duty: Nic Gavalas)

July 15th, Team 1 (Orthros Duty: Nick Griner)

July 22th, Team 2 (Orthros Duty: Nic Gavalas)

July 29th, Team 1 (Orthros Duty: George Joanos)

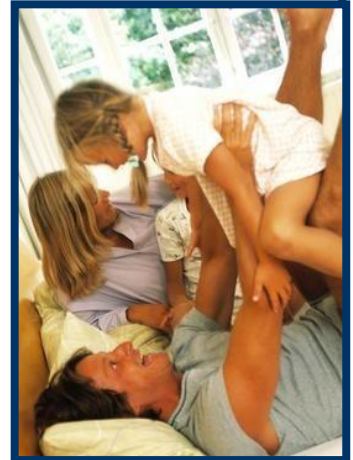
Thanks and congratulations (yes, congratulations) to Glen Perrigan for agreeing to be our official "Altar Dad" for the 2007-08 Altar service year. Glen will be helping out in the Altar, helping David Purpura organize events and generally working to build a sense of fellowship between our boys and parents.

Altar Captains' dinner on Sunday, August 26th, 6:00 p.m. at Sonny's Barbecue on Timberlane Road. Our captains will meet with Fr. Alex, David Purpura, and Glen Perrigan to enjoy some down-time together, plan out the year and reflect on successes and things that "need work" in the Altar. See you then, and bring napkins!

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These things smack of home, of comfort. They're places of retreat and renewal ... of recovery from today and fuel for the long, hard days to come. You have places like this as well—you travel there when you need to. These are your own private home-movies that you can play over again in your mind. They make you smile; they help you search out silver linings. They give you perspective and the sense that you *can* handle whatever it is you need to handle tomorrow.

In reality, I think the "place" aspect of the equation is the least important—what is home? Is it a geographic location, a house you lived in? No, I think comfort of this place in the heart comes from the people, the emotions we experienced, the times in our lives these "mind pictures"



represent. It's not about physically standing in the same place where x,y, and z happened so long ago—leaning against the old porch door where your husband first stole a kiss! The inspiration lies in the profound reality of those relationships, the people—in their love for us, their efforts on our behalf, the enjoyment of those sweet and moving moments, the understanding of the power of shared lives, the comfort we can still take in knowing that we are loved, cared for, prayed for.

So where is home? Your home, my home, is a place in the heart: love. And this "place" is a nice destination. This summer, take a long vacation there, and never leave. Make that long-put-off call to your uncle; the trip to see that incredible godchild of yours, even if you really can't spare the time; tell your parents you love them and that they've given you sweet memories to feed off of for a life-time; tell your brother you're sorry, and that the last thing you ever wanted to do was hurt him; ask your grandfather if he remembers when; hold hands with your wife, and tell her there's no one like her in the entire world.

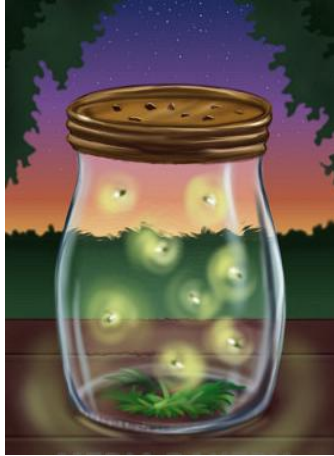
And don't forget who gave you that place in the heart to begin with—Christ. Wherever there is love, forgiveness, incredible memories, comfort, and warmth, He is there. Be there with Him, always, with those you love.

Now go make some memories!

Fr. Alex

"Fire-Flies"

Coming in Sept
2007, Wed.
"Fire-Flies"! A
new offering to
help us turn on
to the faith and
chase away the
dark! Details
are on the way
this summer...
**so keep
reading!**



A Desert Flower

Abba Pambo said, 'If you have a heart, you can be saved.'

(Each month, Father will select a saying or story from the Desert Fathers and Mothers of our faith—a *desert flower* for you to hold close to your heart.)



Our next ECHO Sundays are June 3rd, July 1st, August 5th. Our parish's bond with ECHO continues to mature and take us in new and inspiring directions.



Please join in this ministry to the **Emergency Care Help Organization**. Please drop off your loving gift of food and non-perishable items into the "Giving Boxes" located in the Hellenic Center and Patmos Hall.

Spaghetti Dinner HELP

We need volunteers to help with the Spaghetti dinner for the following dates and times:

June 1

8:00 to 10:00
10:00 to 12:00
12:00 to 2:00
2:00 to 5:00
5:00 to 6:30

July 6

8:00 to 10:00
10:00 to 12:00
12:00 to 2:00
2:00 to 5:00
5:00 to 6:30

August 17

8:00 to 10:00
10:00 to 12:00
12:00 to 2:00
2:00 to 5:00
5:00 to 6:30

September 7

8:00 to 10:00
10:00 to 12:00
12:00 to 2:00
2:00 to 5:00
5:00 to 6:30

Please call Nick Joanos at 893-8820 after 6:00 PM to sign up for a time slot, and for more information. Thank you.

Share this wonderful night with people at work, your neighbors, friends, and family! Like to help Fr. Alex with tours during our fall Spaghetti dinners? Get with Fr. Alex today!

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

What an outstanding year!

A note of thanks to everyone who gave their time and energy to participate in so many rewarding activities and fundraisers during this past Philoptochos year. What team effort we have!

Thanks to all who purchased and sold tickets to our annual chicken dinner - another success. Also, the raffle was good and my name was actually pulled as the winning recipient and I, in turn, reached out and donated the "Garden Theme" raffle items to a needy family - Philoptochos - giving back to those in need.

Our year was one filled with many Philanthropic endeavors and continues with the long summer days ahead. Please call on any member if you know of a need that needs to be addressed during our summer break.

On a final note, Philoptochos was pleased to award a scholarship to five outstanding Seniors. The requirement was an essay paper on "What My Orthodox Faith Means to Me" and a copy of their acceptance letter from college. The essays were outstanding and would make any parent proud. There is no doubt that through their college years ahead, they will be guided from their love and faith of God. Congratulations to all of you!

Janet Gavalas, George Joanos, Alexandra Mixon, Nicholas Sima and Stephanie Wernke.

Philoptochos prays all of you will have a safe and relaxing summer.

God Bless, Tina Joanos, President

Important Parish Updates and Notices

Fr. Alex's normal office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. If you would like to see Father, **please schedule an appointment**, so that he may plan an orderly weekly schedule and follow through with all of his commitments and deadlines. Sometimes, during office hours, Father may be in Liturgy, called away for emergencies, doing home visits, etc. **If an emergency arises, please call Fr. Alex directly on his cell phone: 850-491-7390, day or night.**



What time does it start? Not sure what day or time to head to Church for your favorite activity of special service? Log onto hmog.org and check out our **calendar page** for the latest and greatest at our parish.

Got wine? Van Geeker does! As a follow up to May's "Close Encounters: Marriage" seminar, all of our parish couples are invited to a night of fun, learning (this time, about wine!) and good conversation. **Thanks to Athena Gill for hosting the event**, and to Van for sharing his expertise with us. Date is T.B.A. but a **September weekend** is being targeted.

Coming in September, a new "Orthodox Life" series, led by Fr. Alex: "On the Priesthood: St. John Chrysostom and the Life of the Shepherd." The series will focus on St. John's small but powerful book "On the Priesthood," connecting his encouraging words with the life of the Orthodox priest and ultimately to "priestly" functions of the laity, the people of God. Please plan to join Fr. Alex, and grow in the faith!

Orthodox Christian Health-Care Proxy. Fr. Stanley Harakas has given Fr. Alex a sample health-care proxy based on Orthodox Christian ideals. **This is something you may want to share with your physician, lawyer and family.** Please contact Fr. Alex for a copy.

Feel like dumping on someone? Come to **Holy Confession** on Tuesdays from 3-5:00 p.m. Fr. Alex will be waiting for you to come and let God "take it all away."

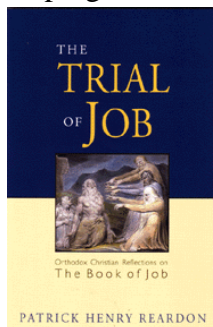
Parishioners without wheels. Fr. Alex is in contact with several senior parishioners who need a ride to Church on Sundays. It's a sad reality when someone wants to come to Church and can't--please help. Call Fr. Alex today!

Fr. Alex began vacation on May 26th and will return to us on June 7th. We welcome Fr. Frank Mayernick as our guest Liturgist on Sunday, June 3rd. We wish Fr. Frank and Presbytera a wonderful visit with their son and daughter-in-law (our own Frank and Tracy Mayernick).

Combined Summer Edition (June/July) Reflections. In consideration of the hiatus most of our youth and adult ministries experience in the summer months, and the high cost of printing, the current "**Summer Edition**" *Reflections* is offered. As always, Father hopes you find it interesting, informative and inspirational--not to mention economical!

Book of the Month

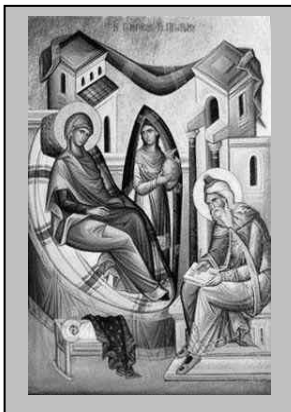
June and July's "Book of the Month" is *The Trial of Job*, by **Patrick Henry Reardon** (offered to you at "cost" for \$12.00). In 107 pages, Reardon offers an Orthodox Christian perspective on Job's trials, helping us to see ourselves and



our own struggles - in him. Pick it up today at the Homecoming Table, and take it to the beach this summer!

Covered Dish Luncheon to celebrate our Church's feast day, the Dormition of the Theotokos!

On Sunday, August 19th, please bring your favorite dish for our annual celebration of the Dormition of the Theotokos, immediately following Divine Liturgy. This will be a wonderful day of celebration and reflection on the blessing in our lives; but most importantly, during the first 15 days of August, make an effort to fast, empty yourself as Christ did for us, and share in our divine services, like Paraklesis and Divine Liturgy on the 15th (the actual feast-day of the Dormition). **Please make this holy time of preparation and commemoration a priority for you and your family.**



June 2007

Prosforo Schedule

June 8 – Nick Klonis
June 17 – Eula Lountos

Calendar Symbol Key:

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- = Wine and Oil Allowed
- = Fish Allowed
- = Dairy, Eggs & Fish Allowed
- = Father Away

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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24 Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Nativity of John the Baptist Altar Team 2	25 	26 Confessions 3-4 p.m.	27 	28 Orthros & Divine Liturgy 6:00 p.m. Holy Apostles Peter and Paul	29 FESTIVAL BAKING Dolmades	30 FESTIVAL BAKING Dolmades



July 2007

Prosforo Schedule
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 July 15 – Katie Mathes
 July 29 – Irene Milatos

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Lights...Camera...YOUTH!

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."

1 Timothy 4: 12



Youth News & Thanks

Voices of Faith will break for the summer months and will resume in September. If you or your child would like to read the Epistle this summer, please contact Joseph Sima and a date will be arranged.

A holy summer for our children. Many of our youth will be attending St. Stephen's Camp in South Carolina this summer; this is the official camp of the Metropolis of Atlanta—a summer rallying point for all of our parishes and a place for our children to gather, laugh, grow in the faith and develop a personal relationship with Christ. If you'd like to learn more about this wonderful yearly youth program, and about the many youth activities offered to us each year by the Metropolis, check out www.atlanta.goarch.org today!

Thanks for many jobs, very well done. As Sunday School and our regular youth activities break for the summer, Fr. Alex and our Parish Council wish to extend warm thanks to our youth leaders for their work in 2006-07: Athena Gill, Youth Director; Alex Penn Williams, Sunday School Director; Carly Ramsey, Dance Chair; Victoria Landy, Youth Choir Director; Debbie Wernke, GOYA Advisor; Brandy Chetsas, JOY Advisor; Stephanie and Nicole Joanos, Nursery Co-Directors. Without the dedication, hard-work and love of these women, our youth ministries would come to a grinding halt. God bless and strengthen them, as they prepare for our youth kickoff events in August 2007.

GOYA NEWS

Congratulations to GOYA's newly elected officers for the 2007-2008 school year.

President: *Athena Landy*
Witness Chair: *Elleni Gavalas*
Worship Chair: *Nicholas Gavalas*
Service Co-Chairs: *Lora Williams and Shannon Landy*
Fellowship Chair: *Rachel Wernke and Spencer Frankeberger*

Our community is as proud of you as I am. I look forward to a new year of exciting challenges with you; watching you grow in your faith and bonding together. This summer our officers will meet to begin plans for the new year. Please don't hesitate to call with your ideas.

Debbie Wernke

GOYA Advisor

To our parents. Thanks for a powerful year of learning about and growing in the faith. Remember that youth ministry at HMOG cannot happen without your love, help, input and creativity. Fr. Alex and all of our youth leaders look forward to working with you again next fall. **Have a great summer and don't vacation from Church!**

Pan-Hellenic Scholarship Foundation opportunity. This organization offers individual scholarship grants of up to \$10,000. Interested college and graduate students should visit the website at www.panhellenicscholarships.org, for applications and details.

Continuing and ongoing reminders from Fr. Alex....

*****that our place** during Orthros and Liturgy is in the Church and not in the Hellenic Center, unless we are part of a sanctioned team preparing for a Sunday luncheon or other activity occurring on that very Sunday after Liturgy. This protocol, of course, goes for weekday services as well. I'm counting on our Parish Council members and all of our parishioners to rise to the occasion and "teach our children well."

*****that food and drink** should not be consumed on our Church campus during Orthros and Liturgy. Coffee hour happens after we've received Antidoron; if we want coffee and breakfast before this time, it needs to happen at a restaurant or at home. This should be a "no-brainer" for us.

*****that we should all** respect and honor our Church and campus buildings. The playground, ECHO boxes, offering plates, and Sunday School classrooms are *not trash receptacles*. Remember, this Church is where we celebrate Liturgy, baptize our children and say goodbye to our loved ones.

*****that you are loved, trusted and respected by your Parish Council and me—please help us eliminate these problems immediately. We all have more important things to deal with on a daily and weekly level.**

Checked our HMOG "Family Page" lately?

Parents, this is something that can really help you day by day, week by week, month by month in bringing the faith into your family's daily life. You'll find tips on building a healthy body and mind, upcoming events for our children and so much more. **This is a great resource for our parish, and it takes a great deal of love, time and effort to continue its progress. Please take advantage of it today! Like to help out? Brandy welcomes your muscles: bhetsas@bankruptcydata.com.**

Saintly Lives

**Repose of St. Anna,
Mother of the Theotokos
(July 25th)**

**Apolytikion for St. Anna
(sung on Dec. 9th,
commemorating the birth of
St. Anna)**

*Against all hope, the bonds
of barrenness are loosed
today. For God has
hearkened unto Joachim
and Anna clearly promising
that they would bear a*

*godly maiden. He who commanded the angel to cry out
"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you," will be born of
infinite One Himself, becoming man*



According to the ancient tradition of the Church, since St. Anna was unable to conceive, she and her husband, Joachim, remained without children until old age. With great sorrow and even greater hope, they besought God with a promise that, if He were to grant them the fruit of the womb, they would offer their offspring to Him as a gift. The Lord heard their supplication; and through an angelic visit, informed them about the coming birth of their own daughter, the Virgin Mary. God kept his promise: soonafter, Anna conceived a child, and was found worthy to become the mother of the Mother of our Lord.

Making it real. Sometimes it seems as if God is not hearing our prayers--if nothing else, sometimes it seems like he's at least not answering them. God's sense of timing and our sense of timing are often different--this can be frustrating, and sometimes we all feel like we might as well stop hoping. Use the example of Joachim and Anna to spark a discussion about this issue with your son or daughter. Concentrate on the importance to (a) pray for important things that speak to our salvation and (b) to have patience, trusting that the Lord hears us, loves us, cares about us, and will bless us in His own way, and in His own time. What we "get" may not be what we thought we wanted or imagined must be, but we will always receive exactly what we need.

The icon above depicts St. Anna and St. Joachim, following the birth of the Virgin Mary. Their mutual gesturing proclaims the centrality of Mary—her role as "Theotokos"—as well as the joy of two parents thankfully offering their "miracle-child" to the Lord.

Blessings in Our Lives . . .

Congratulations!

It's a boy! Love and congratulations to BC and Stephanie Veliotis, Lukas was born on May 18. A long and beautiful life to Lukas and may he always walk with God!

Michael and Alexandra Johnson will baptize their little **Barbara Donna on Sunday, June 10th**. Barbara is as sweet as she is beautiful; she has all of our love, prayers and support as she approaches this magnificent day. Fr. Dennis Listermann-Vierling will be joining us for Divine Liturgy that day and will officiate at the Baptism.

Goodbye and congratulations to Professor Adamovich! Our beloved Dr. Ljubisa Adamovich returned, in late May, to his home city of Belgrade, Serbia. A long-time and respected economics professor at F.S.U., Dr. Adamovich has accepted the position of President of the University of Banja Luka, Bosnia; this is a new university being set-up under the auspices of the United Nations. While we are extremely proud of him, his departure is a true loss—in addition to serving as our OCF faculty representative over the past year, he has been a long-term, dedicated and faithful parishioner of our Church. He will be deeply missed!

Congratulations to Nadya Caspary on the completion of her second Master's Degree in Piano Accompanying!! In 1980, Nadya received her first Master's in Piano Performance in Kiev from the Tchaikovsky Conservatoire. She taught piano at the Chernovtsy Music College in Ukraine and was the Chairwoman of the Chamber and Accompany Department. While touring and performing abroad with various groups, musicians, singers, and instrumentalists, she met her husband, George, in the Czech Republic after her last concert in Prague. In the fall of 2004, Nadya entered the FSU Music College to study Piano Accompanying with Dr. Bridger. She has played in numerous concerts with various musicians. In 2005-06, she and Violinist, Shelly Mathews, organized a new music series called Teatime Concerts. She enjoyed the experience of performing in Tallahassee with talented musicians not only from FSU, but from other Music schools that were invited to play with them. Now she is teaching music to children of all ages.

May Your Memory Be Eternal...

Angela Coumanis fell asleep in the Lord on May 1st; a Trisagion and Funeral were sung on May 3rd and 4th, respectively. Fr. Dennis Listermann-Vierling joined Fr. Alex, Angela's children, grandchildren and many dear friends for several days of prayer, remembrance and inspiration. Angela has left a deep imprint on all of our hearts--may her memory be eternal, and may we be encouraged by her holy life and courageous struggles! **On June 3, we will sing a 40-day memorial for Angela Kalfas Coumanis, beloved mother of Olibia Drzewiecki, George Coumanis, and Chrissie Hughes, who fell asleep in the Lord on May 1, 2007. May Her Memory Be Eternal!**

On Sunday, May 6th, a Memorial was sung for Anastasia Grigoropoulos, grandmother of Christina Grigoropoulos. Anastasia fell asleep in the Lord on Palm Sunday, 2007. We pray that her family is blessed with peace, comfort and assurance in the goodness and love of our Risen Lord. **May Her Memory Be Eternal!**

Greek Food Festival Baking Dates for June, July, and August 2007

June 15 & 16	9 a.m.	Tiropita	Janet Gavalas
June 22 & 23	9 a.m.	Spanakopita	Richard Allen & Victoria Landy
June 29	<i>After Liturgy</i>	Dolmades	Richard Allen
June 30	9 a.m.	Dolmades	Richard Allen
July 7	9 a.m.	Dolmades	Richard Allen
July 13 & 14	9 a.m.	Moussaka	TBA
August 18	9 a.m.	Pastitsio	Mike Wernke
August 24 & 25	9 a.m.	Pastitsio	Richard Allen



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JUNE - JULY SERMON SERIES

**“The 7 Sacraments: Nurturing
Us from the Cradle to the
Grave”**

June 3rd: Fr. Frank Mayernick,
guest homilist

June 10th and 17th: Holy Baptism
and Holy Chrismation

June 24th: Holy Eucharist

July 1st: Holy Confession

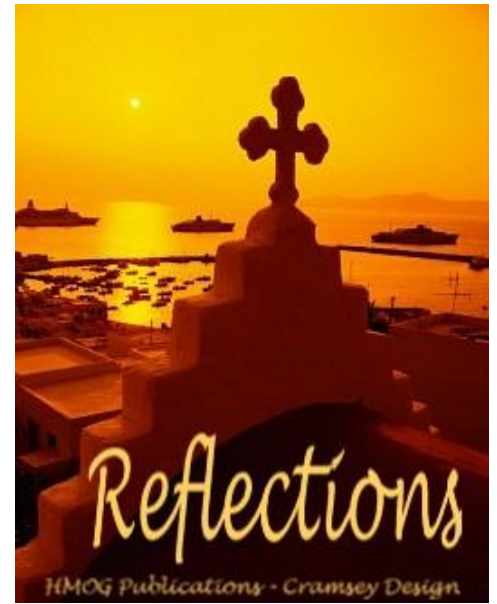
July 8th: Holy Unction

July 15th: Holy Matrimony
(Betrothal)

July 22nd: Holy Matrimony
(Crowning)

July 29th: Holy Ordination

2007 parish directories are now
available at the Church office.
Please come by after Liturgy or
stop by during our secretary's
office hours.



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