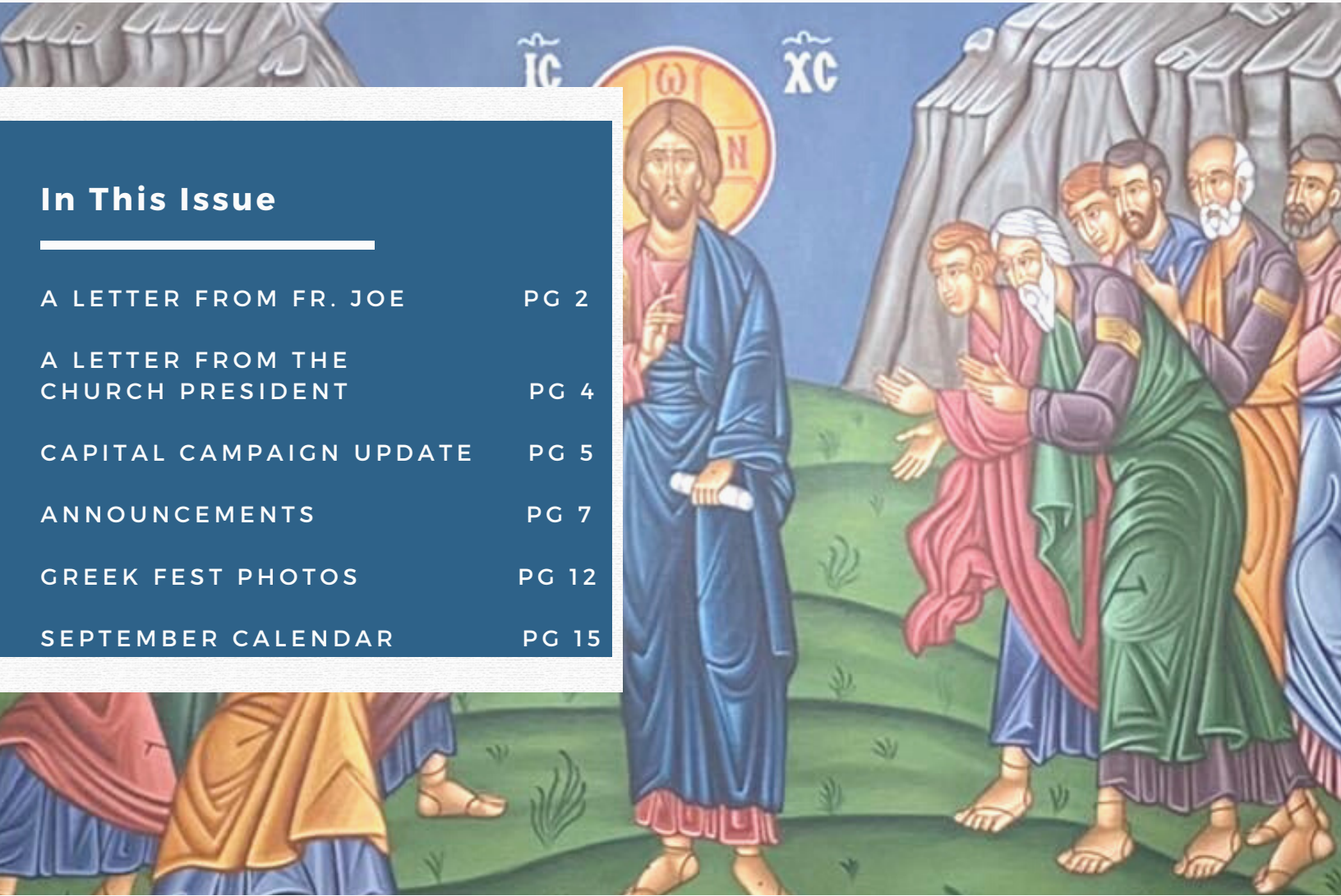


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BIBLE VERSE SPOTLIGHT

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.



Dear Faithful and Friends of Ypapanti:

Many times people come and leave the Church with the same impression, and with a sense of minimal benefit from their experience. Because of human nature, it is not uncommon for people to become unresponsive to things that we become accustomed to. When we attend The Divine Liturgy, we should remember, that one of definitions of the "Liturgy," means the work of the people. It does not mean just the presence or the spectacle of the people, but the work, as in effort and the effort starts with prayer, but does not end there. Because the work of the people goes beyond our liturgical prayer life, it extends to our parish council, parish organizations and parish life, in general. The work that we do should always be "a hymn of praise."

While it is not uncommon for some people to come to Church because they feel compelled because of family ties, ethnic heritage, or because they were born in this Church, or because they have a sense of obligation, there remains a greater need to do more. No matter what reasons there are, and there may be many, it is essential that everyone recognizes the sacred responsibility to be active in Church life. To be a member of the Church means that we must put something into the life of the Church. To do so, gives evidence to ourselves and others, that there are duties and responsibilities that we are all to share towards our Church. We must resist taking this responsibility lightly.

As, I conclude my first year, as your parish priest, (thank you for your love, respect, support and responsiveness) I feel compelled to express my admiration for the faithful core of people, who continuously give of themselves for the Church. The great success of our recent festival was due to our leaders and core group of parishioners. Their dedication is to be commended. But, I can't help but wonder about those who come out of the "woodwork," and contribute to the many tasks necessary to accomplish a successful event. Their contributions are greatly appreciated, but I must ask, what would it take to motivate them to be more involved in the life of the Church?

The importance of this lies in the true meaning of the Church.

Surely we all recognize that the Church is not just a building; it is not just an organization or an institution; it is not an ethnic enclave; nor is it a social service organization. It is, as St. John Chrysostom writes: "made up of the souls of us human beings," that cannot be built by stone and mortar, but rather by the "spiritual growth of its members into the full reality of Jesus Christ." In other words, the Church is about making Christ real in our lives!

The Church then, is composed of God's people, who gather together in His Name, thereby calling ourselves Christians; people who share a common faith and hope in the risen Christ, as the fulfillment of God's revelation for the salvation of our souls.

The Church is made up of people who affirm the truth of Orthodoxy through faith, belief and experience, not as preachers, but people who continue to proclaim the Gospel in action, as fellow workers with Christ and all His followers down through the centuries.

Hence, every persons involvement is very essential, for not only the life of the Church, but for our own spiritual life. The Lord calls everyone to discover this most sacred responsibility that necessitates recognizing the importance of our being an active Church member, that requires our commitment to regularly contribute to the welfare of the Church. We are to use what God has given us, to His Glory, through the life of His Holy Church.

Your Servant at the Lord's Holy Altar,
Father Joseph Cervo



Dear Church Family,

What a beautiful summer we had! Many of our friends were able to travel to Greece and other wonderful destinations this year, we were able to worship & have fellowship together, continue our open mic nights, greek dance together, provide food/clothing/hot meal pantries, assemble backpacks for the needy, and last but not least – prepare for and conduct our 40th Annual Food Festival...on a new date!!!

The GreekFest was very successful, and it was a joy to see so many working together for the good of our Church. The thing that struck me the most was the overall sense of joy and camaraderie. There were old relationships renewed, and new relationships formed. How wonderful to become closer with each other through hard work for our Church!

September 1st is the beginning of the ecclesiastical new year, and we are planning some fun activities for all. Please stay tuned...

Looking forward to seeing you in Church!

**Marguerite Ellis
Parish Council President**



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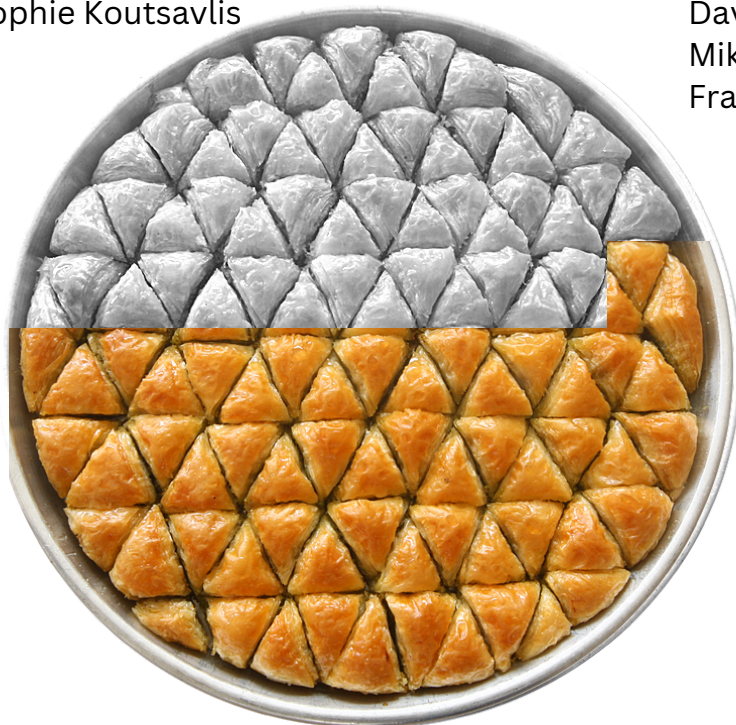
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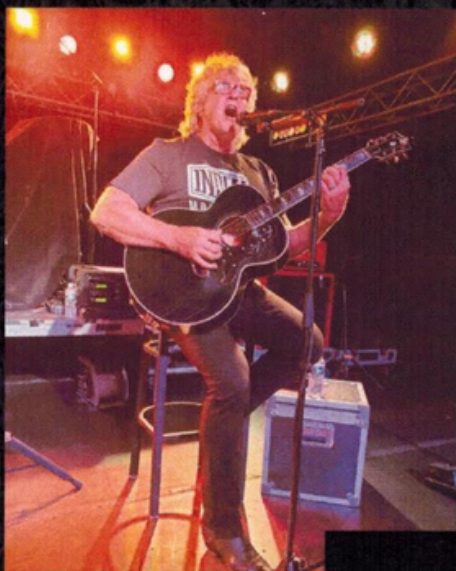


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2023 Greek Fest





September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Sunday School every Sunday after Holy Communion						
3 8:30am Matins 9:30am Divine Liturgy	4	5	6 1:00pm *Olympia Hall Bereavement Luncheon"	7 Vigil of the Nativity of the Theotokos 5:30pm Matins 6:30pm Divine Liturgy	8 Nativity of the Theotokos	9 *Olympia Hall Booked*
10 8:30am Matins 9:30am Divine Liturgy 12:00pm Philoptochos	11	12 7:00pm Parish Council Meeting	13 Vigil of the Holy Cross 5:30pm Matins 6:30pm Divine Liturgy	14 Feastday of the Holy Cross	15	16
17 8:30am Matins 9:30am Divine Liturgy	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 8:30am Matins 9:30am Divine Liturgy	25	26	27	28 5:30-6:30 Food & Clothing Pantry	29	30 *Olympia Hall Booked

SEPTEMBER 2023

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Rev. Father Joseph Cervo

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*While Fr. Joe will be in the office regularly, feel free to contact him if you wish to set up a time to meet.

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