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LIVE YOUR ORTHODOX FAITH

JUNE/JULY

Christ is Risen!

THE MEANING OF HOLY PENTECOST

“And where they had gathered together (the Disciples), He gave them this order: Do not leave Jerusalem but wait for the gift my Father has promised that I told you about. John baptized with water but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 1:4-5)

And fifty days after Jesus had Resurrected from the dead and had ascended into the Havens the twelve Disciples, along with about one hundred and twelve Believers awaited in prayer in the upper room to receive the Holy Spirit. (Acts 1:15)

“And suddenly there came a sound from Heaven, as of a mighty rising wind and filled the Whole house where they were sitting. Then, there appeared to them divided tongues as of fire, and one sat up on each of them. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” (Acts 2:2-4) And with the divine gift the twelve now became Holy Apostles.

And each was given an additional language in order to preach the good news of salvation to a particular nation in that nation's language. Therefore, the Apostles taught the same one Christianity and the same one Church wherever they went.

This monumental event marks the birthday of the Orthodox Church. The Pentecost Vespers will be prayed on May 8th following the Divine Liturgy.

In the Risen Christ's Name,



Father George, Proistamenos

Metropolitan's Message

Beloved Faithful of the Metropolis of Detroit,

It is sometimes difficult to realize how busy and preoccupied we are with the basic reality of living. Think of how many issues we must deal with in a day just to get by: work, school, spouse, children, food, mail, shopping, laundry, bills, doctors....it just seems like we don't get a break.

And yet, it is precisely at this time when our lives seem overrun by the things of this world that the Church encourages us to step back from all of these distractions and to concentrate on the one thing that is necessary: our relationship with God.

While the world spins on a merry-go-round of delusion and self-centeredness, the Church encourages us to focus intently on the one thing that matters: God and His love for us.

The Church insists on this because regardless of any temporary human conditions, it is the love of God which will transport us from corruption and

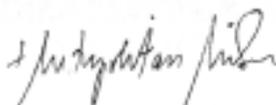
decay into Holiness and Life.

Everything on this earth will pass away, but the shocking jolt of renewed life given to us through the Resurrection of Christ from the dead will make the difference in our eternal future.

So this year, while we may play games with the children and look for Easter eggs, I would rather encourage us all to search for the Resurrected Christ. Look for Him in the liturgical services of this season and in the acts of charity we do in His name. Look for Him in the Eucharist and in the forgiveness He grants to us.

Look for Him in the proclamation that Christ is Risen! And know with certainty that He has come to save us!

With every blessing in the Risen Lord,



✠NICHOLAS

Metropolitan of Detroit

CHOIR NEWS

Friendly reminders to the Choir members: Please be in Church by 9:45 every Sunday

- A. To receive your music in an orderly fashion
- B. To get your robe if necessary.

Please let me know if you are not going to Church that Sunday. I need to make decisions regarding who will sing antiphons, or who will read the Epistle, or who will do a solo.

Although our Choir is a little more informal than most choirs, there is still important Protocol. We want the whole congregation to join in with us, but we need to know what we are doing so they can follow. It is only respectful that we abide by the above.

Thank you,
Presvytera Anne

ORTHODOX ETIQUETTE: STANDING VS. SITTING

The traditional posture for prayer and worship in the Orthodox Church has been to stand. In the Orthodox “old countries,” there are usually no pews in the churches. Chairs or benches on the side walls are usually reserved for the elderly and infirm. In North America, we have tended to build our churches with pews, and since we have them, we need to figure out when we may sit and when we should stand. First of all, it is fully acceptable, (even preferable) to stand for the entire service. If you prefer this, it would be better to find a place closer to the back or side of the church so as not to stand out or block someone’s view. When should you definitely stand? Always during the Gospel reading, the little and Great Entrances, the Anaphora, the distribution of Holy Communion, whenever the priest gives a blessing, and the Dismissal. In many parishes, the Divine Liturgy books in the pew have suggested times when sitting is acceptable. Follow those instructions (it’s probably safer than to follow what the people are doing in the first couple of rows). When in doubt, stand. It’s never wrong to stand in church.

ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDAR

June 1	Sunday Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am Recognition of Sunday School students, High School and College graduates General Assembly during the Coffee Hour	June 29	Sunday Divine Liturgy. Saints Peter and Paul Namesday, 10:00 am
June 7	Saturday of the Souls Divine Liturgy, 9:15 am	June 30	Divine Liturgy. Feastday of the Twelve Holy Apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9:15 am
June 8	Sunday Divine Liturgy commemorating the Holy Pentecost. Vespers of the Pentecost to follow. 10:00 am	July 4	American Independence Day
June 9	Monday Divine Liturgy Honoring the Holy Spirit, 9:00 am	July 13	Sunday Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am
June 13 & 14	The Church Yassou Festival under the tent.	July 20	Sunday Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am Followed by a graduating luncheon for all parishioners in honor of Kassandra and David Kum hosted by Mr. & Mrs. Kum.
June 15	Sunday Divine Liturgy for All Saints whose namesday is unknown, 10:00 am	July 25	Friday Evening Divine Liturgy for Saint Paraskeve, patron Saint of the eyes. Her blessed Holy Water will be available for anyone desiring it, 5:00 pm
June 16	Fasting period for the Holy Apostles begins today through June 30th.	July 27	Sunday Divine Liturgy. Feastday of Saint Panteleimon the healer, 10:00 am
June 22	Sunday Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am		

SUPREME COURT DECISION

A few months ago our Church Orthodox Bible Studies class spearheaded a letter to the Supreme Court condemning their decision to legalize homosexual marriages. It was pointed out to the highest body of lawmakers that they should refrain from listening to the wishes of “antichrists” as Saint John the Evangelist points out to us in his Epistle. (1 John 2:18). Many passages in the Holy Bible indicate that marriage is a Holy Sacrament between a man and a woman.

Seventeen parishioners signed this letter and more expressed the desire to sign if there had been time. Although homosexual marriage has not yet been disallowed, something else good came from our letter and I am sure letters from many Church goers, throughout the States. By NOT listening to the antichrists regarding prayer in the schools, the following exciting thing has occurred:

On Monday, May fifth, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that prayer is constitutionally allowed in the public sector. In Schools, at meetings, ect. This is a major coup. This shows that when we speak up for the good, as a collective group, our voices are heard. When we defend God’s teachings we are heard.

Those who signed the letter, can feel confidence that they did the right thing and good came of it.

Thank you and God Bless You all!!!

-Father George

2014 STEWARDSHIP LIST

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Crandall, Chad, Brittany & James	Kianos, Violet	Singleton, Todd, Alexis & Family
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Cummings, Virginia	Louis, L. Terry	Stanton, Dean & Maria, (Ashley)
Decker, Jim and Kathy	Lundmark, Jason	Theofilactidis, George & Kathy
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Dimas, George & Dorothy	Michos, Crist & Robin	Tsitso, Spiro L.
Dimas, Louis & Thomaidha	Michos, Elizabeth	Turner, Angie & William
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Dimitri, Athena B.	Morrison, Heath & Kathleen	Verleni, Nicholas & Helen
Dimitri, John & Julie	Newburg, Elizabeth & Jerry	Voulgaris, Tony & Helen
Dimitri, L. Michael & Jo Ann	Noni, Ordella M.	Zorich, Ron & Voula, (Jimmy)



Memorials for June & July 2014



In memory of R. Ted Searls

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Allyn, Gina, Daniel,
Taylor, and Harrison Leake
Loretta Searls
Violet Kianos
Ordella Noni
Connie Mignoli
James B. Cummings
*Elizabeth and Mark Frederick

In memory of Dr. Thomas Verleni

Violet Kianos
Connie Mignoli
Elizabeth and Mark Frederick

In memory of Aphrodite Silo

*Elizabeth and Mark Frederick
*Ethel Enserro

In memory of William "Bill" Panos

Betty Pappas

In Memory of Michael Christatos

*Elizabeth and Mark Frederick
*Ethel Enserro

* Donation to the Johnson Scholarship fund

COUNCIL CORNER

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The Parish Council is working on the needs of our church, especially with completing the renovations that couldn't be accomplished by the end of last year. Plans are underway to landscape the church grounds. We are investigating a new security system for the church. We're also looking at replacing the aging boiler system and renovating the interior of the church. The boiler system and other topics will be brought up at the June 1st Special Assembly and we hope to complete any approved projects by the end of the year.

With love in Christ,

Jim Cheronis
Council President



ERENE SOCIETY

Submitted by Athena Constantine, President

Thank you so much from all the Erene members, to all who donated to our successful Rummage and Bake Sale, which was held on May 2nd and 3rd.

Our May meeting was held on May 7th in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm. Presvytera Anne was our refreshment hostess. Donations for the month went to:

Disabled Veterans
Mouth and Foot Artists
St. Jude Children's Hospital and
The Mercy Home for Boys and Girls

May birthdays were for Presvytera Anne Zervos, Catherine Petro and Teres Duro. We are looking forward to the Church Yassou Festival on June 13 and 14. Please volunteer at the various booths. They need your help.

The June meeting will be held on June 4th at the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm. Hostess will be Violet Kianos. We will make plans for our annual picnic at this meeting.

Congratulations to all those graduating from High School and College.

There will be no July or August meetings.

Reminders: Please bring canned or perishable food items on Sundays so that we can donate them to the West Side food Pantry and personal care items for women and children at the home for the abused. Remember those in Nursing Homes.

Have a great and safe summer!

Remember: *"If your day is hemmed with prayer, it is less likely to unravel.."*

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National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians

Sunday, July 6th — Thursday, July 10th

PHILADELPHIA, PA

in conjunction with the 42nd Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress

What's in Store for You:

** Sing the hymns and responses for the Divine Liturgy on Sunday July 6 at St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Philadelphia*

** Participate in the Opening Ceremony and hear the Archbishop's Keynote Address*

** Exchange ideas with church musicians from across our Archdiocese about the use of English, new music, youth involvement, choir director development, chanter training, congregational singing, and more.*

** Help review and set direction for Forum activities — our agenda will include discussions and decision-making about the following:*

- ✓ *Choir Development*
- ✓ *Byzantine Chant*
- ✓ *Liturgical Music for Youth*
- ✓ *Church Music Institutes & Workshops*
- ✓ *Awards, Stewardship, and Public Relations*
- ✓ *Assistance to Clergy and their parishes*
- ✓ *Assistance to Parishes*
- ✓ *Publications*
- ✓ *Finance and Administration*

** Participate as one of your Federation's delegates or as an individual as a current Forum Steward.*

** Fellowship and Fun: Church Music Reception, Hymnology Workshop, Forum Dinner*

HOTEL INFORMATION:

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***** REGISTRATION FEE = \$185.00 *****

[This fee covers registration, meeting materials and Sunday Reception, Monday Opening and Keynote, Tuesday Workshop, Tuesday's Forum Dinner, and daily snacks]

Submit your Annual Meeting Registration Form and Fee by Monday, June 2nd
(Please make check payable to the National Forum)



NATIONAL FORUM OF GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH MUSICIANS



2014 Annual Meeting Philadelphia, PA

Preliminary Schedule

Saturday, July 5th

Arrivals and Welcomes during the day - Marriott

If you plan to sing for the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, July 6, there is a mandatory rehearsal at St. George Cathedral from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

No Host Dinner in the Marriott area

Sunday, July 6th

Gathering and Warm-up [time to be announced]

Divine Liturgy

National Forum members sing the National Anthems for the opening of the Philoptochos Meeting (3:30 pm)

*National Forum Rehearsal for the Reception [4:00 pm]

Church Music Reception - Awarding of the 2014 St. Romanos Medallion [5:30 - 7:30 pm]

Monday, July 7th

No Host Breakfast at/near the Hotel

Gathering and Warm-up [8:00 am]

The Forum sings at the Official Congress Opening/Archbishop's Keynote Address

Metropolis Discussions

No Host Lunch Break [1:00 - 2:00 pm]

Official Opening of the National Forum's Annual Meeting [2:30 - 6:30 pm]

Clergy-Laity Congress Social Event (on your own) or No Host Dinner in the Marriott Area

Tuesday, July 6th

Continuation of the Annual Meeting [9:00 am - Noon]

No Host Lunch Break [Noon - 1:30]

Church Music Workshop for Congress Delegates [2:00 - 4:00 pm]

Continuation of the Annual Meeting [4:30 - 6:30 pm]

National Forum Hosted Dinner in Philadelphia [7:30 pm]

Wednesday, July 7th

Continuation of the Annual Meeting [9:00 am - noon]

No Host Lunch Break [Noon]

Continuation of the Annual Meeting [1:30 - 6:00 pm]

Clergy-Laity Congress Grand Banquet (on your own) [7:00 - 11:00]

Thursday, July 8th

No Host Breakfast at/near the Hotel

Continuation of the Annual Meeting at the Hotel [9:00 am]

Election of the National Chairman

Adjournment of the Annual Meeting [1:00 pm]

A REMINDER: To participate in the Annual Meeting, your personal Forum Stewardship must be current!



NATIONAL FORUM OF GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH MUSICIANS

2014 INDIVIDUAL STEWARDSHIP FORM



We encourage each church musician in a parish to become a steward of the National Forum.

This includes clergy, choir directors and choir members, chanters, music educators, and interested others.

Please Note: We welcome yearly stewardships from individuals --- we no longer accept group stewardships (choirs, parishes, organizations, etc.) or Life Member categories. THANK YOU!

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HANDS OF PRIESTS

As clergy, we make dynamic use of our hands in all of what we do as priests. Our hands are interesting appendages to our ministry in serving in the vineyard of the Lord.

The anatomical structure of the human hand with its 27 bones and 37 muscles is designed for dexterity and fine movements. It has a considerable number of sensory endings and intricate motor configuration, so we can convey various emotions through its gestures, warmth and tactility. Furthermore, it is a metaphor for love and service so as to underscore the profundity of the anointed hands of the priest.

Our hands are considered holy as they touch the Holy. With our hands, we bless the newborn. Brought to Church for "Churching," we grasp the infant firmly with our hands. At the baptism of the child, we anoint it with oil, we hold it gently yet steadfastly. Holy Chrism is applied with our hands. Tonsuring is done with great care by our hands. The vesture for the newly-illuminated infant is given with love from our hands. Holy Communion is held determinedly, so as not to spill.

In the Divine Liturgy, our hands have a most active role in blessings, breaking, taking, giving, receiving, and consuming.

As the child grows and matures, our hands touch heads in healing and blessing. With our hands, we exchange the kiss of peace. With Holy Unction, we mediate forgiveness for our faithful. In Holy Confession, we forgive their transgressions. In the sacrament of Holy Matrimony, we unite. With our ordination, the hand was placed upon our head.

Our hands mark the faithful in so many ways, we tend to forget what our hands have done over the years. And yes, even at the funeral, our hands place the oil and earth as we pray for the eternal repose of the one who has fallen asleep in the Lord.

God bless your hands, retired brother; they indeed serve the Lord.



Position of the fingers of the right hand in making the sign of the cross



Singing from our Hearts...

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.

– Psalm 95:1

My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing to You, and my soul, which You have redeemed.

– Psalm 71:23

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

– Colossians 3:16

They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!"

– Revelation 15:3

...Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

– Ephesians 5:18–19

Singing belongs to one who loves.

– St. Augustine, Sermon 336

We should offer up doxologies to God with fear and a contrite heart, in order that they may be accepted like fragrant incense.

– St. John Chrysostom, On Psalm 140

Nothing so arouses the soul, gives it wing, sets it free from the earth, releases it from the prison of the body, teaches it to love wisdom and to despise all the things of this life, as concordant melody and sacred song composed in rhythm.

– St. John Chrysostom, On Psalm 41

Psalmody, bringing about choral singing, a bond, as it were, toward unity, and joining people into a harmonious union of one choir, produces also the greatest of blessings: love.

– St. Basil the Great, Exegetic Homily 10

Pray gently and calmly, sing with understanding and rhythm; then you will soar like a young eagle high in the heavens. Psalmody calms the passions and curbs the uncontrolled impulses in the body.

– Evagrius the Solitary, On Prayer

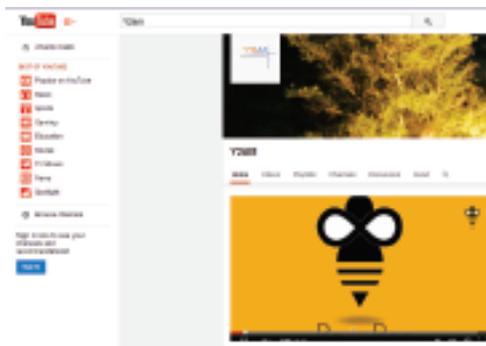
Internet Ministries by Sabrina Piaschyk

The department of Youth and Young Adult ministries' has a weekly YouTube™ series called “Be the Bee”, *Finding God in Everything, Everyday*. B the Bee is a production of the GOARCH department of Youth and Young adult ministries and a presentation of Ancient Faith Radio. “This brief weekly video podcast will focus on the various ways in which God has infused all of the creation with goodness and beauty. The title refers to the metaphor of the bee and the flies that was used by Elder Paisios to describe how Christians should approach life.” – By Steven Christoforou-,GOARCH Youth Protection/Parish Ministries Coordinator.

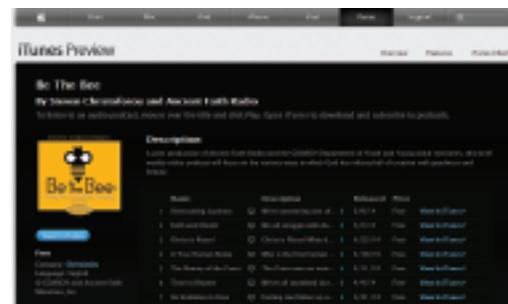
For more information go to: <http://www.ancientfaith.com/video/bethebee> - A link can be found on St. Nicholas website homepage.



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- Also available on iTunes



HAS THE CHURCH LOST ITS YOUNG PEOPLE?

By FATHER ANDREW DEMOTSES

In any adult conversation about religion, we often hear people make the comment that the church is losing its young people. I often wonder exactly what people mean by this statement. It seems to me that people do not usually expect that it will be taken literally, but rather intend to express the conviction that somehow the church has failed to appeal to young people.

The truth of the matter is that the church has no young people to lose. God has entrusted children to the care and nurture of their parents, and not the church. St. Paul places the responsibility for children exactly where it belongs when he writes to the Christians in Ephesus, “Parents, do not treat your children in such a way as to make them angry. Instead, raise them with Christian discipline and instruction.” (6:4). Solomon, in his wisdom, advised us to “Teach a child how he should live while he is young, and he will remember it all of his life.” (Proverbs 22:6).

It is not the responsibility of the church to decide at what hour your teen must be in. It is not the priest who tells your child what TV program he may watch. The church does not choose the friends your children bring home and play with at school. If you do not come to church as a family on Sunday, the best and most enthusiastic Church School teacher is of no use to your child. No church can teach a child to pray in a meaningful way, when that child comes from a home that is barren of prayer and faith in God.

It is not the job of church or school to give children a sense of values and moral direction. It is the job of the parents to whom they belong. The gift of faith is not acquired in a sixty minute Church School lesson or a youth program activity. Rather it is the result of careful nurture, living example, and faithful living on the part of concerned and devoted parents. It is true that every day children are lost. But it is important that we place the blame for this tragedy exactly where it belongs!

The Church in the 21st Century

Yassou is less than a month away and we are spreading the word by sending out letters to fellow Orthodox Church's in the area, placing posters up in business, radio advertising, updating our webpage, and much more. If you would like to help us spread the word there are a few ways you can do this.

- (1) Print a Yassou poster from your home computer. Go to www.stnicholasjamestown.org and click on the Yassou tab. Click on the links to the right- "Yassou Poster"

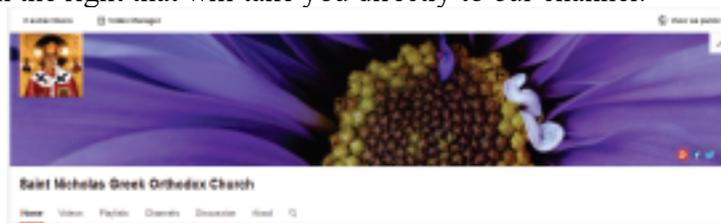


- (2) Print Yassou brochures to hand out to your friends! Go to www.stnicholasjamestown.org and click on the Yassou tab. Click on the links to the right- "Yassou Brochure"
- (3) Like us on Facebook and share our Yassou pictures and advertisements on your page!
- (4) Invite friends, family, and loved ones to like us on Facebook, twitter, and +Google

At the Yassou festival

When you are at the festival remember to #stnicholasjamestown on Instagram, facebook, and twitter. If you have video from the festival please share it on the Church's Youtube channel.

For our Youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMXXBpDb1h7cKqgtscHgpmQ> You can also go to our homepage and there is a button the right that will take you directly to our channel.



Thank you,
Sabrina Piaschyk

Dear Parishioners,

With the Yassou Church Festival quickly approaching, I would like to inform you of some new items being incorporated to enhance this year's Festival as proposed at last year's post-Festival meeting.

1. Double the amount of posters.
2. Test the sale of lamb shanks.
3. A Yassou Greek wine has been prepared to sell by the bottle.
4. A Kaffeneion to sell Greek Coffee and sweets hosted by the Michos family.
5. A stick-on tag to all fathers which will read "I am a father" to be handed out by a parent of our girl scouts.
6. The Orthodox religious booth from the Annunciation Church of Buffalo, supervised by Tina Anna and Tom Getska.

And be sure to assist Mr. John Silo, Festival chairman, any way you can presently, during and after the Festival days.

Thank you, Father George

Congratulations & Best Wishes

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A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?" A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy.
"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked.
"You know: Our Father, who does art in Heaven..."

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.
"Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip."
The minister chuckled. "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

Two well worn bills arrived at the Federal Reserve Bank to be retired - a twenty and a one. As they traveled down the conveyor belt, they struck up a conversation. The twenty reminisced about the interesting life he had, traveling all over the country. "I've been to the finest restaurants, Broadway shows, Las Vegas, Atlantic City," he said. "I even went on a Caribbean cruise. Where have you been?"
"Oh," said the one dollar bill, "I've been to the Methodist Church, the Episcopal Church, the Lutheran Church."
The twenty asked, "What's a church?"

There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation, "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new gym/fellowship hall building program. The bad new is, it's still out there in your pockets."

