

Welcome to Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, May 01, 2005

Gospel Reading:

John 20:19-25

Pascha Agapi Service

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe."

Apolytikion for Great and Holy Pascha

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and bestowing life on those in the graves.

- Translation by Narthex Press

Kontakion

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

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Today's Easter Sunday (Agape Service)

fellowship hour is offered by the **our Saint Nicholas Nursery Mothers.**

All are cordially invited to attend the fellowship following The Divine Liturgy.

* SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY: RESCHEDULED TO MONDAY, MAY 16

- Monday, May 2 Baby/Toddler Playgroup — 11:00 am
- Tuesday, May 3 Saint Nicholas Seniors Meeting — 2:00 pm
Iconography Meeting — 7:30 pm
- Thursday, May 5 Y.E.R.A.C. Meeting — 7:00 pm
- Friday, May 6 Zoodochos Peghee — Life-Giving Fountain of the Mother of God
Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am
- Saturday, May 7 Philoptochos welcome reception for Presbyteria Sandra — 1:30 pm
Pick-up Mother's Day flowers — 10:00 am

Parish News and Events

Our Saint Nicholas Parish

would like to wish our Church office secretary Kate Hazelton a speedy recovery as she recovers at home. Please keep her in your prayers.

Our Saint Nicholas Parish

would like to extend another heart-felt thank you to Parishioners: Angie Siannis-Letsos, Susie Pagalos, Demetra Mitropoulos-Rundus and Mia Donoghue for assisting in the Church office during Kate's absence.

Stewardship — The Year of the Family

Your commitment to the Stewardship Program of this parish is critical to our continued operation and ministries! For those who have not filled out a stewardship card, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

Parishioners who have a Balance

on their Building Fund Pledge are asked to please do their best to fulfill it as soon as possible. Let us quickly reduce the amount of our mortgage principle. Thank you.

Prosforon

will be needed for the Sunday of: June 12th. Please contact the Church Office if you would like to offer the Prosforon.

Fellowship Hour Sponsors

is needed for the following Sunday: June 19. If you would like to offer the fellowship hour, please contact the Church Office.

Metropolis of Detroit Summer Camp

Located in Rose City, MI is **now accepting applicants for campers and staff.** Please see our Parish website for more information. We are hoping to have as many kids as possible go during **4th week (July 24-30).** Father Nick will spend that entire week at camp. **Sign up by TODAY, May 1st** to receive the cheapest camper tuition!

Mother's Day (Sunday, May 8)

Flower Baskets will be available for pick-up on Saturday, May 7 and Sunday, May 8.

Parish News and Events continued...

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Visitors Please Note

Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians. Visitors are welcome to receive the Antidoron (Blessed Bread) which is distributed at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

Saint Nicholas Seniors

A Bus Trip to Sauder Village (an Amish community) east of Toledo is planned for Tuesday, May 24th. We will leave the church parking lot at 9:00 am and return at 6:00 pm. The cost of the trip is \$34.00. This includes the bus fee and the entrance fee to the complex. Meals will be a separate expense. All adults are most welcome on this excursion. Come with us! Please pay by next Sunday, May 8th. Present your check (checks to Saint Nicholas Church) to either Joan Raphael or Penny Bekiares. Thank You!

Our Saint Nicholas Nursery

is open each and every Sunday to all Parishioners. Please consider volunteering some of your time to help on an occasional Sunday. Contact Linda Theros or the Church office. **Sewing Bed pads for Arbor Hospice**, Sponsored by our Saint Nicholas Philoptochos, is an on-going monthly project. The next sewing session will take place on Tuesday, May 3rd at 9:30 am here at the Church. All ladies of the Parish are asked to come and help this worthy cause. The Philoptochos and Arbor Hospice thank you.

Two Collections Each Sunday

The First collection is for our Parish operating fund and the second collection will be for various needed improvements of our Church Buildings and Grounds (60%) and to pay down our debt (40%).

Hospital Visits

are an essential part of the priestly ministry. If you are sick or if a loved one is sick and would like to have a visit from Fr. Nick, please do not hesitate to call the office.

Philoptochos

Our Philoptochos is sponsoring a **Welcome Reception** for Presbytera Sandra Kotsis at 1:30 pm here at the church. This event has been rescheduled to Saturday, May 7, 2005.

GOYA

The next GOYA meeting will take place on Sunday, May 8 for elections. The GOYA is also hosting a GOYA event Friday, May, 13 in conjunction with the Metropolis Oratorical Festival being hosted by our Saint Nicholas Parish on the following day.

Choir Rehearsals are scheduled every Wednesday from 6:15 pm — 7:45 pm.

This is a temporary change and rehearsal dates will be re-evaluated after Easter. We are still looking for more singers! All our parishioners 12 and up are welcome to join.

The Sunday Bulletin

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ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ! ~ CHRIST IS RISEN!
ΑΛΗΘΩΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ! ~ TRULY HE IS RISEN!

GREAT and HOLY PASCHA



Orthros	9:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy	10:30 a.m.
Epistle Reading	Acts of the Apostles 1:1-8
Gospel Reading	John 1:1-17

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