

Welcome to Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, May 08, 2005 — **HAPPY MOTHERS DAY !!!**

Epistle Reading:

St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:4-10

BRETHREN, God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God: not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.



Today's fellowship hour

is offered by the Mitropoulos-Rundus family. All are cordially invited to attend the fellowship following The Divine Liturgy.

Gospel Reading:

John 20:19-31 Thomas Sunday

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."

Eight days later, His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said: "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to Him: "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

Apolytikion for Thomas Sunday

Christ our God, You are the Life that dawned from the grave, though the tomb was sealed. Through closed doors You came to the Apostles. You are the Resurrection of all. And, You renewed us through them with an upright spirit, according to Your great mercy.

— Translation by Narthex Press

Apolytikion for Great and Holy Pascha

O Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling upon death, and to those in the tombs, in the tombs, bestowing life. (This is the translation the choir will be singing—we printed that version here so that everyone can sing it **exuberantly** at the appropriate time!)

Parish News and Events www.stnickaa.org

- Tuesday, May 10 Iconography Meeting — 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, May 11 Choir Practice — 7:00 pm
Philoptochos Meeting — 7:30 pm
- Thursday, May 12 Parish Council Meeting — 6:30 pm
- Friday, May 13 GOYA Event — 7:00 pm
- Saturday, May 14 Metropolis of Detroit Oratorical Festival — 8:30 am

* SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY: RESCHEDULED TO MONDAY, MAY 16

Mother's Day (Sunday, May 8)

Flower Baskets will be available for pick-up TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 8.

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.

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%).

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.

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.

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.

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.

MAY 08, 2005

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

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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 TODAY, Sunday, May 8th. Present your check (checks to Saint Nicholas Church) to either Joan Raphael or Penny Bekiares. Thank You!

GOYA

The GOYA will meet immediately following The Divine Liturgy and will be holding Elections for officers for the 2005-2006 year. The GOYA is also hosting a GOYA event Friday, May, 13 in conjunction with the Metropolis of Detroit Oratorical Festival being hosted by our Saint Nicholas Parish here on the following day.

Choir Rehearsals are scheduled

every Wednesday from 7:00 pm — 8:30 pm We are still looking for more singers! All our parishioners 12 and up are welcome to join.

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.

Cemetery Visitations on Memorial Day

Rev. Father Nick will be at the following cemeteries on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, at the following times:

Bethlehem: 9:00 am — 11:00 am

Washtenong: 12:00 pm — 1:00 pm

Forest Hill: 2:00 pm — 3:00 pm

Other cemetery visitation arrangements can be made after 3:30 pm with advance appointment.

Sitting in Church

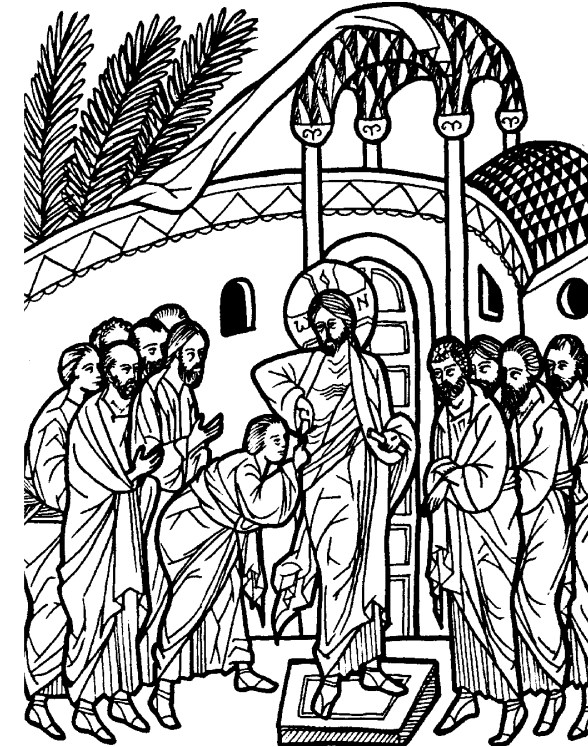
Please note, if you are someone, who for physical reasons cannot stand at the appropriate times during the Divine Liturgy, by all means, please sit down. Also please remember that we do not kneel in church during this period after Easter until Pentecost.

Spring General Assembly

Will be held on **Monday, May 16, at 7:00 pm** at the church. All members in good standing are welcome and strongly encouraged to attend this important meeting. With your help, input, and support of this meeting and the ministries and activities of this parish, more can be accomplished towards the sacred goals of our Saint Nicholas community.

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.



THOMAS SUNDAY

Orthros	9:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy	10:30 a.m.
Epistle Reading	St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:4-10
Gospel Reading	John 20:19-31
Prosforon	Artemis Alex

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