

# Welcome to Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

## Sunday, May 15, 2005

### Epistle Reading:

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

IN THOSE DAYS, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "it is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

**Memorial Service today** is offered for:

Kyriakos Philippou — 40 Day

Christopher Mitropoulos — 5 Year

Margaret Kales — 5 Year

May their memories be eternal.

### Today's fellowship hour

is offered by the children and grandchildren of Louis & Marguerite Chiatas in honor of their parents' 50th Wedding Anniversary. All are cordially invited to attend in fellowship following the Divine Liturgy.

### Gospel Reading:

Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8

Holy Myrrhbearers Sunday

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

### Apolytikion for Holy Myrrhbearers Sunday

Standing by the tomb the angel said to the Myrrh-bearing women: "Myrrh is for the dead; but Christ has shown Himself stranger to death."

— Translation by Narthex Press

Ταῖς μυροφόροις Γυναίξι, παρὰ τὸ μνήμα ἐπιστάς, ὁ Ἄγγελος ἔβόα· Τὰ μύρα τοῖς θνητοῖς ὑπάρχει ἀρμόδια, Χριστὸς δὲ διαφθορᾶς ἐδείχθη ἀλλότριος· ἀλλὰ κραυγᾶσατε· Ἀνέστη ὁ Κύριος, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

### 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!)

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι ζῶν χαρισάμενος.

## Parish News and Events ([www.stnickaa.org](http://www.stnickaa.org))

- Monday, May 16 Baby/Toddler Playgroup — 11:00 am  
**SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING — 7:00 pm**
- Tuesday, May 17 Iconography Meeting — 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, May 18 AHEPA Meeting — 7:00 pm  
Daughter's of Penelope Meeting — 7:30 pm  
Choir Practice — 7:00 pm  
Saints Constantine and Helen Divine Liturgy — 10:00 am  
Daughter's of Penelope Luncheon — 1:00 pm
- Saturday, May 21

### Our sincerest condolences

to the family of Betty Ellis (Kussurelis) on her passing last Friday. May her memory be eternal.

### 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%).

### 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.

### 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.

**\* SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY: RESCHEDULED TO MONDAY, MAY 16**

**THE SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY** will be held **TOMORROW, 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.

#### **GOYA**

GOYA Officers for the 2005-2006 year as elected at last Sunday's meeting:

President — Daphne Lambropoulos  
Vice President — Anastasia Mitropoulos-Rundus  
Secretary — Christina Pagalos,  
Treasurer — Dimitri Roumanis  
Congratulations to our new board!

An important date is Sunday, May 22nd — the annual GOYA brunch will be held — come and support the GOYA!

Tickets will be sold on Sundays and at the door from GOYA members.

#### **Family of high school or college graduates**

Please let the Church office know if someone in your family is graduating from high school or college this spring so that proper recognition can be made by the church!

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **Cemetery Visitations on Memorial Day**

Rev. Father Nick Kotsis 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.

#### **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.

#### **Our Saint Nicholas Parish Website**

If you are physically unable to attend Church Service in person, you are now able to watch the Divine Liturgy live from your home or anywhere in the world. We now have the service on **www.stnickaa.org** on our Parish home page; there is a link there which connects you to it. Thank you to the generosity of Parishioners David Donoghue for the web server and connection to the internet through his ISP and to Ted Apostoleris for the camera and electrical configurations done in our Church.

# The Sunday Bulletin

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



#### **HOLY MYRRHBEARERS SUNDAY**

Orthros	9:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy	10:30 a.m.
Epistle Reading	Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7
Gospel Reading	Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8
Prosforon	Betty Manolakis

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