

# Welcome to Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

## Sunday, May 22, 2005

### Epistle Reading:

Acts of the Apostles 9:32-42

IN THOSE DAYS, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

### Gospel Reading:

John 5:1-15 Sunday of the Paralytic

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked.

Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

### Resurrection Apolytikion

Let the heavens sing for joy, and let everything on earth be glad. \* For with His Arm the Lord has worked power. \* He trampled death under foot by means of death; \* and He became the firstborn from the dead. \* From the maw of Hades He delivered us; \* and He granted the world His great mercy.—Translation by Fr. Seraphim Dedes

### 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.

- Translation by Narthex Press

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

- Tuesday, May 24 Saint Nicholas Seniors bus trip to Ohio  
Iconography Meeting — 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, May 25 Mid-Pentecost-Finding of the Head of the Forerunner and  
Baptist John Liturgy: 10:00 am
- Thursday, May 26 Physical Plant and Maintenance Meeting — 7:00 pm

### 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 26th. Please contact the Church Office if you would like to offer the Prosforon.

### Fellowship Hour Sponsors

is needed for the following Sunday June 26th. If you would like to offer the fellowship hour, please contact the Church Office.

### Memorial Service today is offered for:

Archbishop Iakovos — 40 Day  
The second tray will be donated to The Chair of Theology, Holy Cross of Theology in memory of Archbishop Iakovos Demetrios & Vasiliki Bairactaris — 1 Year  
May their memories be eternal.

### In lue of the fellowship hour today, our

**GOYA** will host their annual brunch fundraiser — come and support the GOYA! Tickets will be available at the door from GOYA members. All are cordially invited to attend!

### 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.

### 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

**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.

**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.

**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 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.

**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.

**Our Saint Nicholas Parish Website**

We have many photos of a variety of events posted on our website from the last few years. Take a moment to relive those wonderful memories or view an event you may have been unable to attend.

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.

**Saint Nicholas Seniors** There is an extremely important planning meeting on Tuesday, June 7th at 2:00 pm. We will meet at church, and committee people will finalize preparations for the June Gathering. Senior's "Taverna" night, Tuesday, June 21, 2:00 pm at Church.

Saint Nicholas Parish Landscaping Workday: Saturday, June 4 — 9:00 am

Greek School Graduation: Sunday June 5

Church School Graduation: Sunday, June 12

Annual Saint Nicholas Parish Picnic: Sunday, June 12 — 2:00 pm

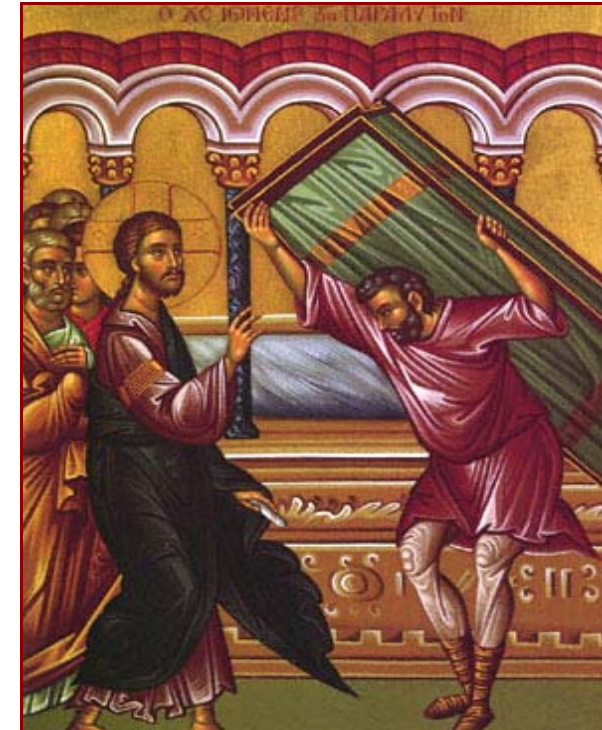
Annual AHEPA Gold Outing for Educational Scholarships: Saturday, June 18

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# The Sunday Bulletin

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ΑΛΗΘΩΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ! ~ TRULY HE IS RISEN!**



SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

Orthros	9:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy	10:30 a.m.
Epistle Reading	Acts of the Apostles 9:32-42
Gospel Reading	John 5:1-15
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