

# Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, May 29, 2005

## Gospel Reading:

John 4:5-42

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is

coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him.

Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony. "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard ourselves, and we know that this is indeed Christ the Savior of the world."

# Welcome!

## Epistle Reading:

Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30

IN THOSE DAYS, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

- Monday, May 30
- Tuesday, May 31
- Wednesday, June 1
- Thursday, June 2
- Saturday, June 4

Memorial Day

Iconography Meeting — 7:30 pm

Choir Practice — 7:00 pm

Y.E.R.A.C. Meeting (Library) — 7:00 pm

**Saint Nicholas Parish Landscaping Work Day — 9:00 am**

## Parish News and Events

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### Cemetery Visitations on Memorial Day

Rev. Father Nick Kotsis will be at the following cemeteries, **TOMORROW, 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

### 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.

### 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 Sunday of June 26th. If you would like to offer the fellowship hour, please contact the Church Office.

### From Kate Hazelton (Office Secretary)

Thank you, people of the Saint Nicholas parish and community, for all of your prayers, cards and support during my recent illness. They helped to pull me through.

- Kate

**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 or summer so that proper recognition can be made by the 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.

**Philoptochos Events**

**June 8th** — 6 pm — End of Year Picnic at the lake home of Helen Garris. Cost is \$10. Please make your reservation by June 4. Please call Helen Garris at 663 - 0270 for information.

**Young Adults** — Motor Meals

We are looking for six Young Adult volunteers for Saturday, June 11. Meet here at Saint Nicholas at 10:00 am to commute. End time should be around 1:00 pm. Please call Andreas Stathopoulos if you are interested at: 709-8380.

**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.

**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.

**Saint Nicholas Parish Landscaping Work Day: Saturday, June 4 at 9:00 am**  
AHEPA Educational Scholarship awards and Greek School Graduation: Sunday June 5  
Church School Graduation and Annual Saint Nicholas Parish Picnic: Sunday, June 12  
Annual AHEPA Golf Outing for Educational Scholarships: Saturday, June 18

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**The Annual AHEPA Golf Outing** for Educational Scholarships will be Saturday, June 18. A 12:00 Noon shotgun start will happen at Stonebridge in Saline. Contact Christos Philippou if you wish to play or sponsor a hole, or just attend the dinner.

**Our Saint Nicholas Parish Website**

We have many photos from various events posted on our website from the last few years. 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](http://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 work done in our Church.

**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.

**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).** Fr Nick will spend that entire week at camp.

# The Sunday Bulletin

MAY 29, 2005

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



SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

Protopsaltis	Zannis Res	Orthros	9:30 am
Choir Director	Jon Wardner	Divine Liturgy	10:30 am
Prosforon	Dennis Pantazatos	Epistle Reading	Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30
Fellowship	Parish Council	Gospel Reading	John 4:5-42

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