

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, June 12, 2005

Epistle Reading:

Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18,28-36

IN THOSE DAYS, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesos and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them.

Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Gospel Reading:

John 17:1-13 Fathers of the 1st Council

At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made.

"I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

Resurrectional Apolytikion

When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory to You.

- Translation by Fr. Seraphim Dedes

Kontakion

O Christ our God, upon fulfilling Your dispensation for our sake, You ascended in Glory, uniting the earthly with the heavenly. You were never separate but remained inseparable, and cried out to those who love You, "I am with you and no one is against you."

- Translation by Narthex Press

Apolytikion of the Church

The truth of your manner of life manifested you to your flock as a rule of faith and an icon of gentleness and a teacher of self-control. By humility, therefore, you acquired the things on high, and riches through poverty. Father Holy Hierarch Nicholas, intercede with Christ our God, entreating that our souls be saved.

Apolytikion for Fathers of the 1st Council

You are greatly glorified, O Christ our God, who established our Fathers as luminaries upon the earth, and through them led us all to the true Faith. O Most compassionate, glory to You.

- Translation by Narthex Press

Parish News and Events (www.stnickaa.org)

- **Monday, June 13** Bible Study with Father Nick: Genesis 2
10:00 am & again at 7:00 pm
- **Tuesday, June 14** Iconography Meeting — 7:30 pm
- **Wednesday, June 15** AHEPA Meeting — 7:00 pm
Choir Practice — 7:00 pm
- **Thursday, June 16** Study in Orthodoxy 100.1 "The Sacraments" — 7:00 pm
- **Friday, June 17** Paraklesis Service — 7:30 pm
- **Saturday, June 18** Saturday of Souls Orthros and Divine Liturgy — 10:00 am
Annual AHEPA Golf Outing for Scholarships: 12:00 Noon
- **Sunday, June 19** Honoring of High School and Altar Boy Graduates

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.

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!

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%).

Family of high school or college grads

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

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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.

Saint Nicholas Seniors

Join us, at our social hall, for a special gathering at the, "TAVERNA" on Tuesday, June 21st at 2:00 pm. There will be singing, dancing, food & fellowship. Please R.S.V.P. no later than, Sunday, June 19th, by calling Penny Bekiaries (662-6606) or Joan Raphael (483-0923).

Philoptochos Events

IOCC is the Philoptochos Community Care Ministry for the months of June, July and August. IOCC is the Pan-Orthodox humanitarian organization that brings essential aid around the world and is based solely on need. Donations are being accepted at this time. Please look for a letter requesting your support in next month's bulletin.

"Save the date" for the Philoptochos Yassou golf outing on Sunday, September 18, 2005.

Choir Rehearsals

We are still looking for more singers! All our parishioners 12 and up are welcome to join.

Prosforon

will be needed for the Sunday of July 10th. Please contact the Church Office if you would like to offer the Prosforon.

Fellowship Hour Sponsors

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

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 at: www.stnickaa.org on our Parish home page; there is a link there which connects you to it. Please also visit our Saint Nicholas Parish website to access our Parish calendar!

Our Saint Nicholas Nursery

is open each and every Sunday to all Saint Nicholas Parishioners. Please consider volunteering some of your time to help on an occasional Sunday. Please contact Linda Theros or the Church office.

Metropolis of Detroit Summer Camp

Located in Rose City, MI is **now accepting applications for campers and staff.** Please see our Parish website for more information. We are hoping to have as many kids as possible go during the **4th week (July 24-30)**. Father Nick will spend that entire week at camp.

Young Adults

Our Saint Nicholas Young Adults will be busy this summer. We will be attending Bible Studies weekly with Rev. Father Nicolaos on Monday evenings here at Saint Nicholas, followed by basketball games. **We are also hosting an Ice Cream Social for the entire Saint Nicholas Parish on Wednesday, June 29** right after Father Nick's Study in Orthodoxy Class. Please come and join us for fun and ice cream! For more up to the minute information on these and other upcoming Young Adult activities, please visit our Saint Nicholas Parish website often at: www.stnickaa.org



Sunday of The Fathers of the 1st Council

Protopsaltis	Zannis Res	Orthros	9:30 am
Choir Director	Jon Wardner	Divine Liturgy	10:30 am
Prosforon	Anonymous	Epistle Reading	Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18,28-36
Fellowship	Church School	Gospel Reading	John 17:1-13

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