

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, June 26, 2005

Epistle Reading:

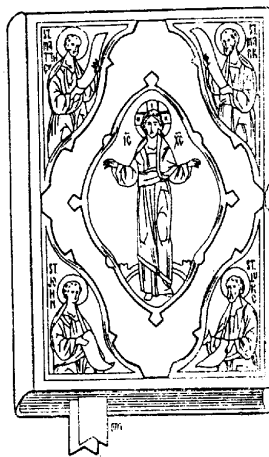
St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2

BRETHREN, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 10:32-33;37-38;19:27-30 All Saints

The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."



- **Monday, June 27**
- **Tuesday, June 28**
- **Wednesday, June 29**

Bible Study with Fr. Nick: Genesis 4 — 10:00 am & again at 7:00 pm
Iconography Meeting — 7:30 pm
Feast Day of Saints Peter and Paul. Orthros & Divine Liturgy — 10 am
Study in Orthodoxy 100.3 "Eucharist" — 7:00 pm
St. Nicholas Parish Ice Cream Social — 8:00 pm (Free for Everyone!)
Parish Council Stewardship Committee Meeting — 7:00 pm

- **Thursday, June 30**

Apolytikion for All Saints

Your Church, O Christ our God, clothed itself in the blood of Your martyrs from throughout the world, as though it were a robe of linen and purple; through them, she cries out to You, "Send down upon Your people compassion, grant peace to Your commonwealth, and to our souls, great mercy." - Translation by Narthex Press

Κοντάκιον

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας διδάσκαλον ἀνέδειξέ σε τῆ ποιμνῆ σου, ἢ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια, διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτίσω τῆ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῆ πτωχεία τὰ πλούσια, Πάτερ Ἱεράρχα Νικόλαε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

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.

Kontakion

The world offers You, the author of all creation, as the first-fruits of nature, the God-bearing martyrs. O most merciful, by their intercessions, through the Theotokos, maintain Your Church in perfect peace.
- Translation by Narthex Press

Parish News and Events (www.stnickaa.org)

Prosforon

will be needed for the Sunday of July 24th. Please contact the Church Office if you would like to offer the Prosforon.

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 Buildings and Grounds (60%) and to pay down our debt (40%).

Fellowship Hour Sponsor

needed for Sunday, July 24th. If you would like to offer the fellowship hour, please contact the Church Office.

Saint Nicholas Young Adults

Our Saint Nicholas Young Adults will be busy this summer. We will be attending Bible Studies weekly with Father Nick on Monday evenings here at Saint Nicholas, followed by basketball games!

We are also hosting a FREE Ice Cream Social for the ENTIRE Saint Nicholas Parish THIS 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, including softball and volley ball games, please visit our Saint Nicholas Parish website often at: www.stnickaa.org

Altar Boys Tiger Game Outing

Vs. the New York Yankees! Friday, July 1. Depart from Saint Nicholas at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$12 pp. Contact Andreas Stathopoulos at: 734/709-8380

Our Saint Nicholas Nursery

is open 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.

Choir Rehearsals

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

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.

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. Thank you.

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 Father Nick, please do not hesitate to call the office.

Commemorative Trees

are still available to be sponsored "in memory of" or "for the health of" a loved one. If interested, please contact Michael Challis (734)971-6186 or email him at mdchallis@aol.com

Metropolis of Detroit Summer Camp

17 campers have signed up from our Parish for 4th week (**July 24-30**). **The camp can no longer accept any more campers for 4th week as it has reached its camper capacity.** Please see our Parish website for more information. 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 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 for early Greek School registration forms!

Wisdom from the Church Fathers

For in a contest there is much labor needed--and after the contest victory falls to some, to others disgrace. Is the palm ever given or the crown granted before the course is finished? ... Therefore no one can receive a reward, unless he has striven lawfully; nor is the victory a glorious one, unless the contest also has been toilsome.

Saint Ambrose of Milan, Chapter 15, *Three Books on the Duties of the Clergy* 4th century



ALL SAINTS

Protopsaltis	Zannis Res	Orthros	9:30 am
Choir Director	Jon Wardner	Divine Liturgy	10:30 am
Prosforon	Ioanna Ioannou	Gospel Reading	Matthew 10:32-33;37-38;19:27-30
Fellowship	Christos Philippou Family	Epistle Reading	St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2

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