

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, July 03, 2005

Epistle Reading:

St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 2:10-16

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Savior, Your tomb was sealed with a stone. Soldiers kept watch over Your sacred body. Yet, You rose on the third day giving life to the world. Wherefore the powers of heaven cried out, "O Giver of Life, glory to Your Resurrection O Christ; glory to Your Kingdom, glory to Your dispensation who alone are the Loving One." - Translation by Narthex Press

Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας διδάσκαλον ἀνέδειξέ σε τῆ ποίμνη 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.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 4:18-23

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Kontakion

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee. - Translation by Holy Transfiguration Monastery

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.



Parish News and Events (www.stnickaa.org)

Starting on Sunday, July 17, Orthros and Divine Liturgy will begin thirty minutes earlier, 9:00 am and 10:00 am

- Monday, July 04
- Tuesday, July 05
- Wednesday, July 06
- Friday, July 08
- Saturday, July 09

HAPPY BIRTHDAY UNITED STATES of AMERICA!!!
Philoptochos Hospital Bed Pads — 9:30 pm
Study in Orthodoxy 100.4 "Chrismation" — 7:00 pm
Paraklesis Service — 7:30 pm
Young Adult Softball Game — 11:00 am

Saint Nicholas Young Adults

Our Saint Nicholas Young Adults will be busy this summer. We will be attending Study in Orthodoxy classes weekly with Father Nick on Wednesday evenings here at Saint Nicholas, followed by either basketball, soccer, softball and/or volleyball games! Please come and join us for: Fellowship (Koinonia) Worship (Liturgia), Witness (Martyria), and Service (Diakonia) !! For more up to the minute information on these and other upcoming Young Adult summer activities, please visit our Saint Nicholas Parish website often at:

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. Thank you.

Fellowship Hour Sponsor

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

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!

Saint Nicholas Seniors

monthly planning meeting is moved to the 2nd Tuesday, July 12 at 2:00 pm here at Saint Nicholas.

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.

Sewing Bed Pads for Arbor Hospice,

sponsored by our Saint Nicholas Philoptochos, is an on-going monthly project. The next sewing session will take place on Tuesday, July 5th at 9:30 am here at the church. All ladies of the parish are asked to come and help this worthy cause. The Philoptochos & Arbor Hospice thank you!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the following Saint Nicholas Parishioners for their generosity:

- **Angie Sianis-Letsos** for donating a lawn mower for use during the summer months;
- **Ted Apostoleris** for donating a storage shed for our outdoor equipment;
- **Dean & George Bairactaris, George Kokalas and Chris Lambros** for donating their services by cutting our lawn from July through September.

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! 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.

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 at:

www.stnickaa.org for more information.

Fr. Nick will spend that entire week at camp.

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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. Thank you.

Welcome Visitors!

Please fill out the form on the notepads in the pews and put it in the collection tray so we may welcome you to our community.

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.

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 E-Mail him at mdchallis@aol.com

Wisdom from the Church Fathers

Prayer, fasting, vigil and all other Christian practices, however good they may be in themselves, do not constitute the aim of our Christian life, although they serve as the indispensable means of reaching this end. The true aim of our Christian life consists in the acquisition of the Holy Spirit of God.

St. Seraphim of Sarov,

The Acquisition of the Holy Spirit:

Chapter 3, The Little Russian Philokalia Vol. 1;

Saint Herman of Alaska Brotherhood page 79

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·CALL OF THE FIRST DISCIPLES·



2nd Sunday of Matthew

Protopsaltis	Zannis Res	Orthros	9:30 am
Choir Director	Jon Wardner	Divine Liturgy	10:30 am
Prosforon	Anonymous	Gospel Reading	Matthew 4:18-23
Fellowship	Sylvia Kleanthous	Epistle Reading	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 2:10-16

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