

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, July 10, 2005

Epistle Reading:

St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 5:1-11

BRETHREN, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man -- though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. Not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received our reconciliation.

Memorial Services today are offered for:

Kyriakos Philippou (3 months), Aspasia Kerry (1 year) and Mary Kokinakes (3 year). May their memories be eternal.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 6:22-33 3rd Sunday of Matthew

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

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, Brookline, MA

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.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

When You descended unto death, O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity.

Also when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You.

- Translation by Fr. Seraphim Dedes

Ἐπολυτικίον τοῦ Ναοῦ

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

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 11**
- **Tuesday, July 12**
- **Wednesday, July 13**
- **Thursday, July 14**
- **Friday, July 15**

Bible Study: Genesis 5 — 10:00 am and 7:00 pm
Saint Nicholas Seniors Monthly Meeting — 2:00 pm
Iconography Committee Meeting — 7:30 pm
Study in Orthodoxy 100.5 “Eucharist” — 7:00 pm
Parish Council Monthly Meeting — 7:00 pm
Paraklesis Service — 7:30 pm

Prosforon

will be needed for the Sunday of August 28th. Please contact the Church Office if you would like to offer the Prosforon. 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.

Fellowship Hour Sponsors

needed for Sunday, August 7th, 21st & 28th. If you would like to offer the fellowship hour, please contact the Church Office.

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!

Our Saint Nicholas Parish Website

Please also visit our Saint Nicholas Parish website for pictures from many recent and past events! 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. Thank you.

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.

Saint Nicholas Seniors

On Thursday, July 28th at 6:30 pm, please join us at the home of Joan Raphael and enjoy the Ypsilanti Community Band Concert that will take place in the College Heights Park, adjacent to her home. Bring a lawn chair if you can. For information, driving directions, or a ride, call Penny Bekiaries (662-6606) or Joan Raphael (483-0923). Also, let us know if you are coming by Sunday, July 24th.

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

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.

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.

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**

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THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

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3rd Sunday of Matthew - "...seek first his kingdom and his righteousness..."

Protosaltis	Zannis Res	Orthros	9:30 am
Choir Director	Jon Wardner	Divine Liturgy	10:30 am
Prosforon	Mitropoulos-Rundus	Gospel Reading	Matthew 6:22-33
Fellowship	IOCC	Epistle Reading	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 5:1-11

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