

# Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

## Sunday, July 17, 2005

### Epistle Reading:

St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15

TITUS, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, bissenions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

**On behalf of the entire Saint Nicholas Parish, we give our condolences to the families of Anthony Lagos and Cassandra Bekiars. May their memories be eternal.**

- **Monday, July 18** Bible Study: Genesis 7 — 7:00 pm
- **Tuesday, July 19** Iconography Committee Meeting — 7:30 pm
- **Wednesday, July 20** Study in Orthodoxy 100.5 “Eucharist” — 7:00 pm

### Gospel Reading:

Matthew 5:14-19 Sunday of the Holy Fathers



The Lord said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to

your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

### 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.

## Parish News and Events ([www.stnickaa.org](http://www.stnickaa.org))

### 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.

### Fellowship Hour Sponsors

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

### 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.

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

### Resurrectional Apolytikion

Let the heavens sing for joy, and let everything on earth be glad. \* For with His Arm the Lord has worked power. \* He trampled death under foot by means of death; \* and He became the firstborn from the dead. \* From the maw of Hades He delivered us; \* and He granted the world His great mercy.

- 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  
ἐκτίσω τῆ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῆ  
πτωχείᾳ τὰ πλούσια, Πάτερ Ἱεράρχα  
Νικόλαε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ,  
σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

**The Summer Survival Program**

will continue throughout July. Please see the poster in the hallway if you would like to sign up (by yourself or with others). The purpose of the program is to ensure payment of our summer bills. We have almost covered the entire summer. Thank you to everyone who has offered their stewardship to this program!

**Our Saint Nicholas Parish Website**

Please visit our Saint Nicholas Parish website for more information about our Saint Nicholas Parish Ministries! 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](http://www.stnickaa.org) on our Parish home page; there is a link there which connects you to it.

**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: Joan Raphael (483-0923) or Diane Geczi (747-9619). 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 at: 971-6186 or E-Mail him at: [mdchallis@aol.com](mailto:mdchallis@aol.com)

**Saint Nicholas Young Adults**

Our Saint Nicholas Young Adults have been busy this summer! We are participating in many activities with Father Nick here at Saint Nicholas, including, but not limited to: basketball, soccer, softball and/or volleyball games, and more! 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](http://www.stnickaa.org)

**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.

**Wisdom from the Church Fathers**

"But whosoever shall do and teach," said He, "shall be called great." For not to ourselves alone, should we be profitable, but to others also; since neither is the reward as great for him who guides himself aright, as for one who with himself adds also another.

- **Saint John Chrysostom**, *Homilies 15 and 16 on Matthew 5*, 4th Century



Sunday of the Holy Fathers

Protopsaltis	Zannis Res	Orthros	<b>9:00 am</b>
Choir Director	Jon Wardner	Divine Liturgy	<b>10:00 am</b>
Prosforon	Diane Geczi	Gospel Reading	Matthew 5:14-19
Fellowship	Nick Chapekis, Jr.	Epistle Reading	St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15

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