

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, July 24, 2005

Epistle Reading:

St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 10:1-10

BRETHREN, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that every one who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says, Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1 5th Sunday of Matthew

At that time, when Jesus came to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one would pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.



Fr. Nick will be at the Metropolis of Detroit Summer Camp in Rose City, MI for the entire week. If it is an **absolute emergency** and you must speak with him, call the camp at (989) 685-2518. *Please, only call if it's an emergency as that line is the only line out of the camp and is used for emergency purposes only.* If it's not an emergency, please call the office and leave a message.

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.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and had rejected the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly:

Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world.

- Translation by Fr. Seraphim Dedes

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.

Ἐπολυτικίον τοῦ Ναοῦ

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

Parish News and Events (www.stnickaa.org)

• Saint Nicholas Seniors — Thursday, July 28

Ypsilanti Community Band Concert at the home of Joan Raphael (810 Courtland): 6:30pm

• Physical Plant and Maintenance Committee — Thursday, July 28

Monthly Meeting: 7:00pm

Prosforon

will be needed for the Sunday of September 11th. Please contact the Church Office if you would like to offer the Prosforon.

Thank you.

Fellowship Hour Sponsor

is needed for Sunday, August 21st.

If you would like to offer the fellowship hour, please contact 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.

Orthros and Divine Liturgy now begin thirty minutes earlier, 9:00 am and 10:00 am

Memorial Services today are offered for:

Dr. George C. Spilson (6 months).

May his memory be eternal.



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!

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. Thank you!

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!

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: 734 / 971 - 6186 or E-Mail him at: mdchallis@aol.com

Our Saint Nicholas Parish Website

Please visit our Saint Nicholas Parish website to view many new photos from 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.

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 No later than **today**, Sunday, July 24th.

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 have been busy this summer! We are participating in many activities with Father Nick here at Saint Nicholas, including, but not limited to: softball, basketball, soccer, 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



5th Sunday of Matthew

Protosaltis	Zannis Res	Orthros	9:00 am
Choir Director	Jon Wardner	Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
Prosforon	Elaine Spilipoulos	Gospel Reading	Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1
Fellowship	Elaine Spilipoulos	Epistle Reading	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 10:1-10

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