

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, July 31, 2005

Epistle Reading:

St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 12:6-14

BRETHREN, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

Kontakion

You were transfigured upon the mount, O Christ our God, and Your disciples, in so far as they could bear, beheld Your glory. Thus, when they see You crucified, they may understand Your voluntary passion, and proclaim to the world that You are truly the effulgence of the Father.

- Translation by Narthex Press

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.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 9:1-8 6th Sunday of Matthew

At that time, getting into a boat Jesus crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say 'Rise and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" he then said to the paralytic -- "Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate * with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born * for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. * For in His goodness He was pleased * to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, * and to raise up those who had died, * by His glorious Resurrection.

- Translation by Fr. Seraphim Dedes

Ἀπολυτίκιον 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.

Parish News and Events (www.stnickaa.org)

Memorial Service today is offered for: Anna and Xantha Douvitsas (1yr) May their memories be eternal
40-Day Blessing for the daughter of Ted and Kathy Crews

- **Monday, August 1:** Bible Study — 10:00am & repeated following Paraklesis Service — 7:30pm
- **Tuesday, August 2:** Philoptochos Monthly Hospital Bed Pads — 9:30 am
Saint Nicholas Seniors Monthly Planning Meeting — 2:00 pm
- **Wednesday, August 3:** Paraklesis Service followed by Study in Orthodoxy — 7:30 pm
- **Friday, August 5:** Paraklesis Service — 11:00 am / YAL Movie Night — 8:00 pm
- **Saturday, August 6:** Holy Transfiguration: Orthros/Divine Liturgy — 10:00 am

Prosforon

will be needed for the Sunday of October 2nd. Please contact the Church Office if you would like to offer the Prosforon. Thank you.

Fellowship Hour Sponsors

are needed for Sunday, August 21st and Sunday, September 11.

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.

Our Saint Nicholas Parish Website

Please visit our Saint Nicholas Parish website to pre-register for Fall semester Greek School! 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.



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!

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! 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

Please come and join us for:

Fellowship (Koinonia) Worship (Liturgia), Witness (Martyria), and Service (Diakonia)!

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, August 2nd at 9:30 am here at the church. All ladies of the parish are asked to come and help this worthy cause. The Philoptochos and Arbor Hospice thank you!

Saint Nicholas Parish Chili Cook-off!

Bring your best chili recipe for a chili cook off for the entire St. Nicholas family on Thursday, August 25th. There will be activities for the young people and great food for all!

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

**ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH
BARTHOLOMEW TO VISIT
UNITED STATES IN JANUARY 2006**

July 20, 2005

New York - His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America has announced that His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew will visit the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and specifically the Metropolis of Atlanta, headed by Metropolitan Alexios of Atlanta, on January 4 - 8, 2006.

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, who is the spiritual leader of over 250 million Orthodox Christians worldwide, will preside over the centennial Epiphany celebration in Tarpon Springs, Florida, and will also commemorate the centennial of the St. Nicholas Cathedral in Tarpon Springs during a Patriarchal Divine Liturgy. This is the first time that an Ecumenical Patriarch will visit the Tarpon Springs area for the festivities associated with the celebration of Epiphany.

Epiphany commemorates the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by St. John the Baptist. The annual service in Tarpon Springs is recognized as one on the largest Epiphany Celebrations and attracts tens of thousands of people on the Bayou for the Blessing of the Water and the dive for the recovery of the precious Cross by the young men of the community.

Following his stay in Tarpon Springs, His All Holiness will visit the Holy Trinity Cathedral in New Orleans, Louisiana, the first Greek Orthodox Community in America, established during the Civil War in 1864.



6th Sunday of Matthew

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| Protopsaltis | Zannis Res | Orthros | 9:00 am |
| Choir Director | Jon Wardner | Divine Liturgy | 10:00 am |
| Prosforon | Diane Geczi | Gospel Reading | Matthew 9:1-8 |
| Fellowship | Jack Fry/Cindy Vance | Epistle Reading | St. Paul's Letter to the Romans |

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