

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, August 07, 2005

Epistle Reading:

St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 15:1-7

BRETHREN, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of your Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

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

Resurrectional Apolytikion

When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory to You.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 9:27-35 7th Sunday of Matthew

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons."

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

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.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ

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

Parish News and Events

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- **Monday, August 8** Bible Study: Following Paraklesis — 7:30pm
- **Tuesday, August 9** Iconography Meeting — 7:30pm
- **Wednesday, August 10** Paraklesis Service followed by Study in Orthodoxy — 7:30pm
- **Thursday, August 11** Parish Council Monthly Meeting — 7:00pm
- **Friday, August 12** Paraklesis Service — 11:00 am / YAL Movie Night — 8:00pm
- **Monday, August 15** Dormition of the Theotokos: Orthros/Divine Liturgy — 10:00am

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 4th.

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

Our Saint Nicholas Parish Website

Visit our Saint Nicholas Parish website to view many new pictures from a variety of 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.

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.

The Summer Survival Program

will continue. 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!

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!

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!



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

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!

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.

Our Saint Nicholas Parish

once again extends a heart-felt thank you to our Church office Secretary Kate Hazelton, for assisting in the editing of the Sunday Bulletin and the Monthly Newsletter. Her help has been tremendous!

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 email him at: mdchallis@aol.com

Saint Nicholas Seniors

The Saint Nicholas Seniors are planning a luncheon cruise on the Detroit Princess Riverboat for Wednesday, August 31st. We will leave from the Church at 10:15 am and return by 2:30 pm. The cost is \$55 per person which includes: the boat trip, meal and transportation. Make your NON-REFUNDABLE check payable to: Saint Nicholas Seniors — NO LATER THAN AUGUST 21. Questions? Call: Penny Bekiares 662-6606 or Joan Raphael 483-0923.

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.

Wisdom from the Church Fathers

And then at last He for His part lays His hand upon them, saying, "According to your faith be it unto you." And this He does to confirm their faith, and to show that they are participators in the good work ...

St. John Chrysostom, Homily 32 on Matthew 9
4th Century

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7th Sunday of Matthew

Protopsaltis	Zannis Res	Orthros	9:00 am
Choir Director	Jon Wardner	Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
Prosforon	Sandy Engelke	Gospel Reading	Matthew 9:27-35
Fellowship	Gina Pantely	Epistle Reading	St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 15:1-7

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