

# Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, August 21, 2005

## Parish News and Events

[www.stnickaa.org](http://www.stnickaa.org)

### Epistle Reading:

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 3:9-17

BRETHREN, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder. I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw - each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

### Kontakion

Neither the grave nor death could contain the Theotokos, the unshakable hope, ever vigilant in intercession and protection. As Mother of life, He who dwelt in the ever-virginal womb transposed her to life. - 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 14:22-34 9th Sunday of Matthew

At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

### Resurrectional Apolytikion

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You. - 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 ἐκτήσω τῆ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῆ πτωχείᾳ τὰ πλούσια, Πάτερ Ἱεράρχα Νικόλαε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

The Fellowship Hour today is offered by the Family of Theodore Anthony Gibson in honor of his Baptism today.

### Prosforon

will be needed for the Sunday of October 16th. Please contact the Church Office if you would like to offer the Prosforon. Thank you.

### Fellowship Hour Sponsors

are needed for the following Sundays: of September 4th, 18th, and 25th. 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 register for Church School and 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](http://www.stnickaa.org) on our Saint Nicholas 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 received the Antidoron (Blessed Bread), which is distributed at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

### • Thursday, August 25

Saint Nicholas Parish Chili Cook-off — 6:30 pm

### • Friday, August 26

Physical Plant and Maintenance Committee Meeting — 7:00 pm

### • Monday, August 29

YAL Movie Night — 8:00 pm

Saint John the Baptist

### Memorial Services today are offered for:

Cassandra Bekiaries (40—Day) and Thomas Sideris (1—Year)

### The Summer Survival Program

will continue for only one more week! 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. Thank you to everyone who has offered their stewardship to this program!

### Meijer Community Rewards

Our community will begin participating in the Meijer Community Rewards project. If you shop at Meijer, sign up for a rewards card (absolutely NO FEE involved)! 4% of all the purchases made by our parishioners who have signed up comes back to us!

### 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 10:00 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 Today, Sunday AUGUST 21. Questions? Call, Penny Bekiaries: 662-6606 or Joan Raphael: 483-0923.

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

**Welcome Very Rev. Fr. George Nikas** from the Metropolis of New Jersey. Fr. George works in the office of Metropolitan Evangelos of New Jersey and was a schoolmate of Fr. Nick's from Holy Cross Seminary. Welcome to Saint Nicholas!

**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. *Everybody* is encouraged to bring some chili! There will be activities for the young people and great food for all!

**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](mailto:mdchallis@aol.com)

**Saint Nicholas Parish Bookstore** recommends books on spiritual growth, family life, culture, and history. For teenagers and young adults, we recommend: *Lives of the Saints*; *365 Meditations for Teens*; *365 Meditations for Young Adults*; *Brave Like a Saint*. We also carry music i.e. Rachmaninov's Vespers; The Three Tenors; Carols from Eastern Europe; and many CD's.

**Part-Time Babysitter Needed**

- 6 month old baby girl
- looking for a mature, responsible person
- willing to work flexible hours
- weekdays only, start in September
- house located walking distance from church

Please call Marilyn or Spiro at: 734/761-2953

**Small Vigil Candles in Church**  
Please feel free to place a small vigil candle in the holders on the solea. However, if you do, please do not come up to the solea if the priest is turned towards the people or during the Epistle or Gospel readings. *Also, once the priest begins censuring just prior to the Great Entrance, no more candles are to be brought up to the solea since we are preparing ourselves for the consecration of the gifts. 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. "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, bible studies, watching movies 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](http://www.stnickaa.org)

All are welcome. Please come and join us for: Fellowship (Koinonia) Worship (Liturgia), Witness (Martyria), and Service (Diakonia)!



9th Sunday of Matthew

Orthros: **9:00 am** Protosaltis: Zannis Res Fellowship: Gibson & Kales Families  
Divine Liturgy: **10:00 am** Choir Director: Jon Wardner Prosforon: Tasia Goffas  
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