

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

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.

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 censing just prior to the Great Entrance, no more candles are to brought up to the solea* since we are preparing ourselves for the consecration of the gifts. Thank you.

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 such as; Rachmaninov's Vespers; The Three Tenors; Carols from Eastern Europe; and many CD's.

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.

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.

Commemorative Trees

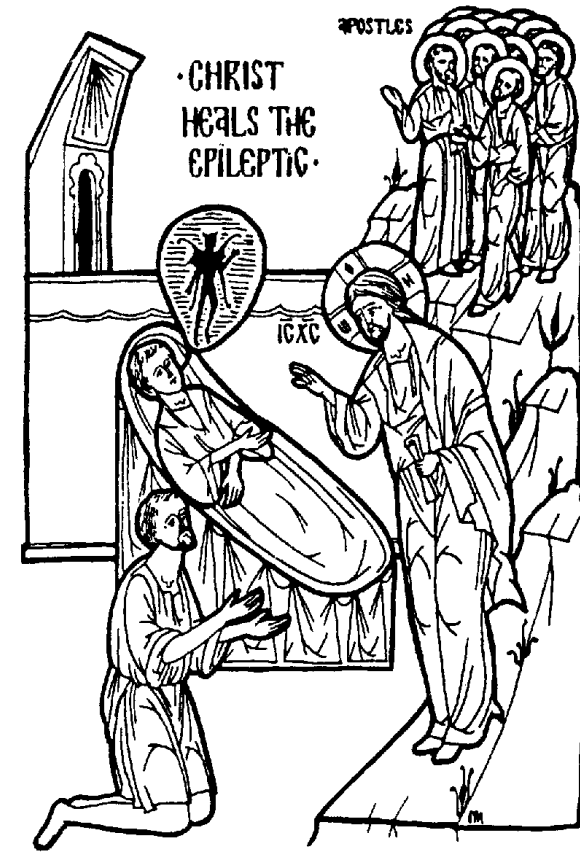
are still available to be sponsored in "memory of" or "for the health of" a loved one. If interested, please contact Michael Challis at: 734/971-6186 or email him at: mdchallis@aol.com

Saint Nicholas Seniors

will have their regular monthly meeting at church on Tuesday, September 6th, however we will meet at 12:30 pm (not 2:00 pm). OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING will be an "Ice Cream Kickoff" held in the church social hall at 1:30 pm on Thursday, September 15th. Come and enjoy an ice cream sundae (choose your own topping). Sugarless ice-cream will also be available. This is an important meeting. Time will be spent discussing coming events and everyone's input is helpful! Please call Penny Bekiaries (662-6606) or Joan Raphael (483-0923) if you plan to attend by Sunday, September 11th. Call if you have any questions or if you need a ride to this meeting. Hope to see YOU there!

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.



10th Sunday of Matthew

Orthros: **9:00 am**
Divine Liturgy: **10:00 am**
Protopsaltis: Zannis Res
Choir Director: Jon Wardner

Prosforon: Anonymous
Fellowship: John & Inez Karageorge
Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:14-23
Epistle Reading: St. Paul's First
Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16

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Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, August 28, 2005

Epistle Reading:

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16
BRETHREN, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος,
ἐγκρατείας διδάσκαλον ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ
ποίμνῃ σου, ἡ 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.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, * and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. * You rose on the third day, O Lord * and Savior, granting life unto the world. * For this reason were the powers of heaven crying out to You, O Life-giver: * Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; * glory to Your eternal rule; * glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves mankind.

- Translation by Fr. Seraphim Dedes

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 17:14-23 10th Sunday of Matthew
At that time, a man came up to Him and kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move hence to yonder place,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you." As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will be raised on the third day."

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.

Kontakion

In your holy birth, Immaculate One, Joachim and Anna were rid of the shame of childlessness; Adam and Eve of the corruption of death. And so your people, free of the guilt of their sins, celebrate crying: "The barren one gives birth to the Theotokos, who nourishes our life."

- Translation by Narthex Press

Parish News and Events

www.stnickaa.org

Memorial Services today are offered for:

Anthony Lagos (40 — Day), Jim (Demetrios) Reader (1 — Year), & Paul Koken (3 — Year)

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 on our Saint Nicholas Parish home page.

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: September 4th, 18th, and 25th. 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.

- **Monday, August 29** Saint John the Baptist
- **Tuesday, August 30** Iconography Meeting — 7:30 pm
- **Thursday, September 1** Saint Nicholas Y.E.R.A.C. Monthly Meeting — 7:00 pm
- **Friday, September 2** YAL Movie Night — 8:00 pm

The Fellowship Hour today is offered by

John and Inez Karageorge in honor of their 3 — Year Wedding Anniversary.

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 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, 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

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

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