

**Philoptochos**

The Philoptochos Yassou Golf Outing is **TODAY**, Sunday, September 18, 2005.

**Spanikopita** preparations begin on Monday, September 26, at 9:30 am and continue until 8:00 pm. We will be working all of that week and need EVERYONE's help! If you have any questions please call Presbytera Eva Paul at: 663-0821 or Vicky Masters at: 971-0788.

**College Students** — Save the date, Sunday October 23rd, 6:00pm for the annual Fall College Dinner.

**Our Saint Nicholas Parish Bookstore** recommends *THE 2005-2006 PLANNER, THE ORTHODOX DAILY CALENDAR AND RESOURCE GUIDE* for keeping track of schedules while attending to the Church's calendar. The Planner follows the Ecclesiastical (Church) year, beginning in September and ending in August. We have 10 copies. Also available at the bookstore is *SING ALONG WITH THEA ANNIE*, a musical treasury for children that introduces the Greek language and culture through music. Set includes song CD and hardcover illustrated book.

**The Fall General Assembly Meeting**

Will take place on Tuesday, October 4, 2005 at 7:00 pm in our fellowship hall. Members in good standing are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway, and should plan to attend.

**Meijer Community Rewards**

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

**Cultural News**

Rev. Father Nicolaos H. Kotsis will speak on, "*1054: The Great Schism between Orthodoxy and Catholicism*" on Monday, October 3rd at 7:00 pm in the Michigan Union Kuenzel Room.

**Our St. Nicholas Seniors and Young Adults** will team-up to sponsor a drive during the month to collect "Gift of the Heart" Health Kits. Please follow the instructions and bring to church any of the items listed. Members of our Young Adults and Seniors will collect the items in church, prepare the kits, and then ship them to the IOCC.

We are happy to see the cooperation among our groups and we know we can count on the loving and generous support of our faithful to do all they can to help those so terribly affected by Hurricane Katrina.

God bless and comfort all those who are suffering now, and God bless 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.

**Rides for Students**

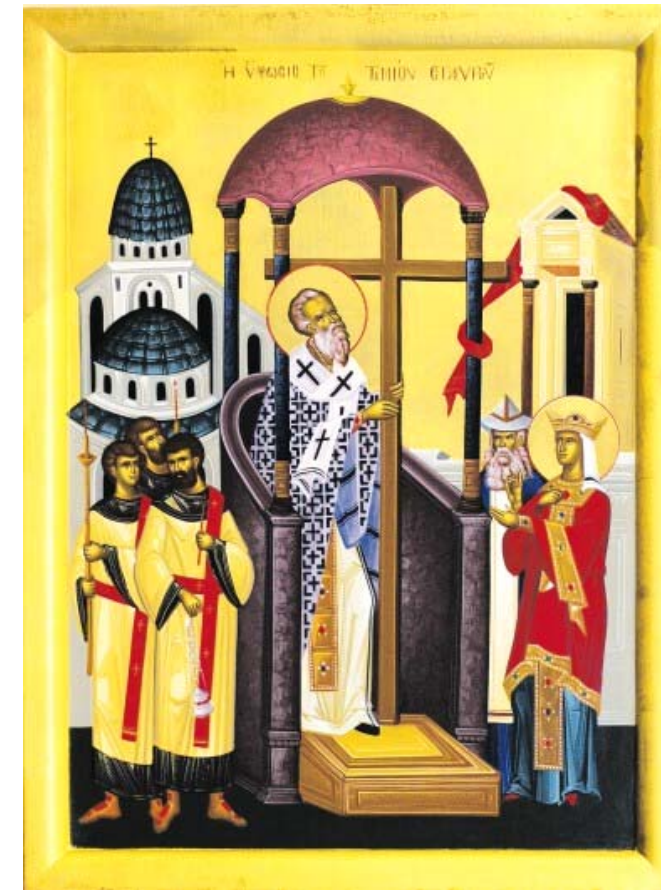
if any student needs a ride to Saint Nicholas please E-Mail Maria at: [mariach@umich.edu](mailto:mariach@umich.edu) and she will find, or give you a ride. If you have any questions about rides, you can call Maria at: 989/493-2923.

**The Risor Foundation**

Promotes and awards to classical music university students, funds for tuition and expense and provides the awards to the student directly. Please contact Joanne Savas for further information at: 734/761-2529.

**GOYA officer oath of office today in Church!**

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



Sunday after Holy Cross

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

Prosforon: Despina Eleftheriou  
Fellowship: Saint Nicholas Council  
Gospel Reading: Mark 8:34-38; 9:1  
Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20

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# Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, September 18, 2005

## Observance of the Service of the Elevation of the HOLY CROSS

### Epistle Reading :

St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20  
BRETHREN, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for 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.

### Apolytikion for Afterfeast of the Holy Cross

Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting our rulers to prevail over adversaries, and protecting Your commonwealth by Your Cross. - Translation by Narthex Press

#### • Tuesday, September 20

Greek Chicken Broil Breakdown — 6:00 pm

#### • Wednesday, September 21

Iconography Meeting — 7:30 pm

AHEPA and Daughter's of Penelope Meetings — 7:00 pm

Saint Nicholas Senior Choir Practice — 7:00 pm

#### • Thursday, September 22

Council Physical Plant & Maintenance Meeting — 7:00 pm

### Gospel Reading :

Mark 8:34-38; 9:1 Sunday after Holy Cross  
The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

### 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

### Kontakion

Lifted up on the Cross by Your free will, Christ God, grant mercies to the new commonwealth that bears Your name. Gladden our faithful rulers by Your power, giving them victories over their adversaries. May Your alliance be for them a weapon for peace, an invincible standard.

- Translation by Narthex Press

## Parish News and Events ([www.stnickaa.org](http://www.stnickaa.org))

### Prosforon

is needed for the Sunday of November 13th. Please contact the Church Office if you would like to offer the Prosforon. Thank you.

### Saint Nicholas Fellowship Hour Sponsors

are needed for the following Sundays: October 9th, 23rd, and 31st. If you would like to offer the fellowship hour, please contact the Church Office. Thank you.

### 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.

### Summer Survival Thank you

With your outstanding generosity, our recent Summer Survival Program has generated almost \$10,000 to assist with our Church expenses. Thank you in advance for fulfilling your Summer Survival pledge!

### Our Saint Nicholas Seniors

have a luncheon on Tuesday, Oct 11th, at here church at noon. Cost: \$3.00 Reservations please by Sunday, Oct 9th, Penny-662-6606, & Joan-483-0923. Following the lunch, we will package items collected by the YAL in response to Hurricane Katrina Relief by the IOCC. SATURDAY, OCT 29TH: Join our seniors on a Bus Trip to Saugatauk, MI. We will have lunch and then attend the production "Stuffed Grape Leaves & Pot Roast", written by our parishioner, Pearl Kastran Ahnen, at the Women's Club. Cost: \$42.00. This covers the bus ride, play ticket and reception/refreshment gathering. Pearl will be in attendance. We will leave the church parking lot at 9:30am, and return by 7:00 pm. Reserve by Sunday, Oct 9th. Info: call Penny, Joan or Presvytera Eva Paul. Seating is limited.

### 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 be brought up to the solea* since we are preparing ourselves for the consecration of the gifts. Thank you.

### Our Saint Nicholas GOYA

encourages all parishioners to support the CROP Walk 2005. Over the last 30 years walkers from some 50 area congregations and schools have raised more than one million dollars to assist both local and international agencies in relieving hunger and addressing its root causes. This year help is needed more than ever as agencies reach out to Hurricane Katrina victims. When: Sunday, October 2, 2005: Registration begins at 1:30 pm. Walk begins at 2:00 pm. Where: Trinity Lutheran Church, 1400 W. Stadium Blvd. 2k and 10k walks. You can support the walk by giving or walking. Look for the GOYA signup today.

### New St Nicholas Church School Procedure

Students in the Church School will (if prepared) come to receive Communion first. Church School students will then proceed to their classrooms. Antidoro will be available for all Church School students from the altar boys at both side exits as you leave the church. *It is recommended that all Church School students and their families sit towards the front of the Church so they can be first to receive and thus go directly to class. Thank you for your cooperation!*