

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. 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.

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.

Rides for Students

if any student needs a ride to Saint Nicholas please E-Mail Maria at: 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 Rislor 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.

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)! Up to 4% of all the purchases made by parishioners who have signed up comes back to us!

Philoptochos

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

Church School — Special Guest

Maria Khoury, author of several Orthodox Christian books for children, will do a book signing and presentation about living in Palestine and the many challenges to Orthodox Christians in the area. This event will be sponsored by the Church School and all parishioners are invited to attend Tues, Oct 11th at 7:00 pm at the Church. Please plan to attend this informative presentation, it is free to all!

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.



Sunday of Luke

Orthros:	9:00 am
Divine Liturgy:	10:00 am
Epistle Reading:	St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15
Gospel Reading:	Luke 6:31-36 -2nd Sunday
Protosaltis:	Zannis Res
Choir Director:	Jon Wardner
Prosforon:	Maria Papaefthymiou
Fellowship:	Daughter's of Penelope

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

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, September 25, 2005

Epistle Reading:

St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15

Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believed, and so we speak, knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος,
ἐγκρατείας διδάσκαλον ἀνέδειξέ σε τῆ
ποιμνῆ σου, ἡ 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.

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:

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2nd Sunday of Luke

The Lord said, "And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

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. - Translation by Fr. Seraphim Dedes

Kontakion

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee. - Translation by Holy Transfiguration Monastery, Brookline, MA



Parish News and Events (www.stnickaa.org)

Prosforon

is needed for the Sunday of November 27th. 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 31st and November 27th. If you would like to offer the fellowship hour, please contact the Church Office. Thank you.

THE FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING Will take place **THIS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2005 AT 7:00 PM** in our fellowship hall. Members in good standing are posted on the bulletin board in the hall, and should attend.

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 Saint Nicholas Seniors

Our monthly planning meeting is this Tuesday, Oct. 4th at 12:30 pm. We have a luncheon on Tues., Oct. 11th, at church at noon. Cost: \$3.00 Reservations please by Sunday, October 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 9:30 am, and return by 7:00 pm. Reserve by Sunday, October 9th. Info: call Penny, Joan or Presvytera Eva Paul. Seating is limited.

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.

St. Nicholas Choir

Today is National Church Music Sunday, sponsored by the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians in honor of the feast day of St. Romanos the Melodist (Oct. 1st). Our community thanks, with deep gratitude, all our church musicians, in the choir and at the chant stand, for their invaluable service to our church and for the beautiful hymns which glorify God and create the prayerful atmosphere during the services!

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!*

• Monday, October 3

• Tuesday, October 4

• Wednesday, October 5

• Thursday, October 6

10:00 am Bible Study (no evening study)

Philoptochos Hospital Bed Pads — 9:30 am

Saint Nicholas Seniors Meeting — 12:30 pm

* FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY — 7:00 PM

Saint Nicholas Senior Choir Practice — 7:00 pm

Parish Council Meeting — 7:00 pm