

Happy 4th Wedding Anniversary to our beloved Father Nick & Presbytera Sandra!

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 expenses. The awards are provided to the student directly. Please contact Joanne Savas for further information at: 734/761-2529.

U-M Hellenic Student Association Present

WHAT: Silicon Tears (To Klama Vgike apo ton Paradeiso) (2002, 101min)

DATE: Friday, October 21

TIME: 7:30 pm — 9:30 pm.

WHERE: U-M Angell Hall, Auditorium C

DESCRIPTION:

This is a story of two Greek families, Delafrangas and Bistoikides. The former family is very wealthy and lucky, and the latter is poor but struck by fate. Honest but poor, Martha is in love with rich Giakoumis, a young builder but all her dreams fall apart when posh Tzela steals her beloved love.

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!

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.

Faith in Action Award

A new award has been introduced in our parish called the "Faith in Action Award." This award will be given to one or two people every month for service to our Church and community as a small token of gratitude from a grateful community. It is solely based on the time and talents people offer to our beloved Saint Nicholas. The recipients will be chosen by Father Nick and will receive a framed certificate and will have their names written in a memory book. Our first awards will be presented on Sunday, October 16th.

Our Saint Nicholas Parish

extends a heart-felt thank you to Church Office Secretary Kate Hazelton for assisting in the editing of the weekly bulletins and the Monthly Newsletters. Her help has been tremendous!

Thank You

To Saint Nicholas Parishioners Dean & George Bairactaris, who donated their time and services of their business 'Dean's Landscaping' to mow our lawn during the month of September.

Philoptochos — College Students!

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

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

- **Monday, October 17** Bible Study — 10:00 am and again at 7:30 pm
- **Tuesday, October 18** Study in Orthodoxy: Unction — 7:30 pm
- **Wednesday, October 19** Saint Nicholas Senior and Youth Choir Practice — 7:00 pm
Philoptochos Monthly Meeting — 7:30 pm
- **Thursday, October 20** Saint Nicholas Parish Family Fall Harvest Party — 6:00 pm



SUNDAY OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Orthros:	9:00 am
Divine Liturgy:	10:00 am
Church School:	Following Communion
Epistle Reading:	St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15
Gospel Reading:	Luke 8:5-15 Sun of the 7th Ecumenical Council
Cantor:	Elias Karageorge
Choir Director:	Jon Wardner
Prosforo:	Lambina Lagos
Fellowship Hour:	Bill Lagos Family
Memorials:	Anthony B. Lagos: 3 — Months Demetra Kales: 40 — Days

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Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, October 16, 2005

Gospel Reading:

Luke 8:5-15 Sun of the 7th Ecumenical Council
The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundred-fold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

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 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.

Epistle Reading:

St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15
TITUS, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, bissenions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

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

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)

Prosforo

is needed for the Sunday of November 27th. Please contact the Church Office if you would like to offer the Prosforo. Thank you.

Saint Nicholas Fellowship Hour Sponsor

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

Our Saint Nicholas Seniors

St. Nicholas Seniors: Thank you to the Seniors that attended our luncheon and then prepared the Hurricane Katrina Relief Kits requested by the IOCC. And, thank you to the YAL that shared this project with the Seniors. People attending the luncheon brought along even more of the requested items, and donated cash, so that we were able to provide 100 Health Kits!! Also: We thank those people that have signed up for the Saugatauck Trip to see "Grape Leaves & Pot Roast". The bus is now filled to capacity. Forty-five participants will certainly enjoy a great trip!

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!

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 Parish. Thank you!

Visitors Please Note

Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians. Visitors are welcome to receive the Antidoro (Blessed Bread), which is distributed at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

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!*

Save the Date

Thursday October 20th, 6:00 pm
for our Saint Nicholas Family Fall Harvest!

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 a limited number of copies available. 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. The set includes song CD and hardcover illustrated book.

Church Hall Meeting

Our first "Church Hall Meeting" will take place on Sunday, October 23rd following the Divine Liturgy in our fellowship hall. This is a gathering for all of our parishioners and will be moderated by Father Nick. The purpose of this gathering is to find out what dreams the parishioners have and where they want to see our community grow. All are welcome.