

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 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 were presented on Sunday, October 16th to Saint Nicholas Parishioners James Prokos and Steven Melzian — Thank you and Congratulations!

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.

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.

Our Saint Nicholas Seniors

The Seniors monthly planning meeting is Tuesday, November 1st, at 12:30 pm here at Saint Nicholas. The Seniors invite Everyone to the informative lecture by Father Nick Kotsis entitled "1054: The Great Schism between Orthodoxy and Catholicism" on Tuesday, November 8th at 1:00 pm here at Saint Nicholas. This presentation is enlightening and we hope you will attend. Father Nick spoke on campus, and we want everyone that did not have the opportunity to attend that presentation to join with us on this day. There will be a discussion period following. Refreshments will be served. Mark your calendars!

Our Saint Nicholas Parish Bookstore

New at the Saint Nicholas Parish Bookstore: Browse the selection of Bibles, large and small, hard cover and soft; Paraklesis Service Books. We have several copies of Maria Khoury's new book, *Christina's True Heroes*, about seven women saints. 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.

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! Our Meijer rewards account number is: 406440.



5TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

Orthros:	9:00 am
Divine Liturgy:	10:00 am
Church School:	Following Communion
Epistle Reading:	St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 11:31-33; 12:1-9
Gospel Reading:	Luke 16:19-31 5th Sunday of Luke
Cantor:	Elias Karageorge
Choir Director:	Jon Wardner
Prosforo:	Despina Eleftheriou
Fellowship Hour:	AHEPA LAMB LUNCHEON
Memorials:	Metaxia 'Maxie' Masters — 40 Day Frank Krimbacher — 3-Year George Stamatopoulos — 5-Year

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Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, October 30, 2005

Epistle Reading:

St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians
11:31-33; 12:1-9

BRETHREN, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

- **Monday, October 31:**
- **Tuesday, November 1:**

Bible Study — 10:00 am and again at 7:30 pm
Saints Kosmas and Damian Orthros and Divine Liturgy — 10:00 am
Philoptochos Monthly Hospital Bed Pads — 9:30 am
Saint Nicholas Seniors Meeting — 12:30 pm
Saint Nicholas Senior Choir Practice — 7:00 pm
Philoptochos Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser — 5:00 pm
Y.E.R..A.C. Committee Monthly Meeting — 7:00 pm
Saint Nicholas GOYA Hellenic Dance Practice — 11:00 am

- **Wednesday, November 2:**
- **Thursday, November 3:**
- **Saturday, November 5:**

Gospel Reading:

Luke 16:19-31 5th Sunday of Luke
The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazaros, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazaros in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazaros to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazaros in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

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

When You descended unto death, O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You.

- Translation by Fr. Seraphim Dedes

Parish News and Events (www.stnickaa.org)

Prosforo

is needed for the Sunday of January 1st. 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.

Wisdom from the Church Fathers

The man who has once chosen pleasure in this life, and has not cured his inconsiderateness by repentance, places the land of the good beyond his own reach; for he has dug against himself the yawning impassable abyss of a necessity that nothing can break through.

- St. Gregory of Nyssa

AHEPA

The Annual Lamb Luncheon fundraiser is **TODAY, Sunday, October 30, 12:00 Noon.** Some tickets available at the door. Only \$10.00.

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

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

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.

Philoptochos Annual Spaghetti Fundraiser

This Thursday, November 3, from 5:00 pm — 7:30 pm here at Saint Nicholas. \$8 per person. Proceeds to benefit the needy.

“Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army”

Will take place this year on Wednesday, December 7th. Kettles will be manned in volunteer one-hour shifts from 1:00 pm — 9:00 pm at the following four locations: Marshall Field's; Busch's on Main Street; JC Penny's; and Kroger's on Maple Road.