

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

### Annual Christmas Ornament Fundraiser

The Parish Council will have the second annual Christmas Ornament series available for sale for the first week of December, with a brand new design, again for \$12 each. Reserve yours today!

### Our Saint Nicholas Seniors

Please note that we have scheduled a meeting with a representative who will guide us and answer questions concerning the new Medicare and prescription procedures facing us on Tuesday, November 29 at 1:00 pm in our Saint Nicholas fellowship hall. If you have questions regarding your parents participation, please come also.

Saint Nicholas Seniors will leave at 11:45 am on Wednesday, November 30th, for the bus trip to the Fox Theater in Detroit to enjoy the Radio City Rockettes. We will leave the Church parking lot at 11:45 am and return by 6:00 pm.

Finally, reserve Thursday, December 8th at noon for a delicious Christmas Luncheon in our Saint Nicholas Fellowship hall. Cost: \$5.00. Sign up by Sunday, Dec. 4 with Diane Geczi 747-9619, or Joanne Savas 761-2529. More info to come.

### Our Saint Nicholas Parish Bookstore

Christmas items will be arriving in the next two weeks. Be sure to place your order for a Vasilopita coin. Check our selection of icons and gift items.

### GOYA

will have dance practice from 11 to 1 on Saturday, November 26 and from 10 to 1 (w/a pizza break) on Saturday, December 3. The next GOYA meeting is Sunday, December 4, following the Divine Liturgy.

### COMING UP THIS WEEK — [www.stnickaa.org](http://www.stnickaa.org)

- **Monday, November 21** Presentation of the Virgin Mary at the Temple, Orthros and Divine Liturgy — 10:00 am  
Bible Study with Father Nick, Following Divine Liturgy in the morning and again at 7:30 pm
- **Wednesday, November 23** Saint Nicholas Senior Choir Practice — 7:00 pm
- **Thursday, November 24** HAPPY THANKSGIVING!  
YAL feed the homeless at Cottage Inn — 9:00 am  
Saint Katherine, Orthros and Divine Liturgy — 10:00 am
- **Friday, November 25**
- **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10** ANNUAL SAINT NICHOLAS FEAST DAY DINNER-DANCE-AUCTION

### Mario Frangoulis Benefit Concert

Mario Frangoulis, dubbed the king of operatic pop, has graciously agreed to offer a Concert for the Benefit of the Metropolis and the Assumption Fire Fund, on Thursday, December 8, at the Detroit Opera House. This is the first opportunity that the metropolitan Detroit area will have to see this terrific new star as he prepares to make his American debut. He will also be in concert in Florida during the visitation of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew at the Tarpon Springs Epiphany services in January. Please contact the Metropolis Office 248/823-2400, the Assumption Office 586/779-6111, or Ticketmaster 248/645-6666 to obtain tickets.

### Save the Date!

The Annual Saint Nicholas Feast Day Dinner-Dance and Auction Celebration is Saturday, December 10, 2005. Tickets: \$60 for Adults; \$30 for Students and Children. Contact Ioanna Boutsikakis 944-9012 or Katerina Roumanis at 665-3254 to reserve tickets today! Only 225 tickets will be 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**.

**You MUST show your card prior to starting your checkout!**

Look for Bush's and Kroger's programs coming up.

# THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

## NOVEMBER 20, 2005 — WELCOME!

### Orthros:

9:00 am

### Divine Liturgy:

10:00 am

### Church School:

Following Communion

### Epistle Reading:

St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18

### Gospel Reading:

Luke 12:16-21

9th Sunday of Luke



9TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

### Services and Open House Receptions for the Feast Days of St. Nicholas and St. Spyridon

His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas will celebrate Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on Sunday, December 4th at 9:00 am and Great Vespers for the Feast Day of Saint Nicholas on Monday, December 5th at 7:30 pm here at our Saint Nicholas Church. Our St. Nicholas Philoptochos will serve refreshments following Vesper Service. Orthros and Divine Liturgy on the Feast Day of Saint Nicholas will be held on Tuesday, December 6th at 10:00 am here at our Saint Nicholas Church.

The Metropolis Council and the Metropolis Philoptochos invite you to join them on Tuesday, December 6, at the Metropolis Office for an Open House in honor of Saint Nicholas, the patron saint of our Metropolitan.

Please feel free to visit the Metropolis Office from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm that evening. The Philoptochos will be offering refreshments as we share in fellowship honoring Saint Nicholas.

In honor of Saint Spyridon, the patron saint of the Metropolis Chapel, the following schedule of services has been released from the Metropolis:

Sun, Dec. 11: 5:00 pm Great Vespers at the St. Spyridon Chapel in the Metropolis followed by a Reception.  
Monday, December 12: 9:00 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy on the Feast Day of St. Spyridon at the St. Spyridon Chapel at the Metropolis, followed by a Reception.

The Metropolis is located at 2560 Crooks Road in Troy, Michigan.

It is just south of the Big Beaver and Crooks Road intersection, on the east side of Crooks.

## SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Church office: 734/332-8200 Home: 734/677-7891 Cell: 734/604-3214

### Cantor:

Elias Karageorge

### Choir Director:

Teresa Stokes

### Prosforo:

AHEPA

### Fellowship Hour:

The Beltsos Family

### Trisagion:

Katherine Beltsos (1yr)

May her memory

be eternal.

## Epistle Reading:

St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18

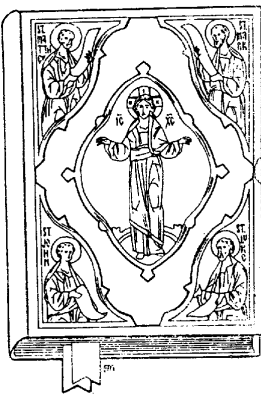
BRETHREN, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and not only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

## Gospel Reading:

Luke 12:16-21

9th Sunday of Luke

The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."



## Kontakion

The whole world is filled today with joy and gladness on the Theotokos's auspicious and resplendent feast, whereon with great voice it crieth out: The heavenly tabernacle is she in truth.

- Translation by Holy Transfiguration Monastery, Brookline, MA

### ἘΠΟΙΗΤΗΡΙΟΝ ΤΟΥ ΝΑΟΥ

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας διδάσκαλον ἀνέδειξέ σε τῆ ποιμνῆ σου, ἡ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια, διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτίσω τῆ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῆ πτωχεία 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.

## Resurrectional Apolytikion

Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate \* with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born \* for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. \* For in His goodness He was pleased \* to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, \* and to raise up those who had died, \* by His glorious Resurrection.

- Translation by Fr. Seraphim Dedes

## Metropolis Christmas Pageant

will be held on Sunday, December 4th at 4:00 pm at Annunciation Cathedral in Detroit. This program is designed for the whole family and will include Greek Orthodox Liturgical Christmas selections, classic Christmas favorites, solo selections (Nicholas Phan is one of the featured soloists) and a special audience carol-sing with orchestra. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students, and children under 17 are free of charge.

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## Prosforo Offering

is needed for the Sunday of January 29th, 2006. 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 January 1st, 2006. 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 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.

## Saint Nicholas Christmas Card Sponsor

You will receive your Christmas Card sponsorship form in the mail shortly. Please fill out and return the sponsorship form by November 30th. The cost is \$25.00 per sponsor. Thank you.

## Rides for Students to Saint Nicholas

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 to Saint Nicholas, you can call Maria at: 989/493-2923.

## 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.

## “Benefit Christmas Wreath Sale”

by Philoptochos. Order forms in the hallway. Order deadline is **Sunday, November 20**. Call: 332-8200.

## Saint Nicholas Greek School PTO

Sunday, December 4th, is our next scheduled Greek School PTO meeting (held immediately following Divine Liturgy in the Greek School classroom).

## Our Saint Nicholas Young Adults

Will feed the homeless on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24th at 9:00 am at The Original Cottage Inn. Contact Christopher Bekiaries at: 761-9255 if you have any questions.

## AHEPA

Will hold it's annual AHEPA Family Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 13th, at 7:00 pm at The Quarter Bistro. For reservations, contact Christos Philippou at: 734/309-3032.

## 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.

## 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.

## “Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army”

Will take place this year on Wednesday, December 7th. One-hour volunteer shifts are available from 2:00 pm through 9:00 pm at the following four locations: Marshall Field's, Briarwood; Busch's on Main Street; TJ Maxx at Westgate; and Kroger's on Maple Road. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Helen Garris at 663-0270.

## Cultural News

The University of Michigan CONVERSATIONS ON EUROPE lecture series presents Professor Constantinos Cartalis of the University of Athens, who will be speaking on "The Double Challenge of Globalization and Regionalization--the Greek Case." This free public lecture on Thursday, December 1 at 4:00 pm in Room 2609 of the School of Social Work Building, 1080 South University, is co-sponsored by the Center for European Studies and the Modern Greek Program.