

Parish News and Events continued (www.stnickaa.org)

Thank You

To Elias Karageorge for his beautiful chanting while substituting for Zanni Res. God bless you.

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!

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!

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.

COMING UP THIS WEEK — www.stnickaa.org

- **Monday, November 28** Bible Study with Father Nick, 10:00 am and again at 7:30 pm
- **Wednesday, November 30** Saint Andrew, Orthros and Divine Liturgy — 10:00 am
Saint Nicholas Seniors Trip to Detroit
Saint Nicholas Senior Choir Practice — 7:00 pm
- **Thursday, December 01** Y.E.R.A.C. Monthly Meeting — 7:00 pm
- **Saturday, December 03** GOYA Hellenic Dance Practice — 10:00 am
- **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10** ANNUAL SAINT NICHOLAS FEAST DAY DINNER-DANCE-AUCTION

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.

GOYA

will have dance practice from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm (with a pizza break) on Saturday, December 3. The next GOYA meeting is Sunday, December 4, following the Divine Liturgy.

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 Busch's & Kroger's programs coming up.

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 27, 2005 — WELCOME!

Orthros:

9:00 am

Divine Liturgy:

10:00 am

Church School:

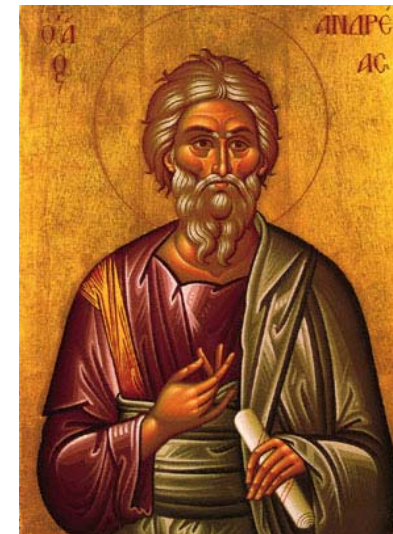
No School Today

Epistle Reading:

St. Paul's Letter to the
Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel Reading:

Luke 18:18-27
13th Sunday of Luke



13TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

Services and Open House Receptions for the Feast Days of Saint Nicholas and Saint Spyridon

His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas will celebrate Hierarchical Orthros & Divine Liturgy on Sunday, December 4th at 9:00 am and Great Vespers for the Feast Day of St Nicholas on Monday, December 5th at 7:30 pm here at our St Nicholas Church. Our 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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Cantor:

Zannis Res

Choir Director:

Jon Wardner

Prosforo:

Despina Eleftheriou

Fellowship Hour:

Mavrellis Famliy

Memorial:

Evi Mavrellis (4 - yr)

May her memory

be eternal.

Epistle Reading:

St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:4-10

BRETHREN, God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God: not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Gospel Reading:

Luke 18:18-27

13th Sunday of Luke

At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."



Kontakion

On this day the Virgin cometh to a cave to give birth to God the Word ineffable, Who was before all the ages. Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing the gladsome tidings; with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him Who is willing to be gazed on as a young Child Who before the ages is God. - Translation by Holy Transfiguration Monastery, Brookline, MA

Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος, ἐγκρατείας διδάσκαλον ἀνέδειξέ σε τῇ ποίμνῃ σου, ἢ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια, διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτίσω τῇ ταπεινώσει τὰ ὑψηλά, τῇ πτωχείᾳ τὰ πλούσια, Πάτερ Ἱεράρχα Νικόλαε, πρόσβευε 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

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

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 February 5th, 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 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.

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, in one-hour volunteer shifts 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, 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.

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).

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.

Our Saint Nicholas Parish Bookstore

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