

**AHEPA Golf Outing** The 9th Annual Ann Arbor AHEPA Golf Outing will take place at noon on Saturday, June 3rd, 2006, at the Stonebridge Golf Club. Proceeds from this event will be used for the Chapter's Educational Scholarship and other charitable donations. Please contact the Golf Committee Chairman, Costas Boutsikakis (734-604-8737) or Christos Philippou (734-309-3032) for more information.

**Metropolis of Detroit Summer Camp**

It's time to start thinking about our wonderful Greek Orthodox Summer Camp in Rose City, MI. Like last year, we will try to send as many kids to this great camp for faith, fellowship and fun. Camper, counselor and staff applications are now available outside the church. Fr. Nick will be at camp for the entire period of 4th week (July 23-29). Hope to see you all there!

**Daughters of Penelope Spring Flower Sale**

The DOP is offering for sale flats of flowers as well as 10 inch hanging baskets. A portion of the proceeds will benefit our church.



Order forms are available in the hallway by the office. **All orders must be made with payment by May 14th. Pick up is Saturday, May 20th 10 a.m. to 12 noon and Sunday, May 21st 12 noon-1 p.m.** Call Christina

**Stewardship**

As members of an Orthodox Christian parish, we have, by our own choice, undertaken a responsibility to become stewards of this parish. Thus, we must love it, care for it, be concerned about it, support it and promote its Christian work and mission. To accomplish this successfully, we must give of our time, talents and material wealth.

Therefore, 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 for 2006, or who need to complete a 2005 pledge, please do so as soon as possible. We appreciate your care and concern.

**Vacation Bible School**

**Where:** St. Nicholas Church

**When:** Monday, June 19-Thursdays, June 22

**Why:** Help our children have a good time developing friendships, building values and learning about our faith.

**Who:** Open to all boys and girls K—7 grade.

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 daily

**Cost:** \$25.00/child—covers class/crafts/T-shirts

Scholarships and financial aid are available. Please contact Fr. Nick at 332-8200 for more information

Flyer and registration form are available at the table outside the fellowship hall.

**St. Nicholas Children's Playgroup**

The children's playgroup offers the youngest members of our church family a place to play and interact with one another. The children enjoy spending time with their peers, and in the process, work on their social development. All mothers, fathers, and caregivers of children from birth until age 5 are welcome to attend. We meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month from 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Contact Eleni Vrahnos (248-344-1201) with any questions. We hope to see new faces!

**GOYA**

**Meeting— Sunday, May 7th** immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

The GOYAnS are ushering **Sunday, May 14th.** Please arrive by 8:45 a.m. and dress appropriately

We are also sponsoring the Fellowship Hour May 14th. If you would like to donate food and/or your time for the Fellowship Hour, please contact Katerina Roumanis at 665-3254.

**GOYA** sends a **BIG Thank You** to Theanne Ballios for spearheading the Luminary project. Thanks, too, to all the other parishioners who gave of their time to help with this very meaningful



**THE SUNDAY BULLETIN  
MAY 7, 2006**

**Orthros** 9 AM

**Divine Liturgy** 10 AM

**Church School**  
Following Communion

**Epistle Reading**  
Acts 6:1-7

**Gospel Reading**  
Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8



**HOLY MYRRHBEARERS SUNDAY**

**Protopsaltis**  
Zannis Res

**Choir Director**  
Jon Wardner

**Prosforo**  
Artemis Alex

**Fellowship Hour**  
Elaine Spiliopoulos

**Trisagion Service**  
Christoforos Mitropoulos-6  
Years

**UP-COMING EVENTS—www.stnickaa.org**

**SUNDAY, MAY 7**

-Spring General Assembly—following Divine Liturgy

**Monday, May 8**

-Bible Study—Exodus—10:00 a.m.  
-Bible Study—Exodus—7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 9**

-YAL Night—7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 10**

-Philoptochos Meeting—7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, May 11**

-Parish Council Meeting—7:00 p.m.

**Submissions for the Sunday bulletin must be sent to:  
office@stnickaa.org by 10 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to publication.**

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**MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE: [www.stnickaa.org](http://www.stnickaa.org)**





# Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

May 7, 2006

## Epistle Reading

IN THOSE DAYS, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "it is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

## Resurrectional Apolytikion

The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. For this reason were the powers of heaven crying out to You, O Life-giver: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; glory to Your eternal rule; glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves mankind.

## 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

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

## Gospel Reading

Mk 15:43-47; 16:1-8

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

## Apolytikion for Holy Myrrhbearers Sunday

Standing by the tomb the angel said to the Myrrh-bearing women: "Myrrh is for the dead; but Christ has shown Himself stranger to death."

## From the Fathers of the Church

They [the women] had followed Him ministering to Him, and were present even unto the time of the dangers. Wherefore also they saw all; how He cried, how He gave up the ghost, how the rocks were rent, and all the rest.

**St. John Chrysostom, Homily 88 on Matthew**  
27 4th Century

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

## 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.

## 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..

## Spring General Assembly

This Sunday, **May 7th** in the social hall following the Divine Liturgy.

## Church School

Misson coin boxes used during Lent should be returned to the classroom by **Sunday, May 14th.**

Upcoming events

**May 21st** Senior Recognition Day

**June 11th** Parish Picnic

**June 18th** Church School Graduation

## JOY

Joy is having a bake sale on Sunday, May 14th (Mother's Day). Please help out by either baking and/or buying some of our delicious baked goods. Proceeds will go to help our GOYA group. Thank you for your support!!

## Greek School

Important dates to remember

**Sunday, May 21st**, Greek School General Assembly immediately following the Divine Liturgy. All are encouraged to attend.

**Sunday, June 4th**, Greek School Graduation

## Save the Date

**Our Spring Fling is Thursday, May 18th, 7:00 p.m.** Come for fun and fellowship and please bring your best and favorite appetizer for this appetizer extravaganza.



## Philoptochos Notes

The Philoptochos May Community Care Ministry is the collection of gently used, clean women's clothing. We need suits, pantsuits (all sizes) and accessories suitable for job interviews. Please bring your donations, clothing on hangers, to the Church during the month of May. More details will appear in the April/May bulletin.

All women of the Parish are cordially invited to attend the St. Nicholas Philoptochos 74th Birthday Celebration on Wednesday, May 10th here at St. Nicholas, 7:30 p.m.

We need clean sheets for our cancer pad project. Please bring your sheets to the church. Please note: NO PILLOWCASES they are not large enough to use for the blue pads. Please put sheets in plastic bags.

## St. Nicholas Seniors

On Thursday, May 25th, the Seniors will travel to Northern Indiana to Amish Acres. We will leave at 9:00 a.m. and return at 8:00 p.m. Cost is \$53.00 which covers the \$23.00 ticket to the theatre production "Forever Plaid", the bus fee and driver gratuity. There are two restaurants to choose for lunch. You are responsible for your own lunch. **Please sign up by Tuesday, May 16th** by calling Penny Bekiaries—663-6606 or Joan Raphael—483-0923.

**Cemetery Visits** On Memorial Day, Fr. Nick will be going to the cemeteries for prayers. He will be at Bethlehem, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.; Washtenong, 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m. and Forest Hills-2:00 p.m.

There will be a general Memorial Service at Bethlehem Cemetery starting at 9:00 a.m. for those unable to stay for individual prayers at the gravesite.