

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!

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.

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 Vlahopoulos-994-0504 or Perry Katsikas-995-4766 for further information.



New Parish Directory

A new parish directory will be put together during the next several months. Please see the poster in the hallway regarding time for portraits. Times are available in June, October, and November. Please be ready to sign-up, have your and your family's portrait taken, and be a part of our directory!

SCRIP Program

Please sign-up for the Scrip program to help our church raise funds. It's similar to EGGS, but can yield more!

Vacation Bible School

Where: St. Nicholas Church

When: Monday, June 19-Thursday, 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.

Greek School

As the Greek School year comes to a close, there are several families who have yet to pay their tuition. Our Greek School has a long history of excellent programs and activities that nurture our children's Hellenic education and development. To continue at this high level, it is very important that everyone pay their tuition fees on time. Please send your check to the church office as soon as possible. Scholarships are available for those in need. Please contact Fr. Nick. 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



Happy Mother's Day

M - O - T - H - E - R

"M" is for the million things she gave me,
"O" means only that she's growing old,
"T" is for the tears she shed to save me,
"H" is for her heart of purest gold;
"E" is for her eyes, with love-light shining,
"R" means right, and right she'll always be,

Put them all together, they spell "MOTHER,"
A word that means the world to me.

Howard Johnson (c. 1915)

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

MAY 14, 2006

Orthros 9 AM

Divine Liturgy 10 AM

Church School
Following Communion

Epistle Reading
Acts 9:32-42

Gospel Reading
John 5:1-15



SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

Protopsaltis
Zannis Res

Choir Director
Dr. Jon Wardner

Prosforo
Maria Bradshaw

Fellowship Hour
GOYA

UP-COMING EVENTS—www.stnickaa.org

- Monday, May 15** -Bible Study—Exodus—10:00 a.m.
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- Tuesday, May 16** -YAL Night—7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 17** -AHEPA—7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, May 18** -Spring Fling—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

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

May 14 2006

Epistle Reading

Acts 9:32-42

IN THOSE DAYS, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

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

Gospel Reading

John 5:1-15

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked.

Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.' "They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk?'" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Let the heavens sing for joy, and let everything on earth be glad. * For with His Arm the Lord has worked power. * He trampled death under foot by means of death; * and He became the firstborn from the dead. * From the maw of Hades He delivered us; * and He granted the world His great mercy.

Wisdom of the Fathers Great is the profit of the divine Scriptures, and all-sufficient is the aid which comes from them ... For the divine oracles are a treasury of all manner of medicines, so that whether it be needful to quench pride, to lull desire to sleep, to tread under foot the love of money, ... from them one may find abundant resource. **St. John Chrysostom, Homily 37 on John 5 4th Century**

Parish News and Events (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

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..

Church School

If you forgot to turn in the Misson coin boxes used during Lent, please return them by Sunday, May 21st. The money needs to be sent to the OCMC.

Upcoming events

May 21st Senior Recognition Day

June 11th Parish Picnic

June 18th Church School Graduation

June 19-22 Vacation Bible School grades K-7

Stewardship

What cause can possibly be more worthy than serving God and fulfilling His mission? Can there be a greater need than the church and the work of Our Lord? Many faithful share in the joy of beautiful edifices, advanced programs for children, and educational and philanthropic services, but few are willing to voluntarily contribute toward them. Many take the services offered for granted while allowing others to carry the burden. Our parish can no longer wait for a select few to come forward and set an example. Our needs are many . . . our resources are limited.

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.

JOY bake sale today. Please help out and buy some of our delicious baked goods. Proceeds will go to help our GOYA group.

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.

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 Bekiares—663-6606 or Joan Raphael—483-0923.

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



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.

