

# Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

May 21, 2006

## Epistle Reading

Acts 11:19-30

IN THOSE DAYS, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

## Gospel Reading

John 4:5-42

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him. Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony. "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard ourselves, and we know that this is indeed Christ the Savior of the world."



# 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..

**Prosforo** will be needed for the following Sundays: May 28, July 2, 9, 23, and 30.

**Fellowship Hour** Sponsors needed for the following Sundays: June 4, 18, 25, July 2, 9, 23 and 30th.

## St. Nicholas Seniors

This 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.**

## Stewardship

As Christians who are concerned with the Church of today and tomorrow, we must become Stewards in every sense of the word. We must willingly give of our time, abilities, services and resources to see that the work of the Lord is done. Stewardship is serious business; and we must take the work of the Church seriously in order to promote its growth and development.

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.

**GOYA fellowship night** this Sunday, May 21, **5:30 pm** at the church.

## Be Greek For A Day! 13th Annual Opa! Fest

Come join us June 23 - 25 for a weekend of food, dancing, cultural events and family fun.

Celebrate our Greek Culture and become family! St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Troy, MI.

## 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.

## Church School

Today is the last day to turn in any mission coin boxes. We want to thank all the children for their contribution to a worthy program.

Today is Senior Recognition Day. Please see insert.

As we are approaching the end of the Church School year, the children are reminded of the requirements needed to receive their honor pins.

**On Sunday June 4 and June 11, Church School will begin at 10:00 a.m.** instead of after Communion so that there will be enough time allowed for testing all students.

Other reminders:  
**June 11th** Parish Picnic and **Deadline for VBS registration.**  
**June 18th** Church School Graduation  
**June 19-22** Vacation Bible School grades K-7 (9a.m.-12:30 p.m. daily)

**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.

## 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.

## 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!

## 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

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

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

## Participate in the SCRIP Program

The Scrip program is similar to the EGGS program except that you buy a pre-paid card from any of a large number of stores and vendors in the area. St. Nicholas will receive a percentage of the purchase price as our earning, but the card will retain its full amount for your usage. The following is a sample of vendors, the card amounts you can purchase, and the earnings return for St. Nicholas.

Speedway-\$25-\$100-4%; American Airlines-\$50-16%; Bed, Bath & Beyond-\$25-7%; Marriott-\$50-\$100-12%; Sears-\$25-4%; Marathon-\$25-3%; Barnes & Noble-\$10-9%; Whole Foods-\$25-5%; Kohl's-\$25-5%; Lowe's \$25-\$100-4%.

To see the **complete list of vendors**, card amounts you can purchase and earnings return for St. Nicholas see the sign up sheets in the hallway.

**PLEASE PARTICIPATE!!**



**Congratulations** to the recipients of the 2006 AHEPA Scholarships. They are:

Annastacia Kalliroe Ballios,

Andrew George Bradshaw, Julia Stephanie Krause, Daphne Polymnia Lambropoulos and Penelope Ann Papalambros.

The awards will be made this Sunday, May 21st, AHEPA after the Divine Liturgy.



## 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.

# THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

## MAY 21, 2006

**Orthros** 9 AM

**Divine Liturgy** 10 AM

**Church School**

Following Communion

**Epistle Reading**

Acts 11:19-30

**Gospel Reading**

John 4:5-42



**Protopsaltis**  
Zannis Res

**Choir Director**  
Dr. Jon Wardner

**Prosforo**  
Maria Papaefthymiou

**Fellowship Hour**  
AHEPA

**SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN**  
**SS. CONSTANTINE & HELEN**

## UP-COMING EVENTS—[www.stnickaa.org](http://www.stnickaa.org)

**Sunday, May 21**

**-GREEK SCHOOL GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**Immediately following the Divine Liturgy**

**Monday, May 22**

-Bible Study—Exodus—10:00 a.m.  
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**Tuesday, May 23**

-YAL Night—7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 24**

-Daughters—7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, May 25**

-Senior Bus Trip-Amish Acres—9:00a.m.

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

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