

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

June 4, 2006

Epistle Reading:

Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18,28-36

IN THOSE DAYS, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, so that he might

not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesos and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.' " And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

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.

Apolytikion for 6th Thursday after Pascha/Ascension

O Christ our God, You ascended in Glory and gladdened Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Your blessing assured them that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

Gospel Reading At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes John 17:1-13 to heaven and said, "Father, the hour

has come; glorify your Son that the

Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made. "I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

Apolytikion for Fathers of the 1st Council

You are greatly glorified, O Christ our God, who established our Fathers as luminaries upon the earth, and through them led us all to the true Faith. O Most compassionate, glory to You.

Kontakion

O Christ our God, upon fulfilling Your dispensation for our sake, You ascended in Glory, uniting the earthly with the heavenly. You were never separate but remained inseparable, and cried out to those who love You, "I am with you and no one is against you."



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 you to our Parish.

Prosforo will be needed for the following Sundays: July 2 and 30.

Fellowship Hour Sponsors needed for the following Sundays: June 18, 25, July 30.

Stewardship

As Christians who are concerned with the Church of today, we must become stewards in every sense of the word: time, ability, service and resources to see that the work of the Lord is done.

As Christian Stewards reflecting upon your church, we ask you to view your church not as mortar and bricks but as a meeting place for the faithful to gather together and drink from the cup of Life. *As Christ said. . . "Whoever drinks from 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."* (John 4:14)

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

"Summer Pascha" is our theme for our first Vacation Bible School—2006, scheduled June 19th-22nd. We invite children from Kindergarten to 7th grad to come and share their faith, meet new friends and have fun. Learn about Holy Week through music, crafts and class instruction, and help create a children's garden with flowers and painted rocks.

Please fill out a registration form for V.B.S. Forms are located on the table outside the fellowship hall. Fee is \$25.00/child and the deadline is Sunday, June 11, 2006.

Philoptochos Notes

Please join us for our "end of the year" DINNER-MEETING on Wednesday, June 14, 2006 at 6:30 p.m., at the Carlyle Restaurant on Jackson Road. **Reservations are due by Friday, June 9th.** For further information please call Vicky Masters-971-0788 or Presvytera Eva Paul—663-0821.

Donations for the *Dress for Success* Community Care program for May will be accepted through June 15th.

Community Care for June, July and August is IOCC. The IOCC is the internationally respected Pan-Orthodox Humanitarian Organization of SCOBA that responds to needs anywhere in the world including the United States. Please be generous.

Church School

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 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 (8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. daily)

St. Nicholas Seniors Join us for our monthly "planning" session at the church office on Tuesday, June 6th at 12:30 p.m. Bring your ideas for summer activities. **St. Nicholas Seniors** Are invited to attend the "**2nd Annual Taverna Gathering**" on Tuesday, June 20th at 4:00 p.m. We will enjoy a full souvlaki Dinner, singing and dancing in the church hall. Cost \$7.00. RSVP no later than Sunday June 11th to Penny Bekiars—662-6606 or Joan Raphael—483-0923. Hope to see you there.

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

If you would like to volunteer for the PTO, please contact either Koula Pliakas at koulap@comcast.net or Demetra M-R. at dmr@hotmail.com.

PICNIC Sunday, June 11th from 2p.m. to 6 p.m.

On the parish grounds
Please bring a dish to pass according to the list below and enough to serve 8-10 people.

A-H Chips & Dip; munchies

I-P Salads; fruit

Q-Z Desserts

The parish will provide the meat and drinks.

There will be games and lots of fun for the kids.



**COME AND ENJOY THE FOOD,
FUN AND FELLOWSHIP**



Daughters of Penelope

The Daughters of Penelope will have their End of the Year Dinner, June 21st at 6:30 p.m. All women of the Parish are invited to join us at the Quarter Bistro Restaurant. Cost is \$18.00 per person. Please call Perry Katsikas at 995-4766 to make your reservation.

Saint Nicholas Young Adults (Y.A.L.)

The Y.A.L. "Hang-Out" Night is in FULL swing! On Tuesday night, June 6th, 7:30 pm at Saint Nicholas. Meet some new people and have some fun and fellowship! All are welcome! Need a ride or have any questions? Contact Christopher A. Bekiaries: cbgoblue@mgoblue.com or 734/761-9255. Our schedule is posted at: www.stnickaa.org

Church Etiquette—Receiving Communion

Please remember the following etiquette when coming forward to receive Holy Communion:

- Privately recite the Communion preparation prayers found on the laminated sheets in the pews
- Please come forward only when an usher has called your row
- Take the Communion cloth in your hands and place it underneath your chin (using both hands)
- Open your mouth wide and take all of the Communion off of the spoon
- Wipe your mouth on the cloth
- Pass the cloth to the next person in line
- When you return to your pew, privately recite the prayer for after receiving communion on the laminated sheet
- If you are bringing forward a baby, hold the baby cradled in your right arm and gently restrain his or her hands and feet. An altar boy will help with the placement of the child's head if necessary



SAVE THE DATE

June 29th 7:00 p.m.

Ice Cream Social

here at St Nicholas

Sponsored by the Y.A.L.

Join us again this year for your favorite ice cream delight! Enjoy fellowship with other parishioners and meet new people.



THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

JUNE 4, 2006

Orthros 9 AM

Divine Liturgy 10 AM

**Church School
10:00 A.M. TODAY**

**Epistle Reading
Acts 20:16-18; 28-36**

**Gospel Reading
John 17:1-13**



FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

UP-COMING EVENTS—www.stnickaa.org

Monday, June 5

-Bible Study—10:00 a.m.

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Tuesday, June 6

-Bed Pad Sewing—9:30 a.m.

-Seniors Meeting—12:30 p.m.

-YAL "Hang Out" Talk with Fr. Nick —7:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 8

-Parish Council Meeting—7:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 10

-Orthros & Divine Liturgy — 10:00 a.m. Saturday of Souls

**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

**Protopsaltis
Zannis Res**

**Choir Director
Dr. Jon Wardner**

**Prosforo
Ioannou Family**

**Fellowship Hour
Greek School**

**Trisagion Service
Georgia Kokkales—5 Years**