

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

July 2, 2006

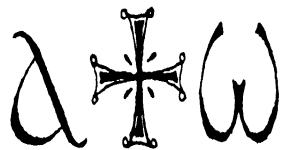
Epistle Reading: BRETHREN, the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking

Resurrectional Apolytikion

When You descended unto death, O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You.

Kontakion

O godly shelter that dost cover all mankind, the sacred robe that covered thy sacred body hast thou bestowed on all the faithful graciously, O pure Virgin, as a robe of divine incorruption. As we celebrate with love its august deposition, we cry to thee with fear, O graced of God: Rejoice, O modest one, boast of the Christian race.



Gospel Reading . . . The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

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.



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.

Visitor's 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 Sundays of August 13, 20 and 27.

Fellowship Hour Sponsors needed for the following Sundays: August 6, 13, 20, & 27.

Stewardship

There is always the person who will give, but only if everybody else has given. He gives only because of compulsions and with great reluctance. He gives because he does not want to be outdone by his neighbor. St. Paul tells us that "God loves a man who is glad to give." He bestows upon such a person every blessing in abundance so that he will be able to continue to do God's work. To give in His Name is our duty and responsibility as children of God and followers of His Son, and not as a vain act of condescension towards one less fortunate or in order to win the praises of men. Giving is a privilege that God has given us so that we can take an active part in His work. *Rev. Fr. E. M. Lionikis*

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.



You may take a vacation but our parish bills don't. Please continue to support the parish during the summer months.

Philoptochos Notes

No bed pad sewing in July. We'll resume on August 1st at 9:30 a.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

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

St. Nicholas Seniors Please join with us for an "Ice-Cream Afternoon" on Tuesday, July 11th at 1:00 p.m. We will meet at the home of Joan Raphael (810 Courtland, Ypsilanti). Sign up by Sunday, July 9th by calling Penny Bekiaries (662-6606), Diane Geczi (747-9619) or Joan Raphael (483-0923). Let us know if you need a ride!

Church Wine Needed

The church needs communion wine. If you would like, please feel free to bring some in with the names of living or dead to be commemorated at the proskomidi. *Commandaria* is the preferred wine.

Thank you.

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

The Y.A.L. "Hang-Out" Night is in full swing! We get together every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at St. Nicholas. Some nights we may stay in and watch a video in the St. Nicholas Library or play some games other nights we will go out for coffee, see a movie, go bowling etc. All Young Adults are welcome to come join us! Meet new people, have fun and fellowship. 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

E.G.G.S.(Everybody Goes Grocery Shopping)
 Our parish is pushing this effort to encourage our parishioners to sign up at Meijer, Kroger and Busch's so that our normal shopping habits can benefit our community financially. To sign up, please read the information below. Please remember, this is at NO EXPENSE to you—our parish gets rewarded from the stores. 4%-5% of the purchase price of your items comes back to St. Nicholas from the stores. Please sign up and help us in this easy program to help meet our financial needs!

Meijer Community Rewards

Our community is now 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!**

Kroger's and Busch's rechargeable \$5 gift cards are available outside our fellowship hall. 5% of anything you buy at Korger's or Busch's goes back to the church. Use a credit-card or cash as you would normally and pay with your rechargeable gift-card. Thank you!

St. Panteleimon Greek Festival —Sunday, July 23, 2006 at St. Panteleimon Church, 7143 Cedar Road, Lexington, Michigan.

Orthros 9:00 A.M.—Divine Liturgy 10:00 A.M.

Lambs cooked on the Souvla; Barbecue Chicken, Salads and Souvlakia, Pastries and Beverages.

No food will be allowed to be brought into the pavilion. You can buy food and drink there.

Greek Music by "HELLAS" - Dancing

Please join us on Wednesday, July 26 for our Vesper Service at 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, July 27th for Orthros at 10:00 a.m. and Divine Liturgy at 11:00 a.m.

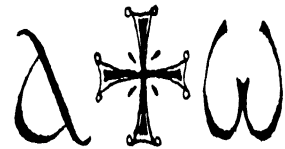
Vacation Bible School

Thanks to Susan Pagalos, Pres. Peggy Bistolarides and Eleni Res, our V.B.S. coordinators and to all the adults who helped with the program, and especially the garden, for making this a successful week!

The children really enjoyed themselves and learned a lot about Pascha. Our day began with a light breakfast, prayer in Church, classes, crafts, music, lunch and work in our children's garden.

Each child contributed to the garden so please come and see how much hard work they put into this beautiful Children's Garden.

We look forward to working with our young people next year as we learn another chapter in our Orthodox Faith. We hope that many more will join us. Talk to those who came to V.B.S. and find out what a wonderful, inspiring time it was.



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!!



**THE SUNDAY BULLETIN
 JULY 2, 2006**

Orthros 9 AM

Divine Liturgy 10 AM

Epistle Reading
 Hebrews 9:1-7

Gospel Reading
 Matt.6:22-33



Protopsaltis
 Zannis Res

Choir Director
 Jon Wardner

Prosforo
 Dee Bairactaris

Fellowship Hour
 Sylvia Kleanthous

Memorial Service
 Imad Nadra—12 Years

THIRD SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



**HAPPY INDEPENDENCE
 DAY**



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