

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

August 13 2006

Epistle Reading: BRETHREN, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.
1Cor 3:9-17

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder. I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw - each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

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

You were transfigured upon the mount, O Christ our God, and Your disciples, in so far as they could bear, beheld Your glory. Thus, when they see You crucified, they may understand Your voluntary passion, and proclaim to the world that You are truly the effulgence of the Father.

Wisdom of the Fathers

So absolutely nothing does it avail to be near Christ, if not being near Him by faith Signifying therefore that not the assault of the wind, but his want of faith had wrought his overthrow, He said, "Wherefore did you doubt, O you of little faith?"

St. John Chrysostom, Homily 50 on Matthew 14
4th Century

Gospel Reading Matt. 14:22-34 At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying "Take heart, it is I; have no fear."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the pas-sions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You.

Apolytikion for Apodosis of the Transfiguration

You were transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ our God, showing to Your disciples Your glory as much as they could bear. Do also in us, sinners though we be, shine Your everlasting light, through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Giver of light. Glory to 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 Sundays of August 27 and October 15.

Fellowship Hour Sponsors needed for the following Sundays: August 20 and 27.

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.

Stewardship

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 support the parish during the summer months. Thank you !

Church School Notes

Summer is fast coming to a close and it's time to start thinking about Church School.

Church School begins on Sunday, September 10th, immediately following Holy Communion. Please remember that part of the Church School curriculum is attendance at the Divine Liturgy. Therefore, please have your child at the Church by 10:00 a.m.

Registration forms are available in the hallway outside the fellowship hall. Please complete the form and bring it to class on September 10th.

Tuition this year is **\$20.00/child** due to increased costs of supplies and this year, each child will have a workbook which will be taken home at the end of the year.

The staff is looking forward to working with you and your children again this year.



Philoptochos Notes

Yassou Golf Outing

Yassou Golf Outing is going to be held on Sunday, September 17, 2006 at Stonebridge Golf Club in Saline. Thanks in advance for your support.

St. Nicholas Seniors

This Wednesday, August 16th we will leave the church at 9:30 a.m. for the "Bavarian Belle—River Cruise" in Frankenmuth, MI. We will return by 5:30 p.m.

Daughters of Penelope

On Sunday October 1, after the Divine Liturgy, the Daughters will sponsor a Salad Luncheon to benefit the church. Please keep the date open. For tickets and information, please contact Vivi Roumanis—996-3600 or Perry Katsikas—9995-4766.

The St. Nicholas Church Bookstore Recommends:

This month the Bookstore is featuring Diana Kochilias's now classic cookbook, *The Glorious Foods of Greece: Traditional Recipes from Greece's Islands, Cities and Villages*, and Nicholas Kokonis's *Arcadia, My Arcadia*, a story fashioned from the common people of the Greek countryside, their hopes and disappointments, struggles and misfortunes. We also recommend Anthony M. Coniaris's *The Eye Cannot Say to the Hand, "I Have No Need of You,"* an exceptionally clear exploration of the them spelled out in Marshall McLuhan's famous words, "There are no passengers on spaceship earth. We are all crew." *Wounded by Love, the life and wisdom of Elder Porphyrios*, a charismatic guide for life's tough spiritual struggles. The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese's beautiful Agenda Planner 2006-07 is on order and will be arriving soon. Stop by to Reserve your copy.



Saturday Bread Baking

Come lend a hand on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. as we make homemade bread to help raise funds for our church. No experience necessary.

If you can help, call Ioanna Ioannou at 996-0481 or Koula Pliakas at 528-0920 or just show up on Saturdays.

You can buy the bread on Saturdays between 1 and 3 p.m. or after church on Sundays.

We'll also make special orders for your weekend events or parties.

University of Michigan: Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF)/Hellenic Student Association (HSA)

Will you or someone you know be a college freshman this fall? If so, you will want to know about two great student run organizations on campus:

The Hellenic Student Association (HSA) hosts activities including weekly gatherings, concerts, films, trips and Greek dance. Contact: hsa-board@umich.edu.

The Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) hosts activities including rec sports, discussions, retreats and community service. They also coordinate rides to church.

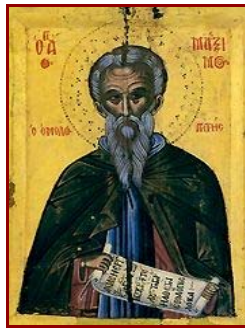
Contact: ocf-board@umich.edu.

If your student is already at school, be sure to inform him/her about these groups. Have them search their school's website or contact the University of Michigan chapters, listed above, who can give them any information they need!



St. Nicholas Family Night — Chili Fest — Thursday, August 24th— 6:30 p.m.

Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship, fun and games for the entire parish. Bring your best, secret recipe because you could be voted this year's "Chili Co-Off Champion." A panel of judges will taste and determine the winner.



Maximos the Confessor

The divine Maximus, who was from Constantinople, sprang from an illustrious family. He was a lover of wisdom and an eminent theologian. At first, he was the chief private secretary of the Emperor Heraclius and his grandson Constans. But when the Monothelite heresy became predominant in the royal court, out of hatred for this error the Saint departed for the Monastery at Chrysopolis (Scutari), of which he later became the abbot. When Constans tried to constrain him either to accept the Monothelite teaching, or to stop speaking and writing against it - neither of which the Saint accepted to do - his tongue was uprooted and his right hand was cut off, and he was sent into exile, where he reposed in 662. At the time only he and his few disciples were Orthodox in the East. See also April 13.

Reading Courtesy of Holy Transfiguration Monastery

PSALM 91

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide

under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him I will trust."

Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence.

He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge;

His truth shall be your shield and buckler.

You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day,

Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.



THE SUNDAY BULLETIN AUGUST 13, 2006

Orthros 9 AM

Divine Liturgy 10 AM

Epistle Reading
1Cor. 3:9-17

Gospel Reading
Matt. 14:22-34



Protopsaltis
Zannis Res

Choir Director
Jon Wardner

Prosforo
Andreas Stathopoulos

Fellowship Hour
Chris & Perry Katsikas

Trisagion
George Vassiliades

NINTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, August 14

Bible Study — 10:00 a.m.
Great Vespers—7:30 pm

Tuesday, August 15

Divine Liturgy —10:00 a.m. Dormition of the Theotokos
YAL "Hang Out" Night — 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 16

Senior Trip to Frankenmuth—9:30 a.m.
Bible Study — 7:30 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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