

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

SEPTEMBER 3, 2006

Epistle Reading:

1 Cor 15:1-11

BRETHREN, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the gospel,

which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast - unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

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.

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

In your holy birth, Immaculate One, Joachim and Anna were rid of the shame of childlessness; Adam and Eve of the corruption of death. And so your people, free of the guilt of their sins, celebrate crying: "The barren one gives birth to the Theotokos, who nourishes our life."

Gospel Reading

Matt. 19:16-24

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you call me good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions.

And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Wisdom of the Fathers

'But I say to you,' the Lord says, 'love your enemies; do good to those who hate you, pray for those who persecute you.' Why did he command these things? So that he might free you from hatred, sadness, anger and grudges, and might grant you the greatest possession of all, perfect love, which is impossible to possess except by the one you loves all equally in imitation of God. **St. Maximos the Confessor**, *Unknown* 7th century

VOUCHSAFE, O LORD

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin. Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name for ever. Amen.



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 Sunday October 15.

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

Sunday, September 17, 2006 at Stonebridge Golf Club, 1825 Clubhouse Drive, Ann Arbor. Shotgun Start at 1:00 p.m.

Golf Package \$115.00; Hole Sponsor \$100.00; Dinner only: \$32.00 (Adult); Children's Menu \$12.00; Dinner & Cash Bar at 5:30 p.m. Award Ceremony. Reservations by September 10th — Therese Apostoleris, 734-904-1301.

Proceeds to benefit the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church.

Church Food Cooking Classes

Thursday, September 21st, 7:00 p.m. How to make Kolyva; Thursday, October 5th, 7:00 p.m. How to make Prosforo.

Classes are open to both men and women who want to learn to make these two important church foods. Classes will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

GOYA NEWS

There will be a GOYA meeting on Sunday, September 10th at the church at 5:30 p.m. followed by a fellowship evening/activity.



The St. Nicholas Church Bookstore Recommends:

This month the bookstore is featuring books for young and old on our Church's images and icons. You will find RECHENKA'S EGGS by Patricia Polacco, a vibrantly illustrated story of an Old Babushka painting eggs for Easter Festival; ICONS AND SAINTS OF THE EASTERN ORTHODOX CHURCH, a beautifully illustrated guide showing and explaining what icons represent in our church; BRUSH WITH GOD, a book guiding aspiring artists - young and old, from novice to professional - through the process of icon painting, using traditional techniques but employing contemporary materials.



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. Call Ioanna Ioannou — 996-0481 or Koula Pliakas—582-0920 or just show up if you can help.

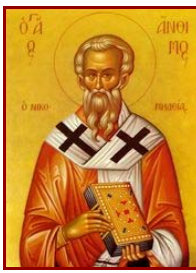
Daughters of Penelope

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—995-4766.

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!



Anthimos, Bishop of Nicomedia September 3rd

After the death of the 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia, their Bishop Anthimus fled to a certain village to care for his remaining flock. The Emperor Maximian sent men in search of him. When they found him, he promised to show Anthimus to them, but first took them in as guests, fed them, and only then made himself known to them. Amazed at his kindness, the soldiers promised him to tell Maximian that they had not found him. But Anthimus went willingly with them, and converting them by his admonitions, baptized them on the way. He boldly confessed his Faith before Maximian, and after frightful tortures was beheaded in the year 303 or 304.

Reading Courtesy of Holy Transfiguration Monastery
Icon Courtesy of St. Isaac Skete

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN SEPTEMBER 3, 2006

Orthros 9 AM

Divine Liturgy 10 AM

Epistle Reading
1 Cor. 15:1-11

Gospel Reading
Matt. 19:16-24



Psaltis
George Smyrnis

Choir Director
Dr. Jon Wardner

Prosforo
Natalie Challis

Fellowship Hour
Moniodis Family

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4—OFFICE CLOSED — HAPPY LABOR DAY

Tuesday, September 5 YAL “Hang Out” Night — 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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