

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

SEPTEMBER 10 2006

Epistle Reading BRETHREN, see with what large Gal. 6:11-18 letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to

make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and not only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Resurrection and had rejected the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly: Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world.

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."

From the Bible

For wisdom is a loving spirit; and will not acquit a blasphemer of his words: for God is witness of his reins, and a true beholder of his heart, and a hearer of his tongue.

Therefore beware of murmuring, which is unprofitable; and refrain your tongue from backbiting: for there is no word so secret, that go for nought: and the mouth the belierth slayeth the soul. *Wis. 1: 6, 11*

Gospel Reading Jn. 3:13-17

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

Wisdom of the Fathers

"He gave His Only-begotten Son," not a servant, not an Angel, not an Archangel. And yet no one would show such anxiety for his own child, as God did for His ungrateful servants ... He who giveth life to others, much more to Himself doth He well forth life ... For He calls the Cross the fountain of life; which reason cannot easily allow, as the heathens now by their mocking testify. But faith which goes beyond the weakness of reasoning, may easily receive and retain it. **St. John Chrysostom, Homily 27 on John 3** 4th 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.

Let Your mercy be upon us, O Lord, even as we have set our hope on You.

Blessed are You, O Lord; teach me Your statutes.

Blessed are You, O Master; make me to understand Your commandments.

Blessed are You, O Holy One; enlighten me with Your precepts.

Your mercy endures forever, O Lord!

Do not despise the works of Your hands!

To You belongs worship, to You belongs praise, to You

belongs glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the

Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. 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 the Sundays of October 15, 22, 29 and November 5.

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.

Church School Notes

Church School begins today, 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.

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.

GOYA NEWS

Attention GOYA Members and Parents:

The first GOYA meeting will be this Sunday at 5:30 p.m. This is a very important meeting because future activities, schedules, goals, communication expectations and volunteer opportunities for 2006/2007 year will be discussed. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting as well.

Directly following this meeting will be the first GOYA Fellowship Night.

PLEASE NOTE: Next Sunday, September 17th, Orthros at 8:30 A.M. and Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m.

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.

The St. Nicholas Church Bookstore Recommends for all ages:

The Planner: The Orthodox Daily Calendar and Resource Guide (September 2006-August 2007). Use The Planner to keep track of all your schedules. Complete with daily scriptural readings, prayers, commemoration of saints, and inspiration from the Fathers, The Planner follows the Ecclesiastical (Church) calendar, from September through August. Pick up your copy of this wonderful resource at the bookstore today—we have a limited number and intend to sell out!



Saturday Bread Baking

Come lend a hand on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. as we make home-made bread to help raise funds for our church. No experience necessary. Call Ioanna Ioannou — 996-0481 or Koula Pliakas—528-0920 or just show up



Daughters of Penelope Salad Luncheon

On Sunday **October 1**, after the Divine Liturgy, the Daughters will sponsor a Salad Luncheon to benefit the church. Proceeds will be used towards reducing our mortgage. Please keep the date open. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$5 for children. Please contact Vivi Roumanis—996-3600 or Fofie Pappas—482-1462 for details and ticket purchases.

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!

New Church Directory:

Please check out our website and link to the Olan Mills site to make your appointment. Slots are still available for October 20-21 and November 10-11.

If you do not have access to the Olan Mills site, please call Chris Kerry — 734-665-6273 to schedule an appointment.

Don't miss out on this opportunity!!

St. Nicholas Seniors

The "Kick Off" gathering is set for **Tuesday, September 19th at church at 1:00 p.m.** Join us for the interesting slide presentation by Peter Ballios entitled, "Come to Constantinople." All are welcome. Dessert provided. Call Penny Bekiaries (662-6606); Diane Geczi (747-9619) or Joan Raphael (483-0923) and let us know if you are attending.

We are traveling by bus to Crosswell Theater (Turkeyville) on Wednesday, October 4th for the Musical "Fiddler on the Roof" Cost is \$50.00 covering the musical, the delicious meal and the driver tip. **We will leave the church at 11:00 a.m. and return by 5:30 p.m. Please make checks payable to St. Nicholas Seniors, and remit no later than Sunday, September 17th.** Any questions please call Penny, Diane or Joan.

Greek School Notes

The Greek School Orientation and Registration will be Sunday, October 1st after the Divine Liturgy. **Classes begin on Monday, October 2nd.**

Tuition is due on or prior to the first day of school in order to avoid a \$50.00 late fee. Registration forms are on the Greek School door or in the office.

Adult Classes will be held from 6:10 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **ADVANCED** beginners will start on **Tuesday, October 3rd, BEGINNERS** on **Wednesday, October 4th.**

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!

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN SEPTEMBER 10, 2006

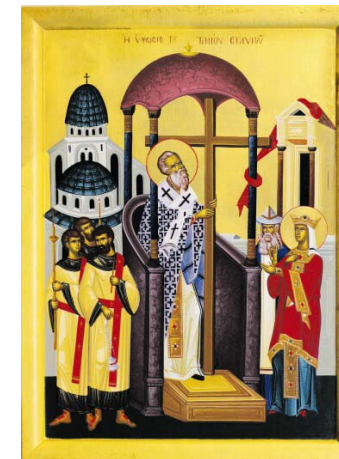
Orthros 9 AM

Divine Liturgy 10 AM

Church School begins today
Following Communion

Epistle Reading
Galatians 6:11-18

Gospel Reading
John 3:13-17



Psaltis

George Smyrnis

Choir Director

Dr. Jon Wardner

Prosforo

Demetra Mitropoulos-Rundus

Fellowship Hour

Philoptochos

Memorial: Glykeria Mitropoulos—5 years

SUNDAY BEFORE THE HOLY CROSS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, September 11

Philoptochos Meeting—7:30 p.m.

YAL Hang Out Night—7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 13

**Vespertal Divine Liturgy — Holy Cross Church—
Farmington Hills, MI —7:00 p.m.**

Thursday, September 14

**Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Holy Cross
—St. Nicholas 10:00 am
Parish Council Meeting — 7:00 p.m.**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

**ORTHROS 8:30 A.M. & DIVINE
LITURGY — 9:30 A.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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