

# Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

SEPTEMBER 17 2006

## Epistle Reading

Gal. 2:16-20 BRETHREN, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

## Resurrectional Apolytikion

Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. For in His goodness He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to raise up those who had died, by His glorious Resurrection.

## Apolytikion for Afterfeast of the Holy Cross

Save, O Lord, Thy people and bless Thine inheritance; grant Thou unto the faithful victory over adversaries. And by the power of Thy Cross do Thou preserve Thy commonwealth.

## 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

Lifted up on the Cross by Your free will, Christ God, grant mercies to the new commonwealth that bears Your name. Gladden our faithful rulers by Your power, giving them victories over their adversaries.

## Gospel Reading

Mark 8:34; 9-1 The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

## Wisdom of the Fathers

If you would be victorious, taste the suffering of Christ in your person, that you may be chosen to taste His glory. For if we suffer with Him, we shall also be glorified with Him.

Blessed are you if you suffer for righteousness' sake. Behold, for years and generations the way of God has been made smooth through the Cross and by death. The way of God is a daily Cross.

The Cross is the gate of mysteries.

**St. Isaac the Syrian**, *The Orthodox Way: Revised Edition*, SVS Press, p. 129.



## September 17th Sophia & her three daughters: Faith, Hope, and Love

These Saints were from Italy and contested for the Faith about the year 126, during the reign of the Emperor Hadrian. Faith was twelve years old, Hope, ten, and Love, nine; each was tormented and then beheaded, from the eldest to the youngest. Their mother Sophia mourned at their grave for three days, where she also fell asleep in peace; because of her courageous endurance in the face of her daughters' sufferings, she is also counted a martyr. The name Sophia means "wisdom" in Greek; as for her daughters' names, Faith, Hope, and Love (Charity), they are Pistis, Elpis, and Agape in Greek, and Vera, Nadezhda, and Lyubov in Russian.

*Reading Courtesy of Holy Transfiguration Monastery*

# Parish News and Events ([www.stnickaa.org](http://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 October 15, 29 and November 5.

**Fellowship Hour** sponsors needed for Nov. 5, 12 and 26.

## 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

If you have not yet registered for Church School, please do so today. Registration forms are in the hallway or you can obtain one in the Church School Office. Tuition this year is \$20.00/child.

**Church School classes begin 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.**

Parents and Parishioners, please note our volunteer sign up board for Church School events. We need all the help we can get. There are many upcoming monthly events. Our first event is the Parish Fall Harvest party in October.

## GOYA NEWS

The next GOYA meeting and fellowship night is scheduled for October 8th, at 5:00 p.m. All parishioners in grades 7-12 are invited and encouraged to attend.

The annual GOYA Brunch is being held October 15th. Please see Katerina Roumanis or any of the GOYA officers regarding tickets.

## Philoptochos

### 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.

## 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 today, September 17th.** Any questions please call Penny, Diane or Joan.



## 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.

Please come out and help support our Church!

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## 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.**

*EXCERPT from Encyclical of Archbishop Demetrios for the Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross*

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I joyfully communicate with you on the blessed occasion of the Feast of the Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross. On this important Feast of our Holy Orthodox Church, we gather together as a community and elevate the symbol of the cross in our midst. This is a fitting opportunity to consider the supreme meaning of this symbol and its centrality in our lives as Orthodox Christians.

The cross is a symbol of surprising contrast and incredible power. What was once a vicious instrument of execution by the state in ancient Roman times was transformed into an invincible weapon of peace and a symbol of everlasting life. This transformation of the cross from a symbol of death to a symbol of life would not have been possible were it not for the redemptive work of Jesus, the "theanthropos" (God-man), Who humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross (Philippians 2:8).

With paternal love in Christ,

+DEMETRIOS  
Archbishop of America

# THE SUNDAY BULLETIN SEPTEMBER 17, 2006

**Orthros** 9 AM

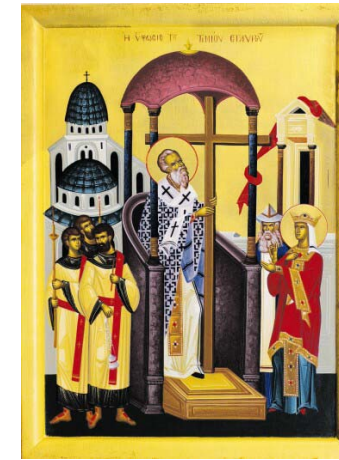
**Divine Liturgy** 10 AM

**Church School**  
Following Communion

**Epistle Reading**  
Gal. 2:16-20

**Gospel Reading**  
Mark 8:34; 9:1

**Memorial:**  
Demetrios Demetris—40  
Days



**Psaltis**

George Smyrnis

**Choir Director**

Dr. Jon Wardner

**Prosforo**

Anonymous

**Fellowship Hour**

Alex & Teddi Kales in honor of James Kales 92nd Birthday and Konstantinos & Marios Papaefthymiou's birthday celebrations

## SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS UPCOMING EVENTS

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 YASSOU GOLF OUTING TODAY**

Tuesday, September 19

Senior Meeting — Kick-off 1:00 p.m.  
YAL Hang Out Night —7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 20

Daughters Meeting—7:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 21

Philoptochos Cooking Class - "How to make Kolyva" —7:00 p.m.

**Submissions for the Sunday bulletin must be sent to:**  
**[office@stnickaa.org](mailto:office@stnickaa.org) by 10 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to publication.**

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