

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

SEPTEMBER 24, 2006

Epistle Reading II Tim. 3:10-15
TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory to You.

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

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

From the Bible

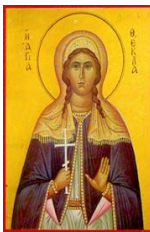
You will have to live with the consequences of everything you say. What you say can preserve life or destroy it; so you must accept the consequences of your words. **Proverbs 18:20**

Gospel Reading Luke 5:1-11
At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Wisdom of the Fathers

For now they were well instructed beforehand...But mark both their faith and their obedience. For though they were in the midst of their work when they heard His command, they delayed not, they procrastinated not, they said not, "let us return home, and converse with our kinsfolk," but "they forsook all and followed."

St. John Chrysostom, Homily 14 on Matthew 4



September 24

Thekla the Protomartyr & Equal-to-the-Apostles

This saint was from the city of Iconium. When she was eighteen years of age, she was instructed in the Faith of Christ and the hope of the resurrection by the Apostle Paul, whom also she followed, forsaking her betrothed and espousing a life of virginity for the sake of the Heavenly Bridegroom. Having preached Christ in various cities and suffered many things, she reposed in Seleucia of Cilicia at the age of 90.

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

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

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, 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 are traveling by bus to Crosswell Theater (Turkeyville) on Wednesday, October 4th to attend the musical "*Fiddler on the Roof*". **Please meet in the church parking lot at 11:00 a.m. We will return by 5:30 p.m.**

Reserve the date: A Halloween Luncheon Party is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24th at noon. More information will follow.



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!

Our Deepest Sympathies

To the Roumanis family for the passing of Louis Roumanis on Tuesday, September 19th. He was buried from our church on Friday, September 22nd. May his memory be eternal.



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.

SAT Study Prep

Attention all high school juniors & seniors! If you're planning on taking the PSAT or SAT exams this year, thanks to the generous contribution by Dr. Anthony Kales and the Youth Enrichment Committee, we have available several official SAT study guide books and vocabulary packets for your use. If you are interested, please feel free to contact Demetra Mitropoulos-Rundus (930-1894—dm-r@hotmail.com) to make arrangements for pick-up.

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.

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!

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!**

Help Wanted: Part-time nanny needed to care for our 2 year old son. Must have own transportation, perfect driving record and excellent references. Hours: Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. OR Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Tuesday-Thursday 4:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. If you are interested in this position, please e-mail your resume to langona@umich.edu and include a telephone number for contact.

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN SEPTEMBER 24, 2006



Orthros 9 AM
Divine Liturgy 10 AM
Church School
Following Communion
Epistle Reading
II Tim. 3:10-15
Gospel Reading
Luke 5:1-11

Psaltis
George Smyrnis
Choir Director
Dr. Jon Wardner
Prosforo
Vicky Masters
Fellowship Hour
Masters Family
Memorial:
Metaxia Masters —1 Year

FIRST SUNDAY OF LUKE UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, September 25

Bible Study — 8:15 p.m.

Tuesday, September 26

YAL Hang Out Night—Potluck Dinner —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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Reverend Protopresbyter John Paul

MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE: www.stnickaa.org