

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

OCTOBER 1, 2006

Epistle Reading BRETHREN, working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain.

For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

By means of Your Cross, O Lord, You abolished death. * To the robber You opened Paradise. * The lamentation of the myrrh-bearing women You transformed, * and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all * that You had risen, O Christ our God, * and granted the world Your 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

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.

Gospel Reading The Lord said, "And as you wish that Luke 6:31-36 men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

Wisdom of the Fathers

Why do we judge our neighbors? Because we shun knowing ourselves. Someone busy trying to understand himself has no time to notice the shortcomings of others. Judge yourself — and you will stop judging others. Judge a poor deed, but do not judge the doer. It is necessary to consider yourself the most sinful of all, and to forgive your neighbor every poor deed.

St. Seraphim of Sarov, *Unknown* 19th century

October 1

The Feast of the Holy Skepi of the Theotokos

The Feast of the Protection commemorates the appearance of the most holy Theotokos in the Church of Blachernae in Constantinople in the early sixth century, as recorded in the life of Saint Andrew the Fool for Christ's sake. While the multitudes of the faithful were gathered in church, Epiphanius, the friend of Saint Andrew, through the Saint's prayers, beheld the Virgin Mary above the faithful and spreading out her veil over them, signifying her unceasing protection of all Christians. Because of this we keep a yearly feast of gratitude, imploring our Lady never to cease sheltering us in her mighty prayers.

Reading Courtesy of Holy Transfiguration Monastery

From the Bible

In Praise of the Lord Psalm 117

Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise him, all peoples!
His love for us is strong, and his faithfulness is eternal.
Praise the Lord!

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.

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, November 12, 19 and 26.

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

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 Friday, October 27th. We need volunteers; if you can help, please call Sue Pagalos—944-0142.

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.

Daughters of Penelope

The Daughters of Penelope will be rescheduling their Salad Luncheon. Please watch the bulletin for details. Thank you.

Philoptochos

Church Food Cooking Class

Thursday, October 5th, 7:00 p.m. "How to make Prosforo". Class is open to both men and women who want to learn to make this important church food. Class will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

Don't forget that next Sunday there will be no coffee hour but a shower for Pres. Sandra and the ladies of the parish.

St. Nicholas Seniors

Please meet in the church parking lot at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 4th for the bus trip to Cornwall Theatre (Turkeyville)

Coming Event: A Halloween Luncheon Party is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24th at noon. Cost: \$3.00 (in costume) or \$5.00 (not in costume). All proceeds will be donated to the "Dr. Jim Fund" at U of M Cancer Center. The Dr. Jim Fund assists patients and their families with expenses such as gasoline, food and lodging while receiving treatment.

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.

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.



AHEPA Lamb Luncheon On Sunday, October 22nd, Ann Arbor AHEPA Chapter #195 is sponsoring their Annual Lamb Luncheon after the Divine Liturgy in the Fellowship Hall. During lunch, the St. Nicholas Greek School will present a short program commemorating OXI Day. Proceeds from this event will be used toward the reduction of the Church mortgage. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. Please contact Christos Philippou, 309-3032 or Costas Boutsikakis 604-8738 for details and tickets.

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.

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).

Greek School Notes

The Greek School Orientation and Registration today, 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.**

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.

Christian Stewardship-Everyone's Responsibility

"Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." (1 Cor. 16:2)

St. Paul speaks not only to first century Christians but to twentieth century Christians as well. He encourages us to set aside for the work of the Church some portion of our income in proportion to God's blessings bestowed upon us.

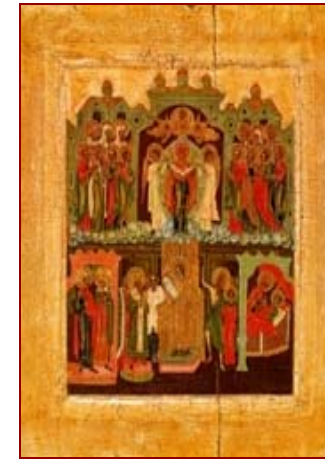
This concept of Christian giving is the very essence of Church support. Each of us should return to the Lord a portion of our blessings so that the Church may continue to grow and provide a spiritual haven for the faithful. This concept, known as Christian Stewardship, is not new to us.

Becoming a Steward begins when we say we believe in God to whom we give our love, loyalty and trust. We affirm that every aspect of our lives comes as a gift from Him. Stewards are motivated as recipients of God's abundant love to respond by participating and supporting His plan of salvation and the ministries of the Church, which make salvation possible for them and others.

*Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America
Department of Stewardship Ministry*

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

October 1, 2006



Orthros 9 AM

Divine Liturgy 10 AM

Church School

Following Communion

Epistle Reading

Acts 9:10-19

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:31-36

Psaltis

Zannis Res

Choir Director

Dr. Jon Wardner

Prosforo

Diane Geczi

Fellowship Hour

Daughters of Penelope

Memorial:

Frances Fry—5 Years

SECOND SUNDAY OF LUKE

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 1

Blessing of the Classrooms

Greek School Orientation & Registration

Monday, October 2

Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. & 8:15 p.m.

Greek School begins today

Tuesday, October 3

Bed Pad Sewing — 9:30 a.m.

Iconography Meeting — 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 4

Seniors Trip to Turkeyville — 11:00 a.m.

YAL Hang Out Night — 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 5

Y.E.R.A.C.. — 7:00 p.m.

How to Make Prosforo — 7:00 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