

# Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

OCTOBER 8, 2006

**Epistle Reading** BRETHREN, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

## Resurrectional Apolytikion

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be 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

### A Song of Praise Psalm 92:1-4

How good it is to give thanks to you, O Lord, to sing in your honor, O Most High God, to proclaim your constant love every morning and your faithfulness every night, with the music of stringed instruments and with melody on the harp.

Your mighty deeds, O Lord, make me glad; because of what you have done, I sing for joy.

## Gospel Reading

Luke 7:11-16

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

## Wisdom of the Fathers

For the light which is the object of our senses does not shine in darkness, but apart from it; but the preaching of Christ has shone forth in the midst of prevailing error, and made it to disappear.

But this light comes by faith, and when it is come, it lights abundantly him that has received it; and if you display a pure life for it, remains indwelling within continually.

As then one cannot rightly enjoy the sunlight, unless he opens his eyes; so neither can one largely share this splendor, unless he have expanded the eye of the soul, and rendered it in every way keen of sight.

But how is this effected? Then when we have cleansed the soul from all the passions. For sin is darkness, and a deep darkness; as is clear, because men do it unconsciously and secretly.

*St. John Chrysostom, Homily 5 on John 1, 4th Cen.*

## October 8

### Pelagia the Righteous

This Saint was a prominent actress of the city of Antioch, and a pagan, who lived a life of unrestrained prodigality and led many to perdition. Instructed and baptized by a certain bishop named Nonnus (Saint Nonnus is commemorated Nov. 10), she departed for the Mount of Olives near Jerusalem, where she lived as a recluse, feigning to be a eunuch called Pelagius. She lived in such holiness and repentance that within three or four years she was deemed worthy to repose in an odour of sanctity, in the middle of the fifth century. Her tomb on the Mount of Olives has been a place of pilgrimage ever since.

*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, November 12, and 26.

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

## Church School Notes

**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 sign the volunteer board and be sure to put your telephone number or e-mail address so we can contact you.

## GOYA NEWS

The next GOYA meeting and fellowship night is tonight, 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.

**Our Deepest Sympathies** to the Peter Bilakos Family on the death of their wife and mother, Susan. May her memory be eternal!

**Lost and Found** There are still quite a few items in the office waiting for people to identify. Our newest addition is a very nice umbrella. Please see if any of these items belong to you. We'll be disposing of them soon.

## Philoptochos

**Attention Ladies:** Spanakopita baking begins on Monday, October 16th at 9:30 a.m. and will continue throughout the evening. We will work all week these same hours. We need everyone's help. Please come and lend a hand!

**Our regular meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11th.**

After our meeting, Susan Bellinson, Regional Marketing Coordinator for Whole Foods, will be here at 8 p.m. to speak about cosmetics and organic foods.

On behalf of Philoptochos, we would like to thank everyone who supported and worked tirelessly to make the Yassou Golf Outing a great success again this year. A few of the sponsors were unable to be properly recognized at the event so we would like to thank them here. Those sponsors include LaRoe Remodeling, Main Street Title, Republic Bank and St. Nicholas Greek School PTO.

## St. Nicholas Seniors

A Halloween Luncheon Party is planned for Tuesday, October 24th in the Church Hall at 12 noon. Cost: \$3.00 (in costume) \$5.00 (not in costume). All proceeds will be donated to the "Dr. Jim Fund", which is the Philoptochos October Community Care Ministry. This fund provides aid to families in need of financial support while at the UM Cancer Center.

**Next Bus Trip:** The Seniors, along with Philoptochos members are attending the gala performance at the Fox Theatre in Detroit—"White Christmas". This is a Broadway adaptation of the Bing Crosby movie. The cost is \$65. This covers the ticket to the performance, the bus ride and driver gratuity. Please pay no later than Wednesday, November 15th. Checks to St. Nicholas Seniors. See Penny Bekiars, Diane Geczi, or Joan Raphael ASAP if you wish to reserve.





### Men's Choir

Thanks to the Men's Choir, under the direction of Fr. John Paul, who sang so beautifully today. Congratulations to all of you for your hard work and dedication.



### 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](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.

### 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).

### 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.

*He who sows sparingly shall reap sparingly; and he who sows bountifully shall reap bountifully. Each one should give, then as he has decided, not with regret or out of a sense of duty; for God loves the one who gives gladly. 2 Cor. 6-7.*

**LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY PICTURES:** 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 — 734-678-4138 to schedule an appointment.

Don't miss out on this opportunity!!



### The St. Nicholas Church Bookstore Recommends for all ages:

*The Orthodox Planner* (just a few copies left!); *Dear God*, a beautiful children's book containing letters of thanks and praise to God in eleven little envelopes concealed in the book's pages; and *Mountain of Silence* and *Gifts of the Desert*, two books by Kyriacos Markides on his travels through Mount Athos and Cyprus and conversations with



### Modern Greek Program

Wednesday, October 18, 7:00 p.m. acclaimed author Christopher Merrill will be reading from his new book on his journey to Mount Athos, *Things of the Hidden God: Journey to the Holy Mountain*. The event, sponsored by the Modern Greek Program and the MFA Program in Creative Writing at U-Michigan, will be held at the Rackham Amphitheatre, 915 E. Washington, 4th floor. It is free and open to all.

# THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

## October 8, 2006



**Orthros** 9 AM  
**Divine Liturgy** 10 AM  
**Church School**  
Following Communion  
**Epistle Reading**  
II Cor. 6:16-18; 7:1  
**Gospel Reading**  
Luke 7:11-16

**Psaltis**  
Zannis Res  
**Choir Director**  
Dr. Jon Wardner  
**Prosforo**  
Ioannou Family  
**Fellowship Hour**  
Baby Shower  
**Memorial:**  
Tina Doumanian-40 Days

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LUKE UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, October 8** GOYA meeting and fellowship night — 5:00 p.m.  
**Monday, October 9** Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. & 8:15 p.m.  
**Wednesday, October 11** YAL Hang Out Night — 7:30 p.m.  
Philoptochos Meeting—7:30 p.m.  
**Thursday, October 12** Parish Council Meeting — 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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