

# Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

OCTOBER 15, 2006

**Epistle Reading** TITUS, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on

these things, so that those who

have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

## Resurrectional Apolytikion

The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, grant-ing life unto the world. For this reason were the powers of heaven crying out to You, O Life-giver: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; glory to Your eternal rule; glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves mankind.

## 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.

**Gospel Reading** The Lord said this parable: "A sower Luke 8:5-15

went out to sow his seed; and as he

sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

## Wisdom of the Fathers

For by seed here He means His doctrine, and by land, the souls of men, and by the sower, Himself .... For as the sower makes no distinction in the land submitted to him, but simply and indifferently casts his seed; so He Himself too makes no distinction of rich and poor, of wise and unwise, of slothful or diligent, of brave or cowardly; but He discourses unto all, fulfilling His part, although fore-knowing the results.

**St. John Chrysostom, Homily 44 on Matthew**  
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## From the Bible

I look to the mountains; where will my help come from? My help will come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. **Psalms 121:1-2**



# 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 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.

**Please Welcome** to our parish **Capt. William John Bartz** of the Chaplain Corps., United States Navy. Capt. Bartz will be assisting with the Divine Liturgy and preaching today.

Capt. Bartz was commissioned as an Ensign in the Naval Chaplain Corps Theological Student Program in May 1977. He graduated from Hellenic College, Brookline, MA in 1975 and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in 1978. Presently, Fr. Bartz is Force Chaplain, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Command; U.S. Marine Corps Forces Europe and U.S. Marine Corps Forces South.

Father Bartz is married to the former Emily Mamalis and they have three children, Joanna, Maria and George.

## 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!

## 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 matinee performance "White Christmas" at the Fox Theatre in Detroit, on Thursday, November 30th. 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 Bekiares, Diane Geczi, or Joan Raphael ASAP if you wish to reserve.

## GOYA NEWS

GOYA Brunch today after the Divine Liturgy. Please join us for an excellent brunch and fellowship.

## Our Deepest Sympathy

To Presvytera Eva and Fr. John Paul on the death of Presvytera Eva's sister-in-law, Georgia Miller. May her memory be eternal.

Those wishing to express their sympathy through donations may contribute to either Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Cathedral Foundation, 600 East Boulevard, Charlotte, NC 28203 or St. Nektarios Building Fund, 5108 Kuykendall Road, Charlotte, NC 28270.

The Foundation for Modern Greek Studies invites you to attend  
 A FUNDRAISING EVENT to establish a **second Chair**  
 in **MODERN GREEK HISTORY & CULTURE** at the  
**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**  
**Saturday, November 11, 2006.**  
**THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER**  
**GRAND BALLROOM—ATHENAEUM HOTEL**  
 400 Monroe Ave. Detroit, MI 48226

Reception: 6:30 p.m.  
 Dinner: 8:00 p.m.  
 Black tie optional

DONOR RECOGNITION  
 LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

COMPLIMENTARY VALET PARKING

Donation: \$150 per person—\$250 per couple  
 (Partially Tax-Deductible)  
 Payable to: Foundation for Modern Greek Studies  
 RSVP: Pauline Skinner 734.662.7855  
 paulineskinner@comcast.net



**AHEPA Lamb Luncheon** Next 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.

**Attention College Students**

St. Nicholas Ladies Philoptochos cordially invites you to the Annual Fall Student Dinner on Sunday, November 5th at 6:00 p.m. Join us for great food and fellowship. Questions? Call Sandy Engelke at 995-8328.

**Our Deepest Sympathy**

To the family of Lydia Fotis on her passing on October 12th. The Trisagion is today at 7:30 at Muehlig's and the funeral is tomorrow at 11 AM. May her memory be eternal.

**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.

**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 Father Maximos, a charismatic Orthodox bishop who imparts his lessons from life. The writing is fresh and wise.



**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.

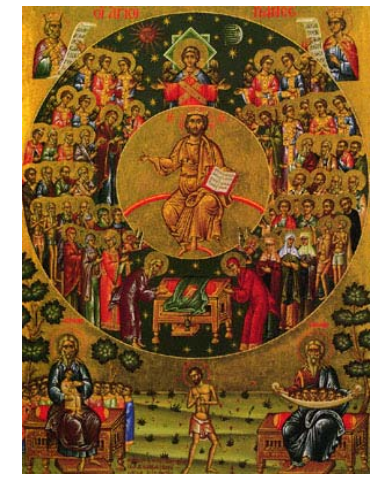
**Greek School Notes**

On Oct. 21st from 11-1 Priscilla Zervos will be teaching Greek Dance to the Greek School Students. From 1-3, she will teach any interested adults.

**Note Well: The St. Nicholas Dance has been moved to December 2nd.**

**THE SUNDAY BULLETIN**

**October 15, 2006**



**Orthros** 9 AM  
**Divine Liturgy** 10 AM

**Church School**  
 Following Communion

**Epistle Reading**  
 Titus 3:8-15

**Gospel Reading**  
 Luke 8:5-15

**Psaltis**  
 Zannis Res

**Choir Director**  
 Teresa Stokes

**Prosforo**

**Fellowship Hour**  
 GOYA Brunch

**SUNDAY OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, October 15**

**Monday, October 16**

**Tuesday, October 17**

**Wednesday, October 18**

**Thursday, October 19**

**Friday, October 20**

**Saturday, October 21**

**GOYA BRUNCH AFTER DIVINE LITURGY**

Bible Study — 10:00 a.m.(Cancelled) & 8:15 p.m.  
 Spinach Pie Making—9:30 a.m.—9:00 p.m.

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 Youth Choir Rehearsal—6:15 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

YAL Hang Out Night — 7:30 p.m.

Spinach Pie Making—9:30 a.m.—9:00 p.m.

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 Directory Pictures —3:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

Directory Pictures—10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

**Please Note this major change in the church calendar: The St. Nicholas Dance will be held on Saturday, December 2nd.** It had to be moved from Nov. 11th. Thank you.

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