

# Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

OCTOBER 22, 2006

## Epistle Reading

BRETHREN, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands.

I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven-whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise-whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows-and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

## Resurrectional Apolytikion

When You descended unto death, O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, 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.

## Gospel Reading

Luke 8:26-39

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

## 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.



# 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, 26 and December 3, 10, 17 and 24..

**Fellowship Hour** sponsors needed for Nov. 5, 12, 26 and Dec. 3, 10, 17 and 24th.

## Church School News

Just a reminder that students need to be in church by 10:00 a.m. for the Divine Liturgy and to proceed to their classroom after Communion. Each student should have received a copy of the requirements necessary for learning the material in their grade level. If they did not receive one, please ask the teacher or visit the web site.

Students in grades 7-12 were given Oratorical Festival topics so that they may begin to research the topic of their choice for the Parish Oratorical Festival to be held in March. We strongly urge the parents to help and support their child during this process so that parents and children learn together. Vicki Kiningham is the chairperson for the Festival.



The Church School Department and the YAL are sponsoring the Parish Fall Harvest Party on **Friday, October 27th from 7p.m.-9p.m.** There will be games, pumpkin painting and cookie decorating for the younger children from 7 p.m.-8 p.m. and a pumpkin carving contest open to all ages. Come and enjoy a fun night with the family and friends.

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



## Philoptochos

Attention ladies, we are planning to continue making spanakopita on Monday, Oct. 23rd. We plan to work until noon. However, please call the Church Office before coming to make sure we are there.

Don't forget the **Spaghetti Dinner** Thursday Nov. 2, from 5p.m.-7:30 p.m. Come and enjoy a delicious dinner.



## Wreath Sale

Philoptochos is once again sponsoring a wreath sale. The proceeds will benefit Philoptochos Charities. **Orders need to be placed no later than November 19th** and can be picked up on **Sunday, December 3rd from Noon to 3 p.m.** Order forms are located on the table in the hall or contact Sylvia Kleanthous.

## St. Nicholas Seniors

A Halloween Luncheon Party is planned for this 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.

## 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 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  
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### 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).

**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 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.

### Daughters of Penelope

The Daughters of Penelope will meet **this Wednesday, October 25th at 7:30 p.m.** at our church. Questions, please contact Perry Katsikas —995-4766.



### New At The Bookstore

We have two copies of the hard to find *Best of Greek Cuisine* (Vefa Alexiadou); award winning books from the "God's Design for Sex" series: *The Story of Me* for ages 3 to 5; *Before I was Born* for ages 5 to 8; *What's the Big Deal* for ages 8 to 11 and *Facing the Facts* for ages 11 to 14 years old; *Dear God... Little Letter Prayers for Little People*, a beautifully inspiring children's book. Browse at the bookstore today.

**The Hellenic Student Association** at the U-M warmly invites people to attend Schola Cantorum, a new Byzantine Choir from Holy Cross College of Theology in Brookline, MA directed by Nektarios Antoniou. The Choir will perform Sunday, October 29, 2006 at 3 p.m. at the Rackham Auditorium (1st floor), 915 E. Washington Street.

### 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.



### St. Nicholas Dance December 2, 2006

Join us for an evening of excellent food, fun and fellowship on December 2 at 6:30 p.m. Come prepared to bid at our Silent Auction. We have some interesting and unexpected items for this year's bidding.

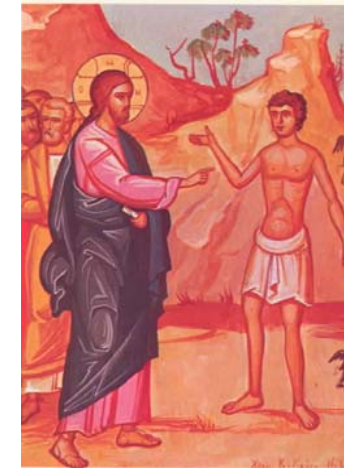
Tickets are \$60.00 for adults and \$30.00 for children under 12. Tickets can be obtained by calling Katerina Roumanis at 665-3254 or the Church Office — 332-8200.

### Box Tops for Education

The Greek School is now registered to receive funds from the General Mills Box Tops for Education Program. We can use the box tops from the General Mills cereal boxes, ziploc bags, snack foods etc. The only thing we have to do is collect the points and send them in. The first deadline is October 31st. Please contact Koula Pliakas for further information.

# THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

## October 22, 2006



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

**Church School**  
Following Communion

**Epistle Reading**  
II Cor. 11:31-33; 12:1-9

**Gospel Reading**  
Luke 8:26-39

**Psaltis**  
Zannis Res

**Choir Director**  
Jon Wardner

**Prosforo**  
Anonymous

**Fellowship Hour**  
AHEPA Annual Lamb  
Luncheon Fundraiser

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, October 22**

**Monday, October 23**

**Tuesday, October 24**

**Wednesday, October 25**

**Friday, October 27**

#### AHEPA LAMB LUNCHEON

Orthros & Divine Liturgy, St. Iakovos — 10:00 a.m.  
Bible Study — After the Divine Liturgy & 7:30 p.m.

Seniors Halloween Luncheon — 12 Noon

Senior Choir Rehearsal—7:00 p.m.  
Vespers-St. Demetrios, Church Saginaw — 7:00 p.m.  
Daughters of Penelope — 7:30 p.m.  
YAL Hang Out Night — 7:30 p.m.

Orthros & Divine Liturgy, St. Demetrios— 10:00 a.m.  
Fall Harvest Party — 7:00 p.m.—9:00 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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