

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

NOVEMBER 5, 2006

Epistle Reading

Gal. 2:16-20

BRETHREN, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but

through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and had rejected the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly: Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world.

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

Luke 16:19-31

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

Wisdom of the Fathers

By these words it is surely shown that in his [the rich man] daily feasting he had frequently sinned by his tongue, seeing that, while burning all over, he demanded to be cooled especially in his tongue. Again, that levity of conduct follows closely upon gluttony sacred authority testifies ... For the most part also edacity leads us even to lechery, because, when the belly is distended by repletion, the stings of lust are excited.

St. Gregory the Dialogist, *The Book of Pastoral Rule*, Chapter XIX 6th century

From the Bible Let all bitterness, and anger and wrath and tumult, and evil speaking be put away from you. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, having forgiven one another, even as also God forgave you in Christ. *Ephesians 4:31-32*.

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 November 19 and 26 and December 3, 17 and 24.

Fellowship Hour sponsors needed for Nov. 12, 26 and Dec. 3, 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.

Thanksgiving Food Drive—Thanksgiving has become a special holiday in our lives where family and friends get together to share and enjoy a special meal and give thanks to God for the many blessing in our lives.

One special way our children can say thank you to God is to help those less fortunate than they. Our Church School "Thanksgiving Food Drive" is a great opportunity for the children to help feed families that may go hungry during the holidays. "To share with the needy is to imitate God's love."

We are asking each child to bring in **one can or one boxed item** listed below on the Sundays of Nov. 12th and 19th. Each grade is assigned an item. The items will be collected and given to SOS Community Services, an agency that helps feed those families in crisis.

Preschool — 1 can of corn; K-1 Check with teacher; 2-3— 1 can of beans; 4-5—1 box/bag of stuffing; 6-7—1 can of cranberry sauce; 8-9—1 can of mixed fruit; 10-12—1 small box/bag of rice.

Please bring the item to your class no later than the 19th of November.

Philoptochos News

The Philoptochos meeting on Wednesday, November 8th will begin promptly at 7:30. At 8 p.m., our guest speaker will be pharmacist, Olya Nash. Please submit questions for Olya to Anna Chapekis. All are welcome.



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—734-475-2034.

Special Tray today to benefit the Patriarchate.

Thanks to all who attended the annual spaghetti dinner. Proceeds provide food certificates for the needy.

Bed pad sewing on Tuesday, November 7th from 9:30 to 12:00 noon.

St. Nicholas Seniors

Seniors Planning Meeting will be this Tuesday, November 7th at the Church at 12:30 p.m.

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.

On **Thursday, Nov. 9th** Seniors are invited to watch a Greek movie (English subtitles) at **1:00 p.m. in the Church Hall**. "Politiki Kouzina" involves relationships and events endured by the Asia Minor Greek population in Constantinople. It is sad but also funny!

Coffee and dessert will be served.



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

Please Note: The St. Nicholas Dance has been moved to December 2nd. However, the **RAFFLE DRAW will take place on November 12th** during the Social Hour in order to give enough time to the winner to make arrangements for their trip.



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.

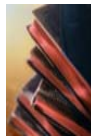
Tickets are \$60.00 for adults and \$30.00 for children under 12. Tickets can be obtained by calling Katerina Roumanis at 665-3254 or the Church Office — 332-8200.



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. Please contact Koula Pliakas for further information.

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. Please call Chris Kerry — 734-678-4138 to schedule an appointment.



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.

We have several Bibles for children of all ages: Toddlers, preschoolers, young readers, intermediate readers. Now the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese has published a wonderful Bible for children up to 14 years old. We will be placing orders for this beautiful book.

Browse at the bookstore today.

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 concern.



Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army

We will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army on Wednesday, Dec. 6th. The shifts will be one (1) hour beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and there will be two (2) people per shift. This year’s locations are Macy’s, J.C. Penney, Krogers (Maple) and Busch’s (Main Street). This is the December Community Care project for the entire parish. Please contact Helen Garis at 663-0270 to volunteer one hour of your time.

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). dmr@hotmail.com to make arrangements for pick-up.

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

November 5, 2006



Orthros 9 AM

Divine Liturgy 10 AM

Church School
Following Communion

Epistle Reading
Gal. 2:16-20

Gospel Reading
Luke 16:19-31

Psaltis
Zannis Res

Choir Director
Teresa Stokes

Prosforo
Eleni Siakantaris

Fellowship Hour
Parish Council

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Nov. 5

Monday, Nov. 6

Tuesday, Nov. 7

Wednesday, Nov. 8

Thursday, Nov. 9

Friday, Nov. 10

Saturday, Nov. 11

COLLEGE STUDENTS DINNER — 6:00 P.M.

Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Bed Pad Sewing — 9:30 a.m.

Senior Planning Meeting — 12:30 p.m.

Orthros & Divine Liturgy, Archangels Michael & Gabriel — 10 a.m.

Senior Choir Rehearsal — 7:00 p.m.

YAL Hang Out Night — 7:30 p.m.

Philoptochos — 7:30 p.m.

Orthros & Divine Liturgy — St. Nektarios — 10:00 a.m.

Senior Movie Day — 1:00 p.m.

Parish Council Meeting — 7:00 p.m.

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

Paraklesis Service — 7:30 p.m.

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

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office@stnickaa.org by 10 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to publication.

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