

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

NOVEMBER 12, 2006

Epistle Reading

II Cor. 9:6-11

BRETHREN, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows

bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. For in His goodness He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to raise up those who had died, by His glorious Resurrection.

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

Today, the most pure temple of the Savior, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of God, enters the house of the Lord, bringing the grace of the Divine Spirit. The Angels of God praise her. She is the heavenly tabernacle.

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:25-37

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live."

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him."

Wisdom of the Fathers

Godly love cannot be perfect unless a man love his neighbor also. Under which name must be included not only those who are connected with us by friendship or neighborhood, but absolutely all men, with whom we have a common nature, whether they be foes or allies, slaves or free.

St. Gregory the Dialogist, Sermon 12, On the Fast 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 26 and December 24.

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

Church School News

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.

Metropolis Open House for the Feast Day of St. Nicholas, Wednesday, December 6, 2006 from 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 2560 Crooks Road, Troy, MI. Join us on the occasion of Metropolitan Nicholas' Name Day.

Philoptochos News

Baklava baking begins tomorrow, Monday, November 13th and continues throughout the week. We'll start at 9:30 a.m. and work until 9:00 p.m. Please join us for fun and fellowship.

We want to thank everyone for support of our annual spaghetti dinner. \$1500.00 will be given to purchase food certificates for those in need.

We also want to thank those who participated and provided food for the fall student dinner. It was enjoyed by all, especially the serenade by the students.

Our wreath sale is continuing through November 19th. Place your orders soon. Wreaths will be available for distribution December 3rd. Proceeds benefit Philoptochos charities.

St. Nicholas Seniors

Seniors, please meet in the Church parking lot at 11:45 a.m. on November 30th to board the bus to Detroit for the performance of White Christmas at the Fox Theatre. We will return at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Greek School News

The Saint Nicholas Greek School presents Family Fun Night on Friday, November 17, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. We'll have pizza, pop, loukoumathes, Greek coffee and we'll be showing Greek KID Movies too!!

Please bring your own Backgammon set!!! We're sure to have lots of fun!!!

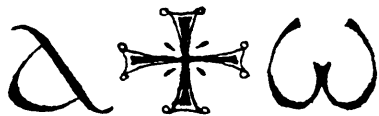
GOYA News

Come watch the big game — Michigan v. Ohio State on Saturday, November 18th at 3:30 p.m. at the Church. Bring your own refreshments.

Calling All 3rd Through 6th Graders

There will be a JOY meeting on Sunday, November 19th, with Fr. Nick for all children grades 3 through 6. We'll meet in the Social Hall. Dinner and ice cream will be served.

If you have any questions, call Christina Vlahopoulos — 734-944-0504.





New At The Bookstore

The bookstore is overflowing with new items. You'll find beautifully illustrated children's books: *Jesus*, a reverent tribute to the life of Christ; *Counting Christmas* for toddlers; several books on Saint Nicholas, whose generosity was so profound that legends circulated about his tradition of distributing gifts on Christmas Eve. We've tracked down just 3 copies of Vefa Alexiadou's hard-to-find *Greek Cuisine*. Look also for *Nosthimia: The Greek American Family Cookbook*; Diana Kochilas's exceptional *Glorious Foods of Greece*. Hot off the press: We have copies of Nicholas G. Lardas's *Ikaria Remembered*, the beautifully narrated story of childhood years spent in Greece. Also look for our note cards in Greek and English.



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.

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.



John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria

Saint John was born in 555 on the island of Cyprus in the city of Amathus; his father, Epiphanius, was a ruler of Cyprus. The Saint was consecrated Archbishop of Alexandria in 608. A man of exemplary uprightness, in his zeal for Orthodoxy he strove mightily to fight the many heresies among the Christians in Egypt; but above all, he was famous for his singular generosity, humility, and sympathy towards all, especially the poor. His mercy was so great that the report of it reached the Persian invaders of Jerusalem, who desired to see him because of it. Saint John reposed in 619, at the age of sixty-four.

Reading Courtesy of Holy Transfiguration Monastery Icon Courtesy of St. Isaac Skete

SCRIP Gift Cards

Beat the holiday shopping rush and help St. Nicholas by buying SCRIP gift cards. They start as low as \$5.00. For more information, inquire at the SCRIP booth this Sunday or call 644-1614 with questions. The first and third Sundays of each month are SCRIP Gas Sundays, so please, plan on placing your order for gas gift cards them. We have SCRIP gas cards for almost every gas company and you can use them at gas stations nationwide. Inquire how you may get Meijer's rewards for your gas if you get your gas from Meijer's.

Help us speed up the time in which you get your gift cards by participating in this program. Some volume of orders is needed in order to place an order of SCRIP, so your participation helps that of others.

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

November 12, 2006



EIGHTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

Orthros 9 AM

Divine Liturgy 10 AM

Church School
Following Communion

Epistle Reading
II Cor. 9:6-11

Gospel Reading
Luke 10:25-37

Psaltis
Zannis Res

Choir Director
Rev. Fr. John Paul

Prosforo
Diane Geczi

Fellowship Hour
Parish Council

Memorial: 40 Days
Susan Bilakos

Sunday, Nov. 12

Monday, Nov. 13

Tuesday, Nov. 14

Wednesday, Nov. 15

Friday, Nov. 17

UPCOMING EVENTS

ST. NICHOLAS RAFFLE
GOYA Activity — 5:00 p.m.

Baklava Baking — 9:30 a.m.
Vespers Divine Liturgy for Feast of St. Philip 6:30 p.m.
Bible Study — immediately following the Vespers Divine Liturgy

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NO DIVINE LITURGY
Baklava Baking — 9:30 a.m.
Youth Choir Rehearsal—6:15 p.m.
YAL Hang Out Night — 7:30 p.m.

Bake Sale Pick up 12 Noon—7:00 p.m.
Tavli & Kafenion Night—7:30 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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