

Church School Notes

OCMC Coin boxes are due today, April 29th.

Reminder to the Church School children that Sunday, May 6th is Godparent Sunday. This event is sponsored by the Daughters of Penelope and they will serve a light brunch after the Divine Liturgy.

St. Nicholas Children's Playgroup

The children's playgroup offers the youngest members of our church family a place to play and interact with one another. The children enjoy spending time with their peers and in the process, work on their social development. All mothers, fathers, and caregivers of children from birth to age 4 are welcome to attend. We meet every 1st Monday and 4th Thursday of the month from 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Please feel free to contact Eleni Vrahnos (248-344-1201) with any questions. We look forward to seeing some new faces.

Raffle

This is a wonderful opportunity for a free vacation and a way to help reduce the debt. Raffle tickets are now available, please see Dr. K.

We will be mailing tickets for the raffle to St. Nicholas families. If you do not plan to buy them yourself, or sell them, PLEASE return them to the church office as soon as possible. Thank you.



Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit

Summer Camp Schedule for 2007

Week 0: June 24-30; Week 1: July 1-7; Week 2: July 8-14; Week 3: July 15-21; Week 4: July 22-28 and Week 5: July 29-August 4.

For more information call: 248-909-MDSC (6372) or visit our web site: www.detroit.goarch.org/mdsc. Camper and Staff Applications are available online or pick up an application information packet in the hallway by the office. Register early. **PLEASE NOTE: ALL FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY JUNE 15TH.**

Attention High School Seniors

If any of you are interested in applying for an AHEPA Scholarship, local or the district, please get in touch with Dr. Kleanthous (Dr. K.) in person or call 734-475-2034.

Attention College Students

AHEPA District #10 has 2 college scholarships available this year. If you are interested in applying get in touch with Dr. Kleanthous (Dr. K.) in person or call 734-475-2034.



YA'SSOO Festival — June 1 and 2, 2007, is fast approaching. If you can volunteer to help on any of the committees, please sign up on the sign-up sheets in the hallway. A committee chairperson will be contacting you shortly. If we all pitch in, our first YASSOO Festival, in a long time, will be a success!!

There will be a **mandatory meeting** for all Ya'ssoo workers on Thursday, May 31st at 7:00 p.m. You **must be present** if you are a worker.

Daughters of Penelope

Spring Flower Sale-Flower orders can be made for flats and baskets by filling out the order form available in the church hallway. **Orders must be in by May 4th with payment included. Pick up date is May 20th after Church.**

Book Discussion-We will be discussing the book *Greece-A Traveler's Literary Companion* edited by Prof. Artemis Leontis. Books are available in our church's bookstore. The date for the discussion will be announced. Prof. Leontis will lead our discussion. Please read this book and plan to attend.

For more information, please contact Perry Katsikas — 734-995-4766.

JOY

Our last JOY meeting until the Fall is today, April 29th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Many surprises and fun activities will be happening at our Luau party. Come and join the fun!! If you have questions, please call Christina Vlahopoulos at 944-0504.

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

APRIL 29, 2007

Orthros 9 AM

Divine Liturgy 10 AM

Church School
Following Communion

Epistle Reading
Acts 9:32-42

Gospel Reading
John 5:1-15

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Dr. Jon Wardner

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Fellowship Hour

Parish Council

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 29

SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY — following the Divine Liturgy
GOYA Parenting Meeting — 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. Church Social Hall
JOY—5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Church Social Hall

Monday, April 30

Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 1

Bed Pad Sewing — 9:30 a.m.
Senior Planning Meeting — 12:30 p.m.
YAL — 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 2

Festival Meeting — 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 3

Y.E.R.A.C. Meeting — 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 6

Daughters of Penelope Luncheon Honoring Godparents

SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE: www.stnickaa.org

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

April 29, 2007

Epistle Reading

Acts 9:32-42

IN THOSE DAYS, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

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

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.



Gospel Reading

John 5:1-15

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked.

Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" "They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk?'" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Let the heavens sing for joy, and let everything on earth be glad. For with His Arm the Lord has worked power. He trampled death under foot by means of death; and He became the firstborn from the dead. From the maw of Hades He delivered us; and He granted the world His great mercy.

Wisdom of the Fathers

In that case [Matt 9:2] there was remission of sins, (for He said, "Thy sins be forgiven thee,") but in this, warning and threats to strengthen the man for the future; "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto you." **St. John Chrysostom, Homily 37 on John 1 4th Century**

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.

Visitors 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 needed for the Sundays of May 27 and all the Sundays of June.

Fellowship Hour sponsor needed for April 29, May 27 and all the Sundays of June.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP: Everyone's Responsibility

Your commitment to the Stewardship Program of this parish is critical to our continued operation and ministries! If you did not receive a 2007 pledge card, please call the office. Thank you!

GOYA News

Parenting is the hardest job in the world!

Fr. Nick will lead a series of discussions aimed at issues facing our teenagers. Our first **GOYA Parents Ministry** meeting today, April 29th from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the church social hall. It is our hope that this kind of open forum will help parents understand the many troubling issues confronting our young people daily. **We strongly urge all parents to attend.**

If necessary, childcare can be provided. Please contact the church office if you need this service.

Date to Remember: May 20th

- Senior Recognition Day & Luncheon at Cottage Inn after the GOYA meeting and Elections
- GOYA meeting and Elections after Divine Liturgy.



Philoptochos Notes

Bedpad sewing this Tuesday, May 1st at 9:30 a.m. Philoptochos Community Care for May and June will be **Books and Backpacks**. Please fill a backpack with school supplies and books. The backpacks will be given to students in need. Please see the flyer in the showcase.

St. Nicholas Seniors

The scheduled planning meeting is this Tuesday, May 1st at church, at 12:30 p.m. Please join us with your ideas.



Bookstore Notes

The Bookstore is pleased to announce that our parishioner Nicholas Lardas, will be signing his book of short stories and poems, *Ikaria Remembered*, on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13th at our church. The illustrated book is a unique collaboration of two brothers—Nicholas the writer and Jack the artist—who both survived the Great Depression during their formative years on the small impoverished Island of Ikaria in the Aegean Sea. The book has received very positive reviews for its "stories so strong and pure they burn the imagination." Books will be available for purchase, or bring already purchased copies for the signing.

Thank You to all who donated the flowers for the Salutations during Lent and to all who helped make our worship space beautiful for Easter.

Last Call to retrieve lost clothing articles from the church office. Some of these items have been here since we moved to this new facility. There are hats, jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts etc. Items not picked up by April 30th will be taken to a clothing collection box.



Tiger Baseball — We need 15 volunteers for each game.

Please if you are considering working a game and have not signed up for one, please see Diane Geczi, Penny Bekiaries or Joan Raphael.