

Saint 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 or sell them yourself, 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.



Summer Camp is located in the heart of the Huron National Forest near Rose City Michigan. The Camp has been providing Orthodox fellowship to enrich the spiritual, physical and creative growth of young people in the Metropolis since 1952.

Attention High School Seniors

If any of you are interested in applying for an A.H.E.P.A. Scholarship, local or the district, please get in touch with Dr. Kleanthous in person or call 734-475-



Attention College Students

A.H.E.P.A. District #10 has 2 college scholarships available this year. If you are interested in applying get in touch with Dr. Kleanthous in person or call 734-475-2034.



YA'SSOO Greek 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.

G.O.Y.A. News

Date to Remember: May 20th

- Senior Recognition Day & Luncheon at Cottage Inn after the G.O.Y.A. meeting and Elections
- G.O.Y.A. meeting and Elections after Divine Liturgy.

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

MAY 6, 2007



Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Orthros 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Church School
Following Communion

Epistle Reading
Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30

Gospel Reading
John 4:5-42

Creed
Greek

Psaltis
Zannis Res

Choir
Dr. Jon Wardner

Prosforo
Despina Elefthyriou

Fellowship Hour
Daughter's of Penelope

UPCOMING EVENTS

Daughters of Penelope Luncheon Honoring Godparents

Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Saint Nicholas Kids Playgroup — 3:30 - 5:30 pm

Saint Nicholas Young Adults Y.A.L. — 7:30 p.m.
Saint Nicholas Seniors River Rouge Plant Tour

YA'SSOU Greek Festival Meeting — 7:00 p.m.
Saint Nicholas Philoptochos Meeting — 7:30 pm

Saint Nicholas Parish Council Meeting — 7:00 p.m.

Saint Nicholas GOYA Dance Practice — 11:00 - 1:00 pm

MOTHER'S DAY

Saint Nicholas Greek School General Assembly

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



Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

MAY 6, 2007

Epistle Reading

IN THOSE DAYS, those Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30 apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Gospel Reading

John 4:5-42 Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become

in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him.

Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony. "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard ourselves, and we know that this is indeed Christ the Savior of the world."

Parish News and Events (www.stnickaa.org)

Resurrectional Apolytikion

The women disciples of the Lord heard from the angel, the joyful news of the Resurrection and the repeal of the sentence imposed upon our forefathers. With pride they said to the Apostles, "Death is vanquished, Christ our God is risen bestowing upon the world His great mercy." -Translation by Narthex Press

Τό φαιδρόν τῆς Αναστάσεως κήρυγμα, τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθούσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριαι, καί τήν προγονικήν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχόμεναι ἔλεγον, Ἐσκόλευται ὁ θάνατος, ηἰγέρθη Χριστός ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τό μέγα ἔλεος.

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. - Translation by Narthex Press

Apolytikion for 4th Wednesday after Pascha - Mid-Pentecost

Mid-way in the feast, refresh my thirsty soul with the flowing waters of piety. For You cried out to all, O Savior, "Let him who thirsts come to me and drink." You, O Christ our God, are the Fountain of Life, glory to You. -Translation by Narthex Press

Wisdom of the Fathers

He shows that she is worthy to hear and not to be overlooked, and then He reveals Himself. For she, as soon as she had learnt who He was, would straightway hearken and attend to Him...

St. John Chrysostom, *Homily 31 on John 3* 4th Century

Prosforo

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

Fellowship Hour

May 27 and all the Sundays of June.

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.

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 Bekiares or Joan Raphael.



Saint Nicholas Parish 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.

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!

Reminder

Promptness: It is important that you be on time for church services. Bad habits of wandering in woefully late are not God-pleasing, are a distraction to others and a poor example for our children.