

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.

Daughters of Penelope

Spring Flower Sale-today is the last day for flower pick up after the Divine Liturgy.

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.

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.**



YA'SSOO Greek Festival — June 1 and 2, 2007, is fast approaching. **We desperately need people to work on the Parking Committee and the Setup/Cleanup Committee.**

Please call Nick Chapekis, Jr. at 734-368-2671, immediately to volunteer for the parking or George Kokales at 734-216-6037 to volunteer for the setup/cleanup.

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.

Ya'ssoo Festival posters and flyers are now available for distribution. Your assistance is needed in displaying them at your businesses, offices, bulletin boards or any other available areas.

YA'SSOO Festival Singers

We are organizing a singing group to perform several Greek folk songs at the Ya'ssoo Festival. Any interested parishioner (all ages welcome!) should contact choir director Dr. Jon Wardner at jmwardner@hotmail.com. The rehearsal will be on Wednesday, May 23rd and Wednesday, May 30th at 7:00 p.m.

G.O.Y.A. News

GOYA will continue throughout the summer. Two meetings are planned: July 8th, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and August 12th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. when we will welcome all incoming GOYAns. Come meet new friends and discover all the wonderful activities GOYA has to offer.

This summer Fr. Nick will launch a teen bible study/book club for GOYAns. We'll read the Bible, books and end the evening with a fun activity. Learn more about our faith and traditions, and discover, that even through the difficult times every teenager faces, God loves each and every one of us unconditionally and is always there for us.

Congratulations to the following AHEPA Chapter #195 of Ann Arbor scholarship recipients:

James C. Bistolarides, Dimitra Boutsikakis, Steven V. Pagalos and Katerina N. Manikas

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN MAY 20, 2007

Orthros 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Church School
Following Communion

Epistle Reading
Acts 20:16-18; 28-36

Gospel Reading
John 17:1-13

Creed
English



Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 20

Graduating Seniors Recognition
GOYA Meeting, Elections and Luncheon
Flower Pickup 12 noon—2:00 p.m.

Monday, May 21

Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Festival Baking — 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 22

Festival Baking — 9:00 a.m.
St. Nicholas Young Adults Y.A.L. — 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 23

Baklava Baking — 9:00 a.m.
YA'SSOO Greek Festival Meeting — 7:00 p.m.
YA'SSOO Festival Singers Practice — 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 24

Baklava Baking — 9:00 a.m.
Children's Play Group 3:30 p.m.

Friday, May 25

Baklava Baking — 9:00 a.m. (if needed)

Saturday, May 26

Saturday of Souls—Orthros & Divine Liturgy-10:00 a.m.
St. Nicholas GOYA Dance Practice — 12:00 - 2:00 pm

**Welcome Father Teodor Petrutiu and
Mrs. Chapman's Saline High School Mythology Class**

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Psaltis
Zannis Res

Choir
Dr. Jon Wardner

Prosforo
Elaine Spiliopoulos

Fellowship Hour
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Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

MAY 20, 2007

Epistle Reading Acts 20:16-18,28-36

IN THOSE DAYS, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, so that he might

not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesos and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.' " And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected from the dead. O

Apolytikion for 6th Thursday after Pascha/Ascension

You ascended in glory O Christ Our Lord and God, and Your disciples were filled with joy, by the promise of the Holy Spirit unto them. And through this blessing You did proclaim and thus assure them, that You are truly the Son of God and the redeemer of the world.



Gospel Reading John 17:1-13

At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come;

glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made.

"I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

Apolytikion for Fathers of the 1st Council

Most glorified art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast established our Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them didst guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory be to Thee.

Kontakion

O Christ our God, upon fulfilling Your dispensation for our sake, You ascended in Glory, uniting the earthly with the heavenly. You were never separate but remained inseparable, and cried out to those who love You, "I am with you and no one is against you."

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.

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!

Prosforo

needed for the Sundays of June 10th, 17th, and 24th. **Fellowship Hour** sponsors are needed for June 10th, 24th and July 1, 15, 22 and 29.

Church School News

Today the Church School is honoring the senior students graduating this year. **Also, Fr. Nick will start testing the children in all the grades today.**

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 18-21. More information will follow.

Church School graduation will be held on Sunday June 10th.

SAT Prep — Summer is the best time to prepare for the SAT. If you are currently a sophomore and planning to take the SAT next year, here's a great opportunity to get a jump start on your studying. Thanks to the generosity of the Three Hierarchs Scholarship Program of Drs. Anthony and Joyce Kales, we have available SAT study materials for your use. Please contact Demetra Mitropoulos-Rundus at 930-1894 if you wish to use the materials.

Philoptochos Notes

Change of Date

The June Philoptochos Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2007 at Helen Garris' cottage in Portage Lake. More information will be forthcoming.

The May and June Community Care Ministry is Books and Backpacks for disadvantaged youth. Please pick up a flyer on the table in the hallway.



Tiger Baseball — We need 15 volunteers for each game.

If you have been trained and are considering working a game and have not signed up for one, please sign up for the three games in May.

There is one "Comerica Park Mandatory Training Meeting" left in May. This Mandatory Meeting is scheduled on Monday, May 21st on the Campus of U of M Dearborn (Engineering Building). This begins at 7:30 p.m. As soon as possible, notify Diane, Joan or Penny so we can tell the meeting coordinator that you are attending. Also, we will be able to offer either a ride or the driving directions.

Seven workers are still needed for a day game **this Thursday, May 24th**. We will leave St. Nicholas at 8:30 a.m. and return at dinner time. Please sign up today at the coffee hour! Thank you.

Memorial Day Cemetery Visits Monday, May 28

9:00 a.m. — 12:00 Noon Bethlehem
1:00 p.m. — 2:00 p.m. Washtenong
3:00 p.m. Forest Hills

CPR & Defibrillator Review

Following the Divine Liturgy on June 24th, the Parish Council will sponsor a "refresher" course on CPR and use of the defibrillator. We hope you will attend this valuable instruction.