

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

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. Everyone is welcome. If you plan to attend the book discussion, please sign up on the sheet in the hallway or call Perry Katsikas — 734-995-4766.



Tiger Baseball — We need 15 volunteers for each game.

Please sign up for the games you can work on the Board in the Social Hall. There is a FINAL mandatory training meeting this Wednesday, May 30th at 4 p.m. at Mayberry School in Detroit. See Diane, Joan or Penny ASAP if interested in attending. We will car-pool from St. Nicholas leaving at 3:00 p.m.



YA'SSOO Greek Festival — There is a **mandatory meeting** for all Ya'ssoo workers this Thursday, May 31st at 6:00 p.m. You **must be present** if you are a worker.

Volunteer needed for Saturday morning, and Friday and Saturday evenings also for parking. A volunteer needs a ride prior to and at end of festival from North Ann Arbor to church.

YA'SSOO Festival Singers will perform several Greek folk songs at the Ya'ssou Festival. Interested parishioners (all ages welcome!) should contact choir director Dr. Jon Wardner at jmwardner@hotmail.com. Final rehearsal will be on 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.

Starting Wednesday, June 27, from 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Father 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.



Altar Boy Baseball Outing

Attention all Altar Boys: we'll be having our yearly Tiger baseball outing on June 29th. We have only 40 tickets for the Tigers v. the Minnesota Twins. Tickets are \$15.00 each and will be sold on first come first served basis. **We'll meet in the Church parking lot on June 29th at 5:00 p.m. and will depart for the game at 5:30 p.m. SHARP!!** If you plan to go to the game, call Andreas Stathopoulos at 709-8380 as soon as possible.

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

MAY 27, 2007

Orthros 9:00 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Church School
Following Communion
Epistle Reading
Acts 2:1-11
Gospel Reading
John 7:37-52; 8:12
Creed
Greek



Holy Pentecost

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, May 28

MEMORIAL DAY — OFFICE CLOSED
Cemetery Visits
9:00 a.m. — 12:00 Noon Bethlehem
1:00 p.m. — 2:00 p.m. Washtenong
3:00 p.m. Forest Hills

Tuesday, May 29

St. Nicholas Young Adults Y.A.L. — 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 30

Festival Meeting — 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 31

Mandatory Ya'ssoo Workers Meeting—6:00 p.m.
GOYA Dance — 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Friday, June 1

Ya'ssoo Festival —10:00 a.m.—Midnight

Saturday, June 2

Ya'ssoo Festival —10:00 a.m.—Midnight



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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Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

MAY 27, 2007

Epistle Reading WHEN THE DAY of Pentecost Acts 2:1-11 had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontos and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

Apolytikion for Pentecost-Trinity Sunday

O blessed are You, O Christ Our God, Who by sending down the Holy Spirit upon them made the fishermen wise and through them illumined the world and to You the universe was ever drawn all glory to You O 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

When the Most High came down and confounded tongues of men (Babel), He divided the Nations. When He dispensed the Tongues of Fire, He called all to unity, and with one voice we glorify the Most Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reading On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

The officers then went back to the chief priest and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nikodemos, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Wisdom of the Fathers

For the grace of the Spirit, when it has entered into the mind and has been established, springs up more than any fountain, fails not, becomes not empty, stays not. To signify therefore at once its unfailling supply and unlimited operation, He has called it "a well" and "rivers," not one r i v e r b u t n u m b e r l e s s .

St. John Chrysostom, Homily 51 on John 7
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.

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 is needed for the Sundays of June 10 and 24.

Fellowship Hour sponsors needed for Sundays June 3, 10 and 24.

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.

Our Community Care Ministry for May and June is Books and Backpacks. Help students in need succeed! Fill a backpack with books and school supplies to help them start their first day of school. Please take a blue flyer from the table in the hallway.

Congratulations to the Philoptochos Officers who were elected for the 2007-2009 term: President: Margaret Yates; 1st V. President: Cleve Daniels; 2nd V. President: Perry Katsikas; Recording Secretary: Helen Garris, Corresponding Secretary: Helen Garkinos; Treasurer: Anna Chapekis; Assistant Treasurer: Marge Petsis.



Memorial Day

By Joyce Kilmer

Joyce Kilmer was killed-in-action in World War I and is best remembered for his poem "Trees."

**The bugle echoes shrill and sweet,
But not of war it sings to-day.**

**The road is rhythmic with the feet
Of men-at-arms who come to pray.**

**The roses blossom white and red
On tombs where weary soldiers lie;
Flags wave above the honored dead
And martial music cleaves the sky.**

**Above their wreath-strewn graves we
kneel,**

**They kept the faith and fought the fight.
Through flying lead and crimson steel
They plunged for Freedom and the Right.**

**May we, their grateful children, learn
Their strength, who lie beneath the sod,
Who went through fire and death to earn
At last the accolade of God.**

In shining rank on rank arrayed

They march, the legions of the Lord;

**He is their Captain unafraid,
The Prince of Peace . . . Who brought a
sword.**

From the poetry of Arlington National Cemetery

Church School News

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

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 18-21. The theme for this year is the Parables.

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.

Check Out Cable Channel 17 to see our promotion for the Ya'ssoo. May 27th, 5:30 p.m.; May 30th, 8:30 p.m.; May 31st, 11:30 a.m. and June 1st, 3:00 p.m.