

Fr. John's Legacy

In his own words, Fr. John stated the following:

I'd like to believe that my legacy to

The parish has been offering blessings of the Lord and of the church through various Orthodox services. I'd like to believe that included in my legacy will be that I helped to increase support and respect of the Orthodox Church, enhance faith, and to behave with dignity as Orthodox Christians. Memories can be our most precious possessions. The beautiful memories of Saint Nicholas parish will always be fresh and vibrant in my heart and will never fade. We have been blessed by being at Saint Nicholas and received much more from you over these thirty-one years.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Presvytera Eva Paul and the entire Paul and Miller families. May Father John's memory be eternal.



G.O.Y.A. News

GOYA will continue throughout the summer. There will be a meeting August 12th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Our GOYA meeting, September 9th, will be our welcome for the new GOYAns. Come meet new friends and discover all the wonderful activities GOYA has to offer.

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.

SCRIPS

Graduations! Weddings! Vacations! The perfect opportunity to purchase SCRIPP's Gift Cards for family and friends, and support our church at the same time! It costs you nothing and benefits St. Nicholas so much! Check out the flier in our hallway, or our website at www.stnickaa.org and see the hundreds of merchants offering gifts cards from major retailers to restaurants to hotel accommodations! Contact , Sandy Engelke at 995-8328, to purchase your gifts cards today!

Mementos Available

The acrylic mementos from the Groundbreaking Ceremony for our new church are available in the hallway. There is a basket available for your donation.

Chess Classes for Children

The church would like to start a summer class in chess for children 5 years and up, boys and girls, and adults are welcome. We'll meet on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon. No fees. Please sign up your children so we know what arrangements to make and get approval from the Council. Any questions, please talk to Dr. K.

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

JULY 8, 2007

Orthros 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Epistle Reading
Romans 12:6-16

Gospel Reading
Matt. 9:1-8

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



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Be Eternal.**

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Epistle Reading

Rom. 12:6-16

BRETHREN, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

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

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

Gospel Reading

Matt. 9:1-8

At that time, getting into a boat Jesus crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say 'Rise and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" he then said to the paralytic -- "Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

Wisdom of the Fathers

. . . every spiritual work is a ministry. . . It is not enough to give, but we must also do it with magnanimity, for this always answers to the name of simplicity. . . It is not enough to show mercy, but it behooves us to do it with openhandedness and an ungrudging spirit. . . even with a cheerful and rejoicing one. . . He said, "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully" (II Cor. 9:6). . . In this way the widow outweighed many talents by the two mites, for her spirit was large.

Saint John Chrysostom, *Homily XXI on Romans XII*. Fourth Century

Thought for the Week

If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but I do not have love, I have become as sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophecies, and know all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

I Corinthians 13:1-2

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!

Proforo is needed for the Sundays of August 5 and August 26

Fellowship Hour sponsors needed for Sundays July 15 and August 19th and 26.

Church School News

Vacation Bible School has been postponed until August. The new dates are Tuesday, August 7th through Friday, August 10th. Further information will be available.

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.

Philoptochos Notes

The Community Care Ministry for June, July and August is IOCC. IOCC is the official humanitarian aid agency of the Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas.

IOCC celebrated its 15th anniversary on March 10, 2007. "IOCC, which first received our Apostolic blessing and mandate in 1992, has gone out in the Name of Christ and in the spirit of Orthodoxy to 33 countries and delivered more than \$250 million in emergency aid and development programs," says His Beatitude Metropolitan Herman.

Your generosity has made a difference in the lives of many. Thank you for your continued support. Please make checks payable to Philoptochos, memo: IOCC and mail your donation to our church, attention Philoptochos. Orthodox humanitarian aid is the responsibility of all of us.

Mark your calendars for the Yassou Golf Outing on September 16th at Stonebridge. Shotgun start at 1:00 p.m.

Saint Nicholas Seniors

The July 11th Ice Cream Social and the July 12th "Detroit Princess" Lunch and Cruise have been postponed. Watch this space for rescheduling information.

Detroit Tiger Workers

are still needed for games Sign up please at the coffee hour following the Divine Liturgy. We need YOUR help!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Jul 11

GOYA Bible Study — 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.



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