

# Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

FEBRUARY 10, 2008

**Epistle Reading** Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hardworking farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything.

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

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## 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.

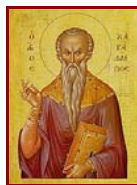
**Gospel Reading** At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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## Wisdom of the Fathers

Faith...is the beginning of our union with God: the true believers are the stone of the church of God, prepared for the edifice of God the Father, which is raised up to the heights by the power of Jesus Christ, that is, by the Cross and help of the grace of the Holy Spirit. "Faith without works is dead" (James 2:26). The works of faith are love, peace, longsuffering, mercy, humility, bearing one's cross and life by the Spirit. True faith cannot remain without works. One who truly believes will also surely perform good works.

*St. Seraphim of Sarov, Unknown 19th century*



## February 10—St. Haralambos

This Saint was a priest of the Christians in Magnesia, the foremost city of Thessaly, in the diocese having the same name. He contested during the reign of Alexander Severus (222-235), when Lucian was Proconsul of Magnesia. At the time of his martyrdom the Saint was 103 years of age.

St. Haralambos is commemorated on February 10th, with the exception when this date falls on the Saturday of the Souls preceding Lent or on Clean Monday (the first day of Lent), in which case the feast is celebrated on February 9th.

*Reading Courtesy of Holy Transfiguration Monastery*

*"The Fear of the Lord Is the beginning of Wisdom."*

# Parish News and Events ([www.stnickaa.org](http://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!

If you have not completed your pledge for 2007, please try and do so as soon as possible.

## Metropolitan Kallistos (Ware) of Diokleia

Will be visiting the Metropolis of Detroit on **Monday February 18th**. Book-signing at 6:30 pm, Vespers at 7:00 pm and he will speak on Preparing for Great Lent following the Vespers—all at St. John Church in Sterling Heights. Don't miss it!

**Fellowship Hour** sponsor needed for Sunday February 24, March, 16, 23 and 30.

## Saint Nicholas Church School

**The Church School curriculum for the children begins at 10:00 a.m. by attending the Divine Liturgy and classes immediately following Communion.**

A reminder to **ALL 7th-12th grade students** to work on their Oratorical essays that are due on Sunday, March 9, same time the Parish Oratorical Festival will take place. We would appreciate the parents help and encouragement to support their child to participate in the St. Nicholas Parish Oratorical Festival by reading their essay. Vicki Kiningham is this year's chairperson, assisted by the 7th-12th grade teachers. We thank them for their time and dedication and to the parents for their support.

**Saint Nicholas Seniors** Join us for a "Valentine Ice Cream Social" on Thursday, Feb. 14th at 1:00 p.m. in the social hall. Featured will be the viewing of the video of the play "Pseftes Kai Katergareoi" and "The Taverna". This was directed by Fr. John Paul in 1986 and features many people you will recognize. Donation \$3.00.

## Saint Nicholas Philoptochos Notes

Our March Community Care is furniture donations to Friends in Deed. To make a donation of furniture and arrange for pick up from now through March, call 734-484-7607 Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Furniture must be in good condition, no stains, rips or pet hair. Please see the flyer on the table in the hallway.

The Annual Philoptochos sponsored Lenten Dinner for College Students will take place on Wednesday, March 19th. There will be a Presanctified Liturgy at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Parishioners are reminded that the Student Dinner was initiated so that we could meet the students and welcome them to our Parish and they, in turn, could meet the parishioners. Please join us that evening with your family and bring a Lenten dish to pass, enough to serve 8. For more information, or if you can help, please call Pres. Eva Paul — 663-0821.

"Cell Phones for Soldiers" is the Philoptochos Community Care project between NOW and July 2008. We will be collecting old cell phones and accessories which will be redeemable toward calling cards for our troops abroad. Please drop off your cell phones in the box located outside the social hall. For further information, contact Jarnis Gutierrez, 677-2581 or email [jogs@umich.edu](mailto:jogs@umich.edu) or Joan Raphael, 483-0923 or [jraphael810@comcast.net](mailto:jraphael810@comcast.net).

## Saint Nicholas Youth Programs

There will be G.O.Y.A. basketball practice today from 2:00—4:00 at Central Academy and next Saturday, Feb. 16th from 2:00—4:00 at Central Academy.

**Please Join Father Nick on Sunday, Feb. 17th at 3:00 p.m. for the second G.O.Y.A. Parent Meeting.** We'll view the PBS Frontline documentary *Merchants of Cool* and discover how materialism and commercialism may lead to diminished feelings of self esteem and self worth in children. There will be a quick discussion period following the documentary. These attitudes of materialism and consumerism cause us to lose our focus on Christ which is contrary to the Church's teaching that the purpose of life is to glorify God.

## Proverbs 18:20

You will have to live with the consequences of everything you say. What you say can preserve life or destroy it; so you must accept the consequences of your words.

**Saint Nicholas Choir Notes**  
**Senior Choir**



Any interested parishioner, ages 12 and up, is encouraged to join the Senior Choir. Our next choir rehearsals are: Feb. 6 & 20; March 5, 12, 19 & 26; April 2, 9 & 16. We begin at 7:00 p.m. Please join us!

**Junior Choir** Anyone interested in joining the Junior Choir is welcome to come to rehearsals on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 6:30 p.m.—7:15 p.m. Our next rehearsal is February 13th. We hope to see you there!

**The Saint Nicholas Bookstore Recommends:** Vefa Alexiadou's Greek Cuisine and *Sunny Mediterranean*. For your children's *Christina's True Heroes* by Maria C. Khoury, featuring colorful Byzantine icons explaining, in children's language, the lives of women saints and helps children get to know the champions who place God first in their lives. A popular gift for a godchild, grandchild, or friend is *Painted Words and Spoken Memories* by Greek-American children's author Aliko, the story of how she, daughter of Greek immigrants in Philadelphia, began school without knowing English.

**Shopping for St. Nicholas**

Support "Shopping for St. Nicholas" by buying Scrip Gift cards. We have a variety of cards on hand including Borders, Kohls, Macys, Star Bucks, Bed, Bath and Beyond, Olive Garden and more. These make great gifts. If we don't have the cards you want, we'll place an order for you. Visit the "Shopping for St. Nicholas" desk during the fellowship hour after the Divine Liturgy.

**Modern Greek Program** Join the University of Michigan Classical Studies Modern Greek Program as they present the 6th Annual Pallas Lecture in Modern Greek Studies. The event is Wednesday, Feb. 13th, 7 p.m. in the Michigan League Vandenberg Room. The topic: "*The Struggle for Greek Independence and the International Diplomatic War in the 1820's*". Professor Andre Gerolymatos of Simon Fraser University is the Lecturer.

**A.H.E.P.A. News**

**A.H.E.P.A. Lamb Luncheon** sponsored by the Ann Arbor A.H.E.P.A. Chapter #195 will be held in the Social Hall on Sunday February 17, 2008 following the Divine Liturgy. Proceeds from this event will go towards the mortgage reduction and the AHEPA scholarships. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. Please contact Costas Boutsikakis-604-8737 or Christos Philippou-309-3032 for details and tickets.

Attention College/University Students — anyone interested in applying for a scholarship, please contact Costas Boutsikakis at 604-8737 for an application.

**Summer Programs for Our Youth**

**CrossRoad**

Attention High School Juniors and Seniors— *Take the Challenge of Your Life!!* CrossRoad is a ten-day Orthodox Christian summer program where you focus on Christ and His calling for your life. As a CrossRoad participant, you'll explore your vocation with: 1) mini-classes taught by Orthodox Christian professors; 2) visits to Orthodox Churches in the Boston area; 3) community outreach projects; 4) field trips exploring the Boston area; 5) spiritual reflection. There are two sessions: June 21-July 1, 2008 or July 5-15, 2008. Application deadline is March 1, 2008. If interested, please download the application at [www.crossroad.hchc.edu](http://www.crossroad.hchc.edu). Expenses, except travel to Boston, are covered.

**Ionian Village Orthodox Summer Camp in Greece**

Please visit [www.IONIANVILLAGE.org](http://www.IONIANVILLAGE.org) to register!

**Register before March 7th to receive the Early Bird discount rate!**

*Summer Travel Camp:* June 27th through July 17th

*Byzantine Venture:* July 26th through August 14th.

Both sessions open to campers who have completed 7th through 12th grade.



**THE SUNDAY BULLETIN**  
**February 10, 2008**

**Orthros** 9:00 AM

**Divine Liturgy** 10:00 AM

**Church School**  
Following Communion

**Epistle Reading**  
II Tim. 2:1-10

**Gospel Reading**  
Matt. 15:21-28

**Creed**  
English

**Artoclasia**  
Tsarbopoulos, Adamopoulos,  
and Hays families



**SUNDAY OF THE CANAANITE WOMAN**  
**WELCOME METROPOLITAN NICHOLAS!**

**WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS FROM ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH!**  
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, Feb. 10**

Children's Cardiac Draw  
Saint Nicholas G.O.Y.A. basketball —2:00-4:00 Central Academy  
Saint Nicholas J.O.Y.—5:00-7:00 p.m.

**Monday, Feb. 11**

Weekly Bible Study—10:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, Feb. 12**

Saint Nicholas Young Adult League (Y.A.L.) - 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Feb. 13**

Saint Nicholas Junior Choir—6:30 p.m.  
Saint Nicholas Parish Council—7:00 p.m. **NOTE DATE CHANGE**  
Saint Nicholas Philoptochos—7:30 p.m.  
Saint Nicholas Byzantine Music—8:00 p.m.

**Thursday, Feb. 14**

Saint Nicholas Senior Valentine Ice Cream Social—1:00 p.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 16**

Saint Nicholas G.O.Y.A. basketball —2:00-4:00 Central Academy

**Sunday, Feb. 17**

A.H.E.P.A. Lamb Luncheon  
Saint Nicholas G.O.Y.A. Parent Meeting—3:00 p.m.

**Submissions for the Sunday bulletin must be sent to:**  
**[kate@stnickaa.org](mailto:kate@stnickaa.org) by 10 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to publication.**

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