

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

APRIL 20, 2008

Epistle Reading Philippians 4:4-9 BRETHREN, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

Apolytikion for Palm Sunday

In confirming the common Resurrection, O Christ God, Thou didst raise up Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion. Wherefore, we also, like the children, bearing the symbols of victory, cry to Thee, the Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Apolytikion for Palm Sunday

As by baptism we were buried with Thee, O Christ our God, so by Thy Resurrection we were deemed worthy of immortal life; and praising Thee, we cry: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord

Kontakion

In Heaven, He is seated upon a Throne and on earth He rides upon a foal. O Christ our God, accept the praise of the Angels and the hymn of the Children who cry out to You, "Blessed are You who comes to recall

Psalm 51:1-2

"Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy steadfast love. According to Thy abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin"

Gospel Reading John 12:1-18 Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazaros was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazaros was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazaros, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazaros also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazaros out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

Wisdom of the Fathers

But observe the wisdom of the Evangelist, how he is not ashamed to parade their former ignorance. That it was written they knew, that it was written of Him they knew not. For it would have offended them if He being a King were about to suffer such things, and be so betrayed.

St. John Chrysostom, Homily 66 on John 12, 2. B#58, p.245. 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.

Prosforo needed: June 8

Fellowship Hour sponsor needed for Sunday May 25; June 8 and 22.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP:

Everyone's Responsibility! If you have not made your pledge for 2008, please do so as soon as possible. If you need a pledge card, please call the office.

Church School

Great Lent—The children's O.C.M.C. Lenten coin boxes should be returned to their teachers by May 4th.

All children are reminded that when attending any services during Great Lent, to sign the attendance book in the Narthex located next to the candles. This will count toward any missed classes.

Upcoming Events

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| Wed., April 23 | Holy Unction Service and Retreat (4:00 p.m.) |
| Sun., April 27 | PASCHA No Church School
Easter Egg Hunt (grades preschool through 3rd grade) |
| Sun., May 4 | OCMC Lenten Coin boxes are due |
| Sun., May 11 | Testing Date for requirements |
| Sun., May 18 | Senior Recognition Day |

Spring Parish General Assembly will take place in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 4th immediately following the Divine Liturgy. All members in good standing are asked to attend. The list of Members in Good Standing is posted on the bulletin board.

Summer Camp at Rose City

The MDSC summer camp runs from July 5-August 2. Register online by visiting www.detroit.goarch.org/mdsc. Fr. Nick will be at camp during 4th week.

Philoptochos Notes

Our **April Community Care** is furniture donations to Friends in Deed. To make a donation of furniture and arrange for pick up from now through April, 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.

Spanakopita is available for sale today during the fellowship hour. \$15.00 per tray. See Diane Geczi.

Spring Flower Sale—Place your order now for your spring flowers. Order forms are on the table in the hallway. **Deadline to order is May 11th and pick up dates are Saturday, 5/17 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and Sunday, May 18 after the Divine Liturgy.**

G.O.Y.A. Notes

Luminaries: Today is the last day to order luminaries which light the path of the Epitaphio procession. The luminaries are \$5.00 per bag and only TWO (2) names per bag.

Dance Practices will be held on the following dates: **Saturdays May 3, 10, and 31 from 11—1**
Wednesday, June 4 from 6 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
GOYAns, PLEASE RETURN COSTUMES, VESTS AND SASHES.

Schedule of Events:

Friday, April 25, 5:30 p.m. Luminary set-up please stay to help clean up after our service;
Sunday, May 4, Bible Study 4 p.m.-5 p.m.; meeting/fellowship 5.-7;
Sunday, May 11, Ushering and Fellowship Hour;
Sunday, May 18, Officer Elections immediately after church service and Senior Luncheon at Cottage Inn at 1:15. Everyone invited.

St. Nicholas Seniors Following the Divine Liturgy on Monday, April 28th, join us as we go to lunch and then travel to the Botanical Gardens. Let Diane, Joan or Penny know if you plan to come by Wednesday, April 23rd. You are responsible for your own lunch and admission to the Gardens.



The Bookstore Recommends:

Holy Week and Pascha, a children's book presenting the services of Holy Week with gorgeous illustrations by the author, who has studied Iconography in Greece.

J Is For Jesus: An Easter Alphabet and Activity Book brings Holy Week and Easter to life through this rhyming, alphabetical journey, aimed at children ages 4-8.

Talanton, a book and CD about Christ's call to worship.

Diane Kochilas's *The Greek Vegetarian*

The new and complete *Orthodox Study Bible*

Red Easter Dye.

Please purchase your Holy Week Books at the bookstore today. **They will not be sold in the narthex this year.**

A CD with "The Hymns and Responses of the Divine Liturgy" arranged by Reverend Protopresbyter Father John Paul and sung by the Men's Hellenic Chorus is now available at the bookstore. The DVDs of the 2007 Ya'ssoo are also available at the bookstore. Cost is \$15.00.

🎵 "Let me root, root, root for the homme

team. . ." It's time to sign-up for this year's Tiger Baseball concessions project. See Dennis Cvercko or Nick Roumel in the social hall to answer questions and sign-up for a great fellowship experience. **Spring training will be held at 1:00 p.m. May 18th, in our St. Nicholas social hall!**

Help Wanted

U of M Professor is seeking a part time nanny, 2 to 3 days per week — 8 to 10 hours per day for 13 month old girl. Salary negotiable. If interested, please call Maria at 734-929-4130 or 415-624-9097.

Two Greek professors seeking help at home with either cooking or childcare or both. Our daughter, Selene, is almost one year old and is learning Greek as her first language. Days and hours are flexible. We would be happy to accommodate any schedule. Please call Barbara Koremenos' cell.: 310-613-6544 if you are interested.

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



YA'SSOO FESTIVAL

Coffee Hour and sign up on May 4th to help in all areas the week of the Festival. We need everyone's help to make this festival an outstanding success. Please help out by doing your fair share!!!

GREEK SCHOOL YA'SSOO FESTIVAL DANCE PRACTICE

Saturday, May 17—3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 31—3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 4—4:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 5—4:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

YA'SSOO FESTIVAL BAKERS NEEDED

The schedule for Festival Baking is listed below. All parishioners are welcome to come and help. Please call one of the chairpersons to offer your help or drop in when you have some time. We start at 9:30 a.m. each day. We need lots of help!

Mon. & Tue., May 12 & 13

Koulourakia—Tasia Goffas

Mon & Tue., May 19 & 20

Paximathakia—Presvytera Eva Paul

Thurs. & Fri. May 29 & 30

Kourabiethes—Katerina Roumanis & Yianna Boutsikakis

Mon. & Tues., June 2 & 3

Baklava—Tula Prokos

Wed. & Thurs., June 4 & 5

Karithopita—Eleni Banos

YA'SSOO FESTIVAL RAFFLE

All parishioners will be receiving a ticket for the festival raffle. Please let us know if you would like to receive two more for a total of \$20.00 (3 tickets for \$20.00). Please support our effort for reduction of our debt.

Lenten Prayer Of St. Ephrem The Syrian

O Lord and Master of my life!

Take from me the spirit of sloth,
faint-heartedness, lust of power, and idle talk.

But give rather the spirit of chastity,
humility, patience, and love to Thy servant.

Yea, Lord and King! Grant me to see my own errors
and not to judge my brother,
for Thou art blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.



THE SUNDAY BULLETIN April 20, 2008

Orthros 9:00 AM

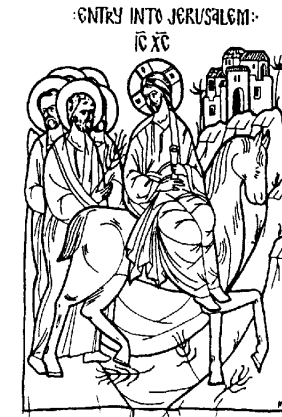
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Church School
Following Communion

Epistle Reading
Phil. 4:4-9

Gospel Reading
John 12:1-18

Creed
English



Psaltis
Zannis Res

Choir
Dr. Jon Wardner

Prosforo
Pliakas Family

Fellowship Hour
Palm Sunday Luncheon

PALM SUNDAY UP-COMING EVENTS

Palm Sunday, April 20

Palm Sunday Luncheon
7:30 p.m. Bridegroom Service

Holy Monday, April 21

7:30 p.m. Bridegroom Service

Holy Tuesday, April 22

7:30 p.m. Bridegroom Service

Holy Wednesday, April 23

4:00 p.m. Holy Unction & Church School Retreat
7:00 p.m. Holy Unction

Holy Thursday, April 24

8:00 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy
7:00 p.m. Twelve Gospels

Holy Friday, April 25

11:00 a.m. Royal Hours
2:00 p.m. Apokathelosis
7:30 p.m. Lamentations

Holy Saturday, April 26

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:00 p.m. Resurrection Service

Pascha, April 27

12 Noon Agape Service

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kate@stnickaa.org by 10 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to publication.

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