

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

APRIL 27, 2008

Epistle Reading IN THE FIRST BOOK, O
Acts 1:1-8 Theophilus, I have dealt with all

that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them, "it is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

Wisdom of the Fathers

But why did He appear not to all, but to the Apostles only? Because to the many it would have seemed a mere apparition, inasmuch as they understood not the secret of the mystery. For if the disciples themselves were at first incredulous and were troubled, and needed the evidence of actual touch with the hand, and of His eating with them, how would it have fared in all likelihood with the multitude? For this reason therefore by the miracles [wrought by the Apostles] He renders the evidence of His Resurrection unequivocal, so that not only the men of those times-- this is what would come of the ocular proof--but also all men thereafter, should be certain of the fact, that He was risen. Upon this ground also we argue with unbelievers. For if He did not rise again, but remains dead, how did the Apostles perform miracles in His name? But they did not, say you, perform miracles? How then was our religion instituted?

St. John Chrysostom, Homily I on Acts I
4th Century

Gospel Reading In the beginning was the Word, and
John 1:1-17 the Word was with God, and the

Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light.

The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Apolytikion for Great and Holy Pascha

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and bestowing life on those in the graves.

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Behold the grave-clothes. Go quickly and proclaim to the world that the Lord is risen, and hath put death to death. For He is the Son of God, Who saveth the race of men.

Kontakion

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

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

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

Upcoming Events

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.

*"Christ is risen from the dead,
Trampling down death by death,
Upon those in the tombs bestowing life."*



Philoptochos Notes

"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 or Joan Raphael, 483-0923 or jraphael810@comcast.net.

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.**

GOYA Notes

Dance Practices will be held on the following dates: **Saturdays May 3, at 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. (this is a mandatory practice if you are dancing in the festival), May 10, and 31 from 11 a.m-1:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 4 from 6 p.m.—8:30 p.m.**

Schedule of Events:

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.

UP-COMING EVENTS

Monday, April 28 Feast of St. George
10 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, April 29 7 p.m. Ya'ssoo Meeting
7:30 pm Young Adult League (Y.A.L.)

Thursday, May 1 7p.m. Y.E.R.A.C.

Friday, May 2 Zoodochos Peghee
10 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy
6:30 p.m. Game Night

This is the day the Lord has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it.



Great and Holy Pascha

Mary Magdalene, and the other women who were present at the burial of our Saviour on Friday evening, returned from Golgotha to the city and prepared fragrant spices and myrrh, so that they might anoint the body of Jesus. At early dawn on the Sunday that followed, almost thirty-six hours since the death of the Life-giving Redeemer, they came to the sepulchre with the spices to anoint His body. While they were considering the difficulty of rolling away the stone from the door of the sepulchre, there was an earthquake; and an Angel, whose countenance shone like lightning and whose garment was white as snow, rolled away the stone and sat upon it. The guards that were there became fearful and took flight. The women, however, went into the sepulchre, but did not find the Lord's body. Instead, they saw two other Angels in the form of youths clothed in white, who told them that the Saviour was risen. They sent forth the women, who ran to proclaim to the disciples these gladsome tidings. Peter and John arrived, having learned from Mary Magdalene what had come to pass, and when they entered the tomb, they found only the winding sheets. They returned again to the city with joy, as heralds now of the supernatural Resurrection of Christ, Who had been seen alive by the disciples on this day on five occasions. Our Lord, then, was crucified, died, and was buried on Friday, before the setting of the sun, which was the first of His "three days" in the grave; observing the mystical Sabbath, that "seventh day" in which it is said that the Lord "rested from all His works" (Gen. 2:2-3), He passed all of Saturday in the grave; and He arose "while it was yet dark, very early in the morning" on Sunday, the third day, which, according to the Hebrew reckoning, began after sunset on Saturday. As we celebrate this joyous Resurrection, we greet and embrace one another in Christ, thereby demonstrating our Saviour's victory over death and corruption, the destruction of our ancient enmity with God, His reconciliation toward us, and our inheritance of life everlasting. The feast itself is called Pascha, which is derived from the Hebrew word which means "passover"; because Christ, Who suffered and arose, has made us to pass over from the curse of Adam and slavery to the devil and death unto our primal freedom and blessedness. In addition, this day of this particular week, which is the first of all the rest, is dedicated to the honor of the Lord; in honor and remembrance of the Resurrection, the Apostles transferred to this day the rest from labor that was formerly assigned to the Sabbath of the ancient Law. All foods are allowed during Renewal Week.



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.

“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!**



THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

April 27, 2008

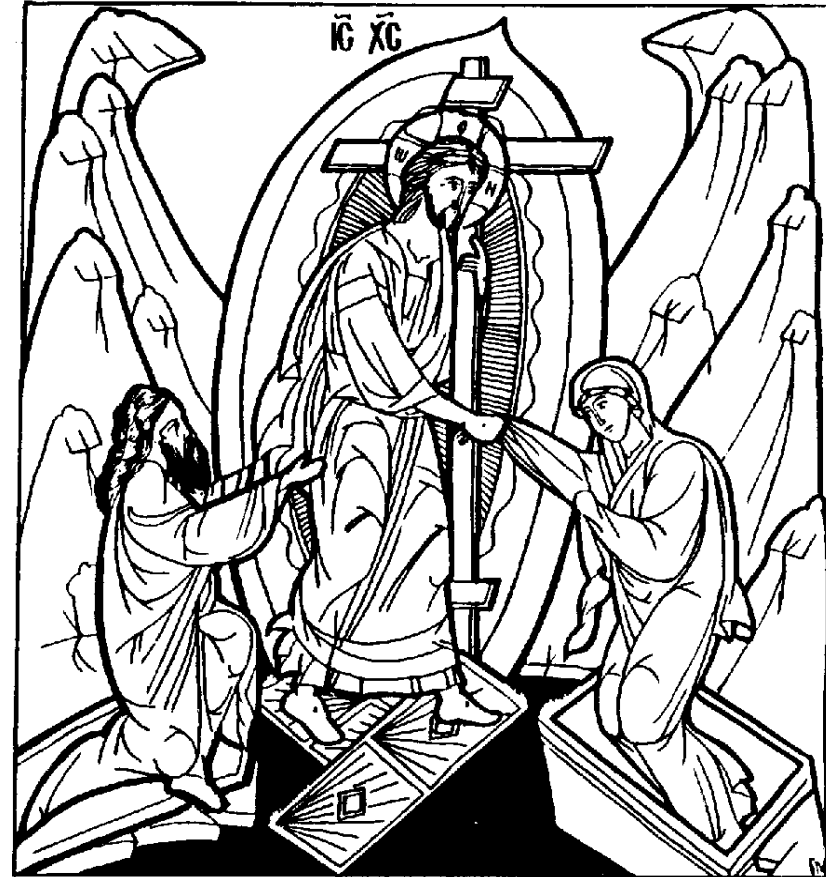
GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA

Orthros
9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy
10:00 AM

Epistle Reading
Acts 1:1-8

Gospel Reading
John 12:1-18



Psaltis
Zannis Res

Choir
Dr. Jon Wardner

Prosforo
Anonymous

CRISTOS ANESTH! CHRIST IS RISEN!

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