

# Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

MAY 11, 2008

**Epistle Reading** IN THOSE DAYS, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "it is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

## Apolytikion for Holy Myrrhbearers Sunday

Standing by the tomb the angel said to the Myrrh-bearing women: "Myrrh is for the dead; but Christ has shown Himself stranger to death

## 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

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.



**Gospel Reading** At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where he was laid.

And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

## Wisdom of the Fathers

They [the women] had followed Him ministering to Him, and were present even unto the time of the dangers. Wherefore also they saw all; how He cried, how He gave up the ghost, how the rocks were rent, and all the rest. And these [the women] first see Jesus; and the sex that was most condemned, this first enjoys the sight of the blessings, this most shows its courage. And when the disciples had fled, these were present.

**St. John Chrysostom, Homily 88 on Matthew**  
27 4th Century

*Happy Mother's Day*

# 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.

**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

Reminder: Sunday, May 18, is the testing date to see if the children meet the Church School requirements. **Children must report to classrooms by 10 a.m. to begin testing.**

## Upcoming Events

<i>Sun., May 18</i>	TESTING DATE FOR REQUIREMENTS Church School Senior Recognition Day
<i>Sun., June 15</i>	Church School Graduation
<i>Mon., June 16</i>	Vacation Bible School
<i>Tues., June 17</i>	Vacation Bible School
<i>Wed., June 18</i>	Vacation Bible School
<i>Thurs., June 19</i>	Vacation Bible School



YA'SSOO FESTIVAL flyers and posters are now available. Please help distribute them to friends, neighbors and local businesses. See Helen Garris or pick up at the church office.

## The Bookstore Recommends

The Orthodox Study Bible, Old and New Testament. The Old Testament is a new translation from the Greek Septuagint and includes the Deuterocanon. Commentary is drawn from the early Church writers and speaks to Christians who seek a deeper experience of the roots of their faith. The Inner Kingdom, collected works by Kallistos Ware. Ware recounts his own journey to Orthodoxy and reflects on themes such as resurrection, repentance, salvation, worship, martyrdom and prayer.

## Philoptochos Notes

**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. Pick up dates are Saturday, 5/17 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and Sunday, May 18 after the Divine Liturgy.**

**Our May Community Care** will be "Dress for Success". Cathleen Taylor, from "Dress for Success." will speak at our May Philoptochos meeting which will start at 7:00 p.m. Please be prompt.

Items accepted are purses, scarves and jewelry; pantyhose new/in package, plus sizes especially needed; new or gently used clothing; **ready to wear (washed and pressed and on hangers)**. No winter apparel, please. Financial donations are also needed. At the Dress Barn purchases can be targeted for Dress for Success.

Please start bringing your gently used, clean clothing to the Church, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and hang it on the racks in the hallway. For questions, please call Perry Katsikas at 995-4766. Flyers describing Dress for Success Michigan are available on the table in the hallway.

**Needed Sheets and Pillowcases.** We are in need of sheets for our Hospice Bed Pad Sewing and pillowcases to make dresses for little girls in Africa. Please bring your clean sheets and pillowcases to the church.

**"Cell Phones for Soldiers"** is our Community Care project until July 2008. We will collect old cell phones and accessories which are redeemable toward calling cards for our troops abroad. Put your cell phones in the box 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).

## Greek School Notes

The Greek School General Assembly and Election of PTO Board will take place in the Greek School classroom today immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

## Altar Boy Baseball Outing

Our yearly baseball outing will be July 8th Tigers v Cleveland Indians. There are 20 tickets at \$19.50 each. We'll leave from the church at 5:30 p.m. Please call Dani Nadra 586-291-2149 if you plan to come.

## AHEPA Golf Outing

On Sunday, June 1, 2008, the Ann Arbor AHEPA Chapter #195 is having their 11th Educational Scholarship Golf Outing at the Stonebridge Golf Course. Shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. Proceeds from this event will be used towards the AHEPA scholarships to high school graduates from our community. Our Ann Arbor AHEPA chapter has awarded more than \$50,000.00 in scholarships over the last ten years. Prices: \$100.00 to play and dinner; \$100.00 to sponsor a hole. \$35.00 dinner only. Dinner is expected to start at 5:30-6:00 p.m. Please contact Costas Boutsikakis 604-8738 or Christos Philippou 309-3032 for details. Thank you for your support.

## Choir Notes

**Senior Choir** Any interested parishioner, ages 12 and up, is encouraged to join the Senior Choir. Our next rehearsals are May 14 and June 11 at 7:00 p.m..

**Junior Choir** Come join the Junior Choir on Wednesday, May 14 and May 28. We practice from 6:30 pm. to 7:15 p.m.

## 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.



## "For it's one, two, three strikes you're out"

Tiger Baseball Concessions Project— Please sign up with your fellow parishioners to participate in this project, help the church earn extra funds to reduce our mortgage balance, get to know your fellow church members on a whole new level and take pride in your St. Nicholas Community. **All volunteers must be prepared to attend MANDATORY TRAINING NEXT Sunday May 18 at 1:00 pm in our St. Nicholas social hall. You will not be allowed in Comerica Park without first completing this training.** See Dennis Cvercko or Nick Roumel in the social hall to answer questions and sign-up for a great fellowship experience.

**(Please note: We need two more volunteers for our first game on Friday, May 23rd.)**

**Y.E.R.A.C.** is holding classes for Greek Dance Saturdays, May 24 & 31 from 1 p.m.—3 p.m.



## YA'SSOO FESTIVAL 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.

## Youth Notes

### GOYA

**Dance Practices** will be held on the following dates:

**Saturdays May 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 11**, Ushering and Fellowship Hour;

**Sunday, May 18**, Officer Elections immediately after church service and Senior Luncheon at Cottage Inn 3:15 p.m. Everyone invited.

**June 6 & 7** Dancing at Ya'ssoo Festival

**Friday, June 13**, Tiger's Game Outing only 20 tickets—Tickets sold on first come, first serve basis with payment of \$20.00 per ticket and permission slip. See Laura Kokkales

**Tuesday, June 17**, Seniors Taverna dancing at 7:00 p.m. Church

**H.O.P.E.** meets **May 18th — 1:00-2:30** We'll talk about the Virgin Mary. Lunch will be provided.

**J.O.Y.** Our last meeting will be **May 18th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

# THE SUNDAY BULLETIN May 11, 2008

## Orthros

9:00 AM

## Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM

## Church School

After Communion

## Epistle Reading

Acts 6:1-7

## Gospel Reading

Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8

## Creed

English



## HOLY MYRRHBEARERS SUNDAY—HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

## Psaltis

Zannis Res

## Choir

Dr. Jon Wardner

## Prosforo

Artemis Alex

## Fellowship Hour

GOYA

## Trisagion

15 Years Vasiliki Alex

25 Years Constantine Alex

## UP-COMING EVENTS

**Sunday, May 11**

### Mother's Day

### Greek School General Assembly & PTO Board Elections

9:30 a.m. Koulourakia Baking

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7:00 p.m. Ya'ssoo Meeting

7:30 p.m. Young Adult League (Y.A.L.) Meeting

**Wednesday, May 14**

6:30 p.m. Junior Choir

7:00 p.m. Senior Choir

**7:00 p.m.** Philoptochos Meeting Note time change

**Thursday, May 15**

7:30 p.m. Iconography Meeting

**Friday, May 16**

11:00 a.m. Exercise Class

6:30 p.m. Game Night

**Saturday, May 17**

11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. G.O.Y.A. Dance

**Sunday May 18**

### Senior Recognition Day

**3:30 p.m. Luncheon at Cottage Inn**

Flower Pickup after Divine Liturgy

### Mandatory Tiger Training

1:00 p.m. H.O.P.E.

5:00 p.m. J.O.Y. — Last Meeting

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