

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

MAY 18, 2008

Epistle Reading IN THOSE DAYS, as Peter went Acts 9:32-42 here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

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 John 1:5-15 At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked.

Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.' "They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk?'" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

Reusrectional Apolytikion

Let the heavens sing for joy, and let everything on earth be glad. For with His Arm the Lord has worked power. He trampled death under foot by means of death; and He became the firstborn from the dead. From the maw of Hades He delivered us; and He granted the world His great mercy.

Wisdom of the Fathers

Great is the profit of the divine Scriptures, and all-sufficient is the aid which comes from them ... For the divine oracles are a treasury of all manner of medicines, so that whether it be needful to quench pride, to lull desire to sleep, to tread under foot the love of money, ... from them one may find abundant resource.
St. John Chrysostom, Homily 37 on John 5, 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

Today the children from grades 2 to 12 are taking their "Requirements Tests", and Preschool to 1st grade will review materials learned from September. Also today, 4 Church school students will be honored for completing the 12 year Church School curriculum.

The V.B.S. summer program, "Genesis", is scheduled for June 16-20th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and is open to all students from Preschool to 7th grade. This year we would like to offer afternoon care (12:30 to 5 p.m.) for those interested. Let us know as soon as possible if you would consider this option so that arrangements can be made. Please pick up a registration form and return it to the office by June 1. If you have any questions please call Maria Papaefthymiou -747-6854 or Susan Pagalos -944-0142.

Reminder: The Church school is still collecting O.C.M.C. Lenten Coin Boxes. Please send them in as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.

Upcoming Events

Sun., June 15 Church School Graduation

Mon., June 16-Fri., June 20 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.

Philoptochos Notes

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

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.

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,

A.H.E.P.A. Golf Outing

On Sunday, June 1, 2008, the Ann Arbor A.H.E.P.A. 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 A.H.E.P.A. scholarships to high school graduates from our community. Our Ann Arbor A.H.E.P.A. 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 rehearsal is June 11 at 7:00 p.m..

Junior Choir Come join the Junior Choir on Wednesday, 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.

A.H.E.P.A. Sunday

Archbishop Demetrios has designated this Sunday, May 18th as A.H.E.P.A. Sunday. He asks that we offer our prayers and support for the local chapters of the A.H.E.P.A. in our community and for the national organization. He also asks that we emulate our Risen Lord and His ministry to those in need, and may our love for God and for one another bring salvation and life to all.

CONGRATULATIONS to the A.H.E.P.A. Scholarship Recipients for 2008. They are: Leah M. Price, George A. Dallas, George D. Smyrnis and Anastasia Mitropoulos-Rundus. We offer congratulations not only to the recipients but also to their families and give a big thank you to our parishioners who make this possible through their participation and support of our Golf outing.



YA'SSOO FESTIVAL GREEK SCHOOL YA'SSOO FESTIVAL DANCE PRACTICE

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 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 have received 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

G.O.Y.A.

Dance Practices will be held on the following dates:

Saturday 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 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

Y.E.R.A.C. News

Y.E.R.A.C. is sponsoring a trip to Vesper Services at SS Constantine & Helen on Tuesday, My 20th at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in going, please call the office to reserve a seat on the van.

We are holding classes for Greek Dance Saturdays, May 24 & 31 from 1 p.m.—3 p.m.

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN May 18, 2008

Orthros

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM

Church School

After Communion

Epistle Reading

Acts 9:32-42

Gospel Reading

John 1:5-15

Creed

English



SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

UP-COMING EVENTS

AHEPA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS TODAY

SENIOR RECOGNITION DAY

3:15 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

9:30 a.m. Paximathia Baking

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6:30 p.m. Vesper Service Ss. Constantine & Helen

7:30 p.m. Saint Nicholas Young Adults (Y.A.L.) Meeting

SS Constantine & Helen

10:00 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. Physical Plant & Maintenance Meeting

11:00 a.m. Exercise Class

6:30 p.m. Game Night

1:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Y.E.R.A.C. Greek Dance

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