

G.O.Y.A. Summer Schedule

Sunday, July 13 7:30 p.m. Bible Study & Game Night

Sunday, July 27 7:30 p.m. Bible Study & Game Night

Sunday, Aug 3 7:30 p.m. Bible Study & Game Night

Sunday, Aug 10 5:00 p.m. Meeting/Bible Study/Game Night

Sunday, Aug. 17 7:30 p.m. Bible Study & Game Night

Sunday, Aug. 24 7:30 p.m. Bible Study & Game Night

Sunday, Aug. 31 7:30 p.m. Bible Study & Game Night

Sunday, Sep. 7 G.O.Y.A. Registration and Parent Orientation after Divine Liturgy

Sunday, Sep. 14 4:00 p.m. Bible Study

5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. Parent Meeting with Rev. Father Nick

Daughters of Penelope are sponsoring a Winter Clothing Drive for the Ypsilanti Public Schools Clothes Closet. They need **gently** used winter clothing for ages infant to adult, both male and female. Baby and children clothing are most needed.

Coats, jeans, sweat pants and shirts (especially for children), children's sweaters, waterproof mittens, snowsuits, underwear and socks (must be new) are needed for children, diapers (all sizes), baby blankets, shoes (only if in very good condition), large size bras.

Please do not bring turtle neck shirts/sweaters for male and female adults, women's sweaters, or dress pants, scarves, hats, dress shoes for men or women, any clothing with business, union or school names on it or any clothing that will need to be dry cleaned.

Please make sure all buttons are intact and zippers working. The families do not have resources to mend clothing.

Questions, contact Joanne Savas, 734-761-2529 or Vicki Kiningham, 734-429-8127.

Fr. John Paul Memory Book is being prepared by the Daughters. This will be a collection of favorite stories about Fr. John. If you have a favorite story, please write a one page narrative to share with us. Everyone is welcome to participate. The stories will be collected for the next few months and then put into a book for Presvytera Eva and one for the church archives. You can either mail your contribution to the Daughters in care of the church or e-mail it to christakatsikas@yahoo.com. Our editorial committee is Christina Vlahopoulos—734-358-0777 and Perry Katsikas—734-995-4766. Please call if you have any questions.

Saint Nicholas Church School Notes

The Saint Nicholas Church School has a lost & found table in the social hall. Any items such as clothing, books, certificates etc. left by the children during the school year can be picked up by August 16th. Unclaimed items will be donated or discarded.

For Sale—There are a number of fresh, frozen cheese pies left over from the Ya'ssoo Greek Festival. Anyone wishing to buy one, or more, should call the office. Pies are \$20.00 per tray.

Sunday of the Holy Fathers

On the Sunday that falls from the 13th to the 19th of the present month, we chant the Service to the Holy and God-bearing Fathers who came together in the Seven Ecumenical Councils, that is: the First Council, of the 318 Fathers who assembled in Nicaea in 325 to condemn Arius, who denied that the Son of God is consubstantial with the Father; the Fathers of the First Council also ordained that the whole Church should celebrate Pascha according to the same reckoning; the Second Council, of the 150 Fathers who assembled in Constantinople in 381 to condemn Macedonius, Patriarch of Constantinople, who denied the Divinity of the Holy Spirit; the Third Council, of the 200 Fathers who assembled in Ephesus in 431, to condemn Nestorius, Patriarch of Constantinople, who called Christ a mere man and not God incarnate; the Fourth Council, of the 630 who assembled in Chalcedon in 451, to condemn Eutyches, who taught that there was only one nature, the divine, in Christ after the Incarnation, and Dioscorus, Patriarch of Alexandria, who illegally received Eutyches back into communion and deposed Saint Flavian, Patriarch of Constantinople, who had excommunicated Eutyches; the Fifth Council in 535, of the 165 who assembled in Constantinople for the second time to condemn Origen and Theodore of Mopsuestia, the teacher of Nestorius; the Sixth Council in 680, of the 170 who assembled in Constantinople for the third time, to condemn the Monothelite heresy, which taught that there is in Christ but one will, the divine; and the Seventh Council in 787, of the 350 who assembled in Nicaea for the second time to condemn Iconoclasm.

Reading Courtesy of Holy Transfiguration Monastery

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

July 13, 2008

Orthros

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM

Church School

Epistle Reading

Titus 3:8-15

Gospel Reading

Matt. 5:14-19

Creed

English



Psaltis

Zannis Res

Choir Director

Prosforo

Labrini Lagos

Fellowship Hour

Parish Council

Memorial Service

3 Years Anthony Lagos

5 Years Leonides Baldwin

9Years Demetrios

Aslanides

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS

UP-COMING EVENTS

Sunday, July 13

7:30 p.m. G.O.Y.A. Bible Study & Game Night

Tuesday, July 14

7:00 p.m. Saint Nicholas Young Adults (Y.A.L.)

PLEASE NOTE: FR. NICK WILL BE AT THE CLERGY-LAITY CONGRESS ALL WEEK. IN AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE. THANK YOU.

MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE: www.stnickaa.org

Submissions for the Sunday bulletin must be sent to: kate@stnickaa.org by 10 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to publication.

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Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
July 13, 2008

Epistle Reading TITUS, my son, the saying is sure. I Titus 3:8-15 desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in

God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Wisdom of the Fathers

The Lord says to His disciples, 'Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven' (Matt. 5:16). He does not say this to urge them to show off, but to urge them to organize their lives as is pleasing to God. Just as light effortlessly attracts people's gaze, so a way of life pleasing to God draws their minds along with their eyes. We do not praise the air which shares in the brilliance of the sunlight, but the sun which is the source of this brilliance and bestows it on us. Even if we do praise the air for its brightness, we praise the sun much more. So it is when someone makes the brilliance of the Sun of righteousness (Mal. 4:2) visible through his virtuous deeds. As soon as anyone looks at him, they are immediately led towards the glory of the Father in heaven of Christ, the Sun of righteousness.

St. Gregory Palamas, Homilies Vol. 1, Homily Ten para. 14; Saint Tikhon's Seminary Press pgs. 110-111 14th century

Gospel Reading The Lord said to his disciples, "You Matt. 5:14-19 are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a

lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

Resurrectional 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.

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,

Thought for the Week

Every work which does not have love as its beginning and root is nothing.

St. John Chrysostom, Unknown 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.

Fellowship Hour sponsor needed for Sunday July 20th and all the Sundays of August.

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.

Did You Know that you can receive email messages from Rev. Father Nick? These messages are sent approximately every 10 days and include a variety of things such as: upcoming events and dates, special announcements and projects, spiritual messages and much more. If you wish to be included in this list, please do the following:

1. go to the website www.stnickaa.org and go to the drop down menu
2. from the drop down menu buttons select 'Contact Us'
3. select the 'E-Mail Subscribe' option
4. enter your e-mail address

There is no cost or obligation in doing this. If you wish to unsubscribe, you may do so. It is our hope to keep you better informed, and perhaps, to save some expense for our Saint Nicholas Parish.



Psalm 6:2, 6

*Alone in God my soul waits silent.
My help is from Him.
Alone in God rest, my soul, in silence.
My hope is from Him.
He alone is my rock,
My safety; I shall not be shaken.*

Philoptochos Notes

We will begin making spanakopita Monday, September 15th. Many volunteers are needed this year as we plan to make the spanakopita through September 26th. Please call Margaret Yates or Pres. Eva Paul to volunteer.

IOCC-June, July & August Community Care

The mission of IOCC is to respond to the call of our Lord Jesus Christ to minister to people in need throughout the world, sharing with them God's gifts of food, shelter, economic self-sufficiency and hope.

We have helped to make a significant difference in the lives of others. Through IOCC our donations reach those in need around the world. Once again we ask for your generous support in bringing hope to others. **Please make checks payable to Philoptochos, memo—IOCC and mail your donation to our church attention: Philoptochos.**

"Cell Phones for Soldiers" is an ongoing Philoptochos Community Care project. We are still collecting old cell phones and accessories which are redeemable toward calling cards for our troops abroad. Please drop off your cell phones in the box located outside the social hall. Thank you for your support.

Saint Nicholas Seniors: No exercise class this Friday, July 11th. Classes will resume on July 18th.

The 25 tickets for "The King & I" at the Crosswell Theatre on Thursday, July 31st are going quickly. Please call Diane, Joan or Penny if you want to go. We leave by bus at 4:45 p.m. and return 10:30 p.m.



The Bookstore has an expanding selection of cookbooks by expert Diana Kochilas. Her *Mediterranean Grilling* has a bounty of recipes showcasing the oldest culinary art form in the Mediterranean. *Against the Grain* presents 150 good carb recipes; *Food and Wine of Greece* includes background on the country and its customs together with excellent recipes. *Greek Vegetarian* takes one back to some of the oldest traditions of village cooking. *The Glorious Foods of Greece* travels region by region to showcase the ethnographic detail of Greece's broad range of cooking styles and flavors. There is no better introduction to Greek culture than these books.

