

## G.O.Y.A. Summer Schedule

- 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 Fr. 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.

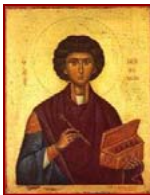
Coats, jeans, sweat pants and shirts (especially for children), children's sweaters, waterproof mittens, snowsuits, underwear and socks (must be new) are needed for children, diapers (all sizes), baby blankets, shoes (only if in very good condition), large size bras.

**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.

**Rev. Father 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 [chris-katsikas@yahoo.com](mailto:chris-katsikas@yahoo.com). Our editorial committee is Christina Vlahopoulos—734-358-0777 and Perry Katsikas—734-995-4766. Please call if you have any questions.



July 27

### Panteleimon the Great Martyr & Healer

This Saint, who had Nicomedia as his homeland, was the son of Eustorgius and Eubula. His father was an idolater, but his mother was a Christian from her ancestors. It was through her that he was instructed in piety, and still later, he was catechized in the Faith of Christ by Saint Hermolaus (see July 26) and baptized by him. Being proficient in the physician's vocation, he practiced it in a philanthropic manner, healing every illness more by the grace of Christ than by medicines. Thus, although his parents had named him Pantoleon ("in all things a lion"), because of the compassion he showed for the souls and bodies of all, he was worthily renamed Panteleimon, meaning "all-merciful." On one occasion, when he restored the sight of a certain blind man by calling on the Divine Name, he enlightened also the eyes of this man's soul to the knowledge of the truth. This also became the cause for the martyrdom of him who had been blind, since when he was asked by whom and in what manner his eyes had been opened, in imitation of that blind man of the Gospel he confessed with boldness both who the physician was and the manner of his healing. For this he was put to death immediately. Panteleimon was arrested also, and having endured many wounds, he was finally beheaded in the year 305, during the reign of Maximian. Saint Panteleimon is one of the Holy Unmercenaries, and is held in special honor among them, even as Saint George is among the Martyrs.

*Reading Courtesy of Holy Transfiguration Monastery*

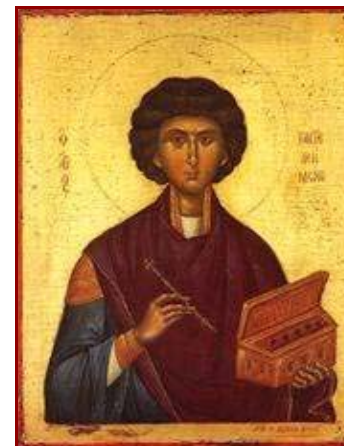
### Saint Nicholas Church School Notes

The 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 Festival. Anyone wishing to buy one, or more, should call the office. Pies are \$20.00 per tray.

# THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

July 27, 2008



### Orthros

9:00 AM

### Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM

### Epistle Reading

II Tim. 2:1-10

### Gospel Reading

Matt. 9:1-8

### Creed

Greek

### Psaltis

Zannis Res

### Prosforo

Betty Manolakis

### Fellowship Hour

Philoptochos—I OCC Tea

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

### UP-COMING EVENTS

- Sunday, July 27** 7:30 p.m. G.O.Y.A. Bible Study & Fun Night  
**Tuesday, July 29** 7:00 p.m. Saint Nicholas Young Adults (Y.A.L.)  
**Friday, Aug. 1** 11:00 a.m. Exercise Class (**open to all**)  
6:30 p.m. Game Night  
7:30 p.m. Paraklesis

**MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE:** [www.stnickaa.org](http://www.stnickaa.org)

Submissions for the Sunday bulletin must be sent to:

[kate@stnickaa.org](mailto:kate@stnickaa.org) by 10 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to publication.

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*Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church*  
*July 27, 2008*

**Epistle Reading** TIMOTHY, my son, be strong in the II Tim. 2:1-10 grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hardworking farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything.

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

**Wisdom of the Fathers**

Faith...is the beginning of our union with God: the true believers are the stone of the church of God, prepared for the edifice of God the Father, which is raised up to the heights by the power of Jesus Christ, that is, by the Cross and help of the grace of the Holy Spirit. "Faith without works is dead" (James 2:26). The works of faith are love, peace, longsuffering, mercy, humility, bearing one's cross and life by the Spirit. True faith cannot remain without works. One who truly believes will also surely perform good works.

**St. Seraphim of Sarov**, *Unknown* 19th century

**Thought for the Week**

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

**St. John Chrysostom**, *Unknown* 4th century

**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.*

**Gospel Reading** At that time, getting into a boat Matt. 9:1-8 Jesus crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say 'Rise and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" he then said to the paralytic -- "Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

**Resurrectional Apolytikion**

Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. For in His goodness He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to raise up those who had died, by His glorious Resurrection.

**Apolytikion for Panteleimon the Great Martyr & Healer**

Panteleimon, saintly champion and healer, intercede with our merciful God to grant our souls remission of sins.

**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 Champion and Martyr of God, imitating the Merciful and bearing from Him the grace of healing, cure our spiritual ills by your prayers, and set free from the temptation of the eternal enemy those who ceaselessly cry out, "Save us, O Lord."



**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.

**Fellowship Hour** sponsor needed for these Sundays of August: 10, 17, 24 and 31.

**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 Fr. 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](http://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 St. Nicholas Parish.

**Saint Nicholas Seniors:** We are traveling by van to visit the Arab American Museum in Dearborn on **Thursday, August 7th**. We will have lunch in Dearborn at an Arab restaurant and return early afternoon. **Cost: \$5.00. The \$3.00 museum fee and lunch will be paid individually. Sign up no later than Sunday, August 3rd.**



**Happy Birthday:** Mrs. Helene Reader will celebrate her 90th birthday tomorrow, July 28. Please stop by the "Helene" table in the fellowship hall and sign the card for her.



**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.



**The Saint Nicholas Bookstore** recommends for summer reading books by Bishop Kallistos Ware: *The Orthodox Way*, an account of the doctrine, worship and life of Orthodox Christians; *The Illuminated Heart* makes the wealth of the Orthodox tradition accessible to today's Christians. A teacher at the University of Oxford who lectures around the world, Bishop Kallistos speaks equally to laypeople and specialists, on both timeless mysteries and urgent contemporary concerns.



**Tiger Baseball Project**—Throw your khakis in the washer, grab your Tiger baseball cap, sign up with your fellow parishioners to participate in this unique mortgage reduction project. We need 6 volunteers for both Fri., Aug. 8th, and Wed., Aug. 13th. Call some friends and volunteer together. Check the sign-up board for other dates. See Dennis Cvercko or Nick Roumel in the social hall to answer questions and sign-up for a great fellowship experience.