

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

**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. Please pick up a flyer from the table in the hallway.

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. If you have a favorite story about Fr. John., 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 [chriskatsikas@yahoo.com](mailto:chriskatsikas@yahoo.com). Our editorial committee is Christina Vlahopoulos—734-358-0777 and Perry Katsikas—734-995-4766. Please call if you have any questions.

## THE PROPER WAY TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION IS AS FOLLOWS:

-Prepare yourselves through righteous living, confession and fasting (speak to your spiritual father or priest about this)

-Wait for the ushers to release your section

-Approach with dignity (do not put your hands in your pockets)

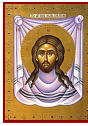
-Use a napkin or handkerchief to wipe any lipstick from your lips

-Take the communion cloth in your hand and place it under your chin (don't make the altar boys do all the work for you!)

-Say your baptismal name

-Take all of the communion off of the spoon

-Return graciously to your seat



## August 16 Translation of the Image of Our Lord and God and Savior, Jesus Christ

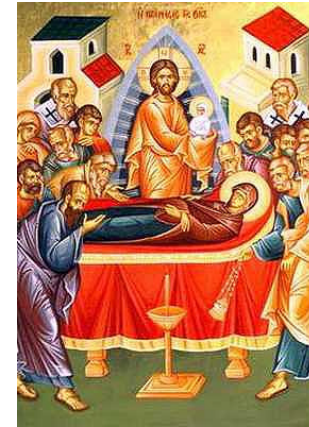
When the fame of our Lord Jesus Christ came to Abgar, the ruler of Edessa, who was suffering from leprosy, Abgar sent a messenger named Ananias, through him asking the Savior to heal him of his disease, while bidding Ananias bring back a depiction of Him. When Ananias came to Jerusalem, and was unable to capture the likeness of our Lord, He, the Knower of hearts, asked for water, and having washed His immaculate and divine face, wiped it dry with a certain cloth, which He gave to Ananias to take to Abgar; the form of the Lord's face had been wondrously printed upon the cloth. As soon as Abgar received the cloth, which is called the Holy Napkin (Mandylion), he revered it with joy, and was healed of his leprosy; only his forehead remained afflicted. After the Lord's Death, Resurrection, and Ascension, the Apostle Thaddaeus came to Edessa, and when he had baptized Abgar and all his men, Abgar's remaining leprosy also was healed. Abgar had the holy image of our Savior fixed to a board and placed at the city gate, commanding that all who entered the city reverence it as they passed through. Abgar's grandson, however, returned to the worship of the idols, and the Bishop of Edessa learned of his intention to replace the Holy Napkin with an idol. Since the place where it stood above the city gate was a rounded hollow, he set a burning lamp before the Holy Napkin, put a tile facing it, then bricked up the place and smoothed it over, so that the holy icon made without hands was no longer to be seen, and the ungodly ruler gave no further thought to it.

The hidden icon was forgotten, until the year 615, when Chosroes II, King of Persia, was assaulting the cities of Asia, and besieged Edessa. The Bishop of Edessa, Eulabius, instructed by a divine revelation, opened the sealed chamber above the city gate and found the Holy Napkin complete and incorrupt, the lamp burning, and the tile bearing upon itself an identical copy of the image that was on the Holy Napkin. The Persians had built a huge fire outside the city wall; when the Bishop approached with the Holy Napkin, a violent wind fell upon the fire, turning it back upon the Persians, who fled in defeat. The Holy Napkin remained in Edessa, even after the Arabs conquered it, until the year 944, when it was brought with honor and triumph to Constantinople in the reign of Romanus I, when Theophylact was Ecumenical Patriarch. The Holy Napkin was enshrined in the Church of the most holy Theotokos called the Pharos. This is the translation that is celebrated today.

*Reading Courtesy of Holy Transfiguration Monastery*

# THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

## August 17, 2008



### Orthros

9:00 AM

### Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM

### Epistle Reading

I Cor. 3:9-17

### Gospel Reading

Matt. 14:22-34

### Creed

English

### Psaltis

Mr. George Smyrnis

### Prosforo

Pliakas Family

### Fellowship Hour

Parish Council

## NINTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

## UP-COMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, Aug. 19** 7:30 p.m. Saint Nicholas Young Adults (Y.A.L.)—Service Project

**Friday, August 22** 11:00 a.m. Exercise Class (**open to all**)  
6:30 p.m. Game Night

**Congratulations!** To **Cathy** and **Tom Goffas** on the birth of their daughter **Sophia**, on May 25th.

**Our deepest sympathies** to the **Guibert family**. Nellie's mother, **Mahi**, fell asleep in the Lord on August 13th. May her memory be eternal.

**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*  
*August 17, 2008*

**Epistle Reading** BRETHREN, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of

God given to me, like a skilled master builder. I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw - each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

**Resurrectional Apolytikion**

O Merciful One, You came from on high, and condescended to Your three-day burial to save us from passions. You are our life and our Resurrection, O Lord. Glory to you.

**Apolytikion of the Feast of the Dormition**

In birth, you preserved your virginity; in death, you did not abandon the world, O Theotokos. As mother of life, you departed to the source of life, delivering our souls from death by your intercessions.

**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**

Neither the grave nor death could contain the Theotokos, the unshakable hope, ever vigilant in intercession and protection. As Mother of life, He who dwelt in the ever-virginal womb transposed her to life.

**Gospel Reading**  
Matt. 14:22-34

At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying "Take heart, it is I; have no fear."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

**PSALM 114:1-3**

At the going forth of Israel from Egypt, of the house of Jacob from a barbarous people, Judea became his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion. The sea saw and fled: Jordan was turned back. The mountains skipped like rams, and the hills like lambs. What ailed thee, O sea, that thou fleddest? And thou Jordan, that thou wast turned back? Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams, and ye hills, like lambs? The earth trembled at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob; who turned the rock into pools of water, and the flint into fountains of water.

Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to thy name give glory, because of thy mercy and thy truth; lest at any time the nations should say, Where is their God? But our God has done in heaven and on earth, whatsoever he has pleased.



**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 Sunday July 20th and Sundays of August 10, 17, 24 and 31.

**Prosforo** needed for Sunday, August 24.

**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**

Sign up at the coffee hour for the trip the performance at the Purple Rose Theatre on Thursday evening August 28th. Details are on the Senior Board at the Coffee Hour.

**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.

**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.

**Philoptochos Reminder:** Do you have furniture in good condition that you no longer need or use? Please call Friends in Deed for furniture pickup at 734-484-4357. They can always use it to help their clients.

**"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 Parish 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.

**Saint Nicholas Church School Notes**

As September approaches, the Church School Department would like to remind you that the St. Nicholas 2008-2009 Church School program will commence on Sunday, September 7th at 10:00 am during the Divine Liturgy. Registration will begin after communion for all children from preschool to 12th grade and the fee is \$20.00 (please not this correction as there was an error in the last monthly bulletin concerning this issue). The children should then proceed to their appropriate classes to meet the teachers and classmates. You can pick up a registration form or download a copy from the St. Nicholas website and hand it in anytime with payment to the office. Your child must be 3 years of age by September 1st to be eligible for enrollment in preschool. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office or Susan Pagalos.