

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

**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 — 7:00 p.m. G.O.Y.A. Meeting and Fellowship

**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.

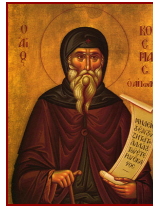
**Rev Father John Paul Memory Book** is being prepared by the Daughters. If you have a favorite story about Fr. John., please write a one page narrative to share with us. Everyone is welcome to participate. The stories will be collected for the next few months and then put into a book for Presvytera 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.



**Tiger Concession Mortgage Debt-Reduction Project**—Last game of the season, tied, bottom of the ninth, two outs, bases loaded, three balls, two strikes. . . .and you're at bat! It's the last chance this season to show

your stuff. Come join your fellow parishioners and participate in this unique mortgage reduction project. We need four volunteers for Friday, Sept. 26th. See Dennis Cvercko or Nick Roumel in the social hall to answer questions and sign-up for a great fellowship experience. He stretches, he throws, you draw back the bat. . . .and you swing. . . .!

**Commemorative Trees** are still available to be sponsored in "memory of" or "for the health of" a loved one. If interested, please contact Michael Challis, 734-971-6186 or [mdcallis@aol.com](mailto:mdcallis@aol.com) or Christopher A. Bekiares.



**August 24**

**Kosmas the New Hieromartyr & Equal-to-the Apostles of Aetolia**

Our holy Father Kosmas was from the town of Mega Dendron (Great Tree) of Aitolia. At the age of twenty, he went to study at the school of the Monastery of Vatopedi on the Holy Mountain. Later, he came to the Athonite Monastery of Philotheou where he was tonsured. With the blessing of his abbot, he departed for Constantinople where he learned the art of rhetoric, and thereafter, he began to preach throughout all the regions of northern Greece, the Ionian Islands, but especially in Albania, for the Christian people there were in great ignorance because of the oppression and cruelty of the Moslems. Finally, in 1776, after having greatly strengthened and enlightened the faithful, working many signs and wonders all the while, he was falsely accused by the leaders of the Jewish people and was executed by strangulation by the Moslem Turks in Albania.

*Reading Courtesy of Holy Transfiguration Monastery*

**SAVE THE DATE** for our annual Saint Nicholas Parish Picnic on Sunday September 7th starting at 2:00 p.m. held on the parish grounds. All are invited to attend.

The parish will provide the meat and drinks and we are asking everyone to bring something—enough to serve 10. If your last name begins with:

A-H dessert

I-L munchies

M-P salad

Q-T vegetables or fruit

U-Z side dish



**Saint Nicholas Choir Notes**

**Senior Choir** will have rehearsal on September 10th and 24th from 7:00 p.m.—8:45 p.m. Please mark your calendars. Anyone ages 12 years and up is welcome. Musical experience is preferred but not required. Come and join us.

**Youth Choir** will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 17th at 6:30 p.m. Thereafter, our rehearsals will be on the first and third Wednesdays of the month unless otherwise notified. If you have questions regarding the youth choir, please call Mrs. Anna Chapekis.

# THE SUNDAY BULLETIN August 24, 2008



**TENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

**Orthros**

9:00 AM

**Divine Liturgy**

10:00 AM

**Epistle Reading**

I Cor. 4:9-16

**Gospel Reading**

Matt. 17:14-23

**Creed**

English

**Psaltis**  
Mr. George Smyrnis

**Choir**  
Dr. Jon Wardner

**Prosforo**  
Penelope Demetris  
The Skinner Family

**Fellowship Hour**  
The Skinner Family

**Trisagion**  
Vasilios & Andriana  
Skinner

## UP-COMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, Aug. 26** 7:30 p.m. Saint Nicholas Young Adults (Y.A.L)

**Thursday, Aug. 28** 7:00 p.m. Physical Plant & Maintenance Committee Meeting

**Friday, August 29** 6:30 p.m. J.O.Y. Game Night

**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 24, 2008

**Epistle Reading** BRETHREN, God has exhibited us I Cor. 4:9-16 apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

### PSALM 114: 4-11

“The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the works of men’s hands. They have a mouth, but they cannot speak; they have eyes, but they cannot see; they have ears, but they cannot hear; they have noses, but they cannot smell; they have hands, but they cannot handle; they have feet but they cannot walk: they cannot speak through their throat. Let those that make them become like to them, and all who trust in them.

The house of Israel trusts in the Lord; he is their helper and defender. The house of Aaron trusts in the Lord: he is their helper and defender. They that fear the Lord trust in the Lord: he is their helper and defender.”

### WHEN YOU ENTER THE CHURCH

Enter in stillness...know that the Lord is God.  
Listen in reverence...it is God who made us.  
Sing with delight...it is God who hears us.  
Speak with conviction...there is no other God.  
Depart in peace...it is God’s gift to you.  
Serve with joy...it is your gift to God.

*From the St. Barbara Church Bulletin, Sarasota, FL*



**Gospel Reading** At that time, a man came up to Him and Matt. 17:14-23 kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move hence to yonder place,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you." As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will be raised on the third day."

### Resurrectional Apolytikion

The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. For this reason were the powers of heaven crying out to You, O Life-giver: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; glory to Your eternal rule; glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves mankind.

### 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

In your holy birth, Immaculate One, Joachim and Anna were rid of the shame of childlessness; Adam and Eve of the corruption of death. And so your people, free of the guilt of their sins, celebrate crying: "The barren one gives birth to the Theotokos, who nourishes our life."

### Vesper Visitors

Two Great Vesper services at area parishes are forthcoming: Sunday, September 7th (Nativity of the Virgin Mary—Plymouth) and Saturday, September 13th (Holy Cross—Farmington Hills). Please sign up in the social hall if you are interested! (Times to be announced)

## 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 Sundays of August 31, September 7, 14, 28

### 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.

. “From those to whom much is given, much will be required.” Luke 12:48

**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

Our annual “Kick Off” meeting is Thursday, September 4th at 1:00 p.m. We will enjoy a presentation by Michael Kapetan in the church, and then have coffee and dessert in the Social Hall while we “discuss” the events for the coming year. Bring your ideas, suggestions and how you can help for this discussion.

### Philoptochos Notes

We will begin making spanakopita the week of, September 15th and into the following week if necessary. Many volunteers will be needed. Please give as much time as you can. For further information or to volunteer, call Margaret Yates — 663-0131 or Pres. Eva Paul — 663-082.

 **15th Annual Yassou Golf Outing** will be held on Sunday, September 21st to benefit Zoe for Life and other Philoptochos charities. Please call Margaret Yates at (734)-663-0131 for details.

“**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 the Planner 2008-2009, with devotional readings, saints for each day, the fasting calendar and more. Each edition begins on September 1st, the first day of the ecclesiastical calendar year. We have a limited number! *When Jesus Came to My House*, the story of a little boy who imagines what it would be like if Jesus came to spend the afternoon with him — the little boy Jesus, of course, “about the age that I am and about the size of me.”

### 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 note 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.