

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 p.m.—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. Our editorial committee is Christina Vlahopoulos—734-358-0777 and Perry Katsikas—734-995-4766. Please call if you have any questions.



Detroit Tiger Concession 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 three 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 or Christopher A. Bekiares.



Labor Day came about through the efforts of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It is a federal holiday in the United States and is celebrated on the first Monday of September. In 1894 the Congress made Labor Day a federal holiday and now all fifty states have made it a state holiday as well.

There is still a debate about who first proposed the holiday for workers. Some contend that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, was first to suggest the day. However, many believe that Matthew Maguire, a machinist, founded the holiday. Recent research could be said to support this contention since Matthew Maguire proposed the holiday in 1882 when he was secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York. Clearly, the Central Labor Union adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic.

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City. Then, in 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, as originally proposed.

Taken from:

dol.gov/aboutdol/laborday, aflcio.org and Wikipedia.org.

SAVE THE DATE for our 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



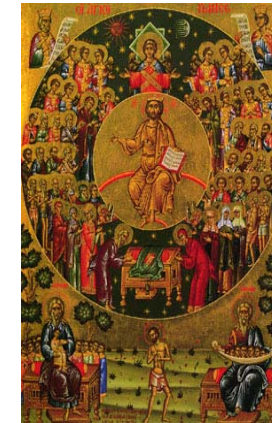
Saint Nicholas Choir Notes

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 31, 2008



Orthros

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM

Epistle Reading

I Cor. 4:9-16

Gospel Reading

Matt. 17:14-23

Creed

Greek

Psaltis
Mr. George Smyrnis

Choir
Dr. Jon Wardner

Prosforo
Rebekah M. Olechnowicz

Fellowship Hour
Parish Council

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

UP-COMING EVENTS

Monday, Sept. 1	Labor Day — Office Closed
Tuesday, Sept. 2	9:30 a.m. Bed Pad Sewing for Hospice 12:00 Noon Senior Planning Meeting 7:30 p.m. Young Adult League (Y.A.L.) — Discussion & Pot Luck
Thursday, Sept. 4	1:00 p.m. Seniors Fall Kick-Off Program 7:00 p.m. Maintenance Committee Meeting
Friday, Sept. 5	11:00 a.m. Exercise Class (open to all) 6:30 p.m. J.O.Y. Game Night 7:30 p.m. Paraklesis
Sunday, Sept. 7	Church School & G.O.Y.A. Registration Greek School Orientation & 1st General Assembly 2:00 p.m. Parish Picnic Vesper Service at Nativity of the Virgin Mary—Plymouth

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
August 31, 2008

Epistle Reading BRETHREN, the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

Wisdom from the Fathers

Do we forgive our neighbors their trespasses? God also forgives us in His mercy. Do we refuse to forgive? God, too, will refuse to forgive us. As we treat our neighbors, so also does God treat us. The forgiveness, then, of your sins or unforgiveness, and hence also your salvation or destruction, depend on you yourself, man. For without forgiveness of sins there is no salvation

St. Tikhon of Zadonsk, *Unknown* 18th century

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.”



Gospel Reading The Lord said this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailors, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to everyone of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Resurrectional Apolytikion

When You descended unto death, O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You.

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

Thy precious sash, O Theotokos, which encompassed thy God-receiving womb, is an invincible force for thy flock, and an unfailing treasury of every good, O only Ever-virgin Mother.

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 Sundays September 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 Rev. Father Nick?

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

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.

Vesper Visitors

Two Great Vesper services at area parishes are forthcoming: Sunday, September 7th, 6:00 p.m. (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)

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.



The 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.

Ya’ssoo Greek Festival Meeting Number 1

Our first meeting for the 2009 Ya’ssoo Greek Festival will take place on Tuesday, September 16th at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Please come and share your ideas for the 2009 Festival — ways we can improve, add to or whatever other ideas you may have. Let’s work together to make our 2009 Festival even better than 2008.