

September 28

Baruch the Prophet

The Prophet Baruch was the son of Nerias, and the disciple of the Prophet Jeremias (Jer. 39:12; 43:4 LXX). The extant prophetic book that he wrote is divided into five chapters; it was composed in the fifth year of the Babylonian Captivity of the Jews during the years of Sedekias, 583 B.C. The prophetic lection that is read on the eve of the Feast of Christ's Nativity, which bears Jeremias' name, is taken from the prophecy of Baruch (Bar. 3:35-4:4). His name means "blessed." *Reading Courtesy of Holy Transfiguration Monastery*

Daughters of Penelope wish to thank all who donated clothing for the Ypsilanti Public School clothing closet. The recipients are most appreciative of your generosity.

Saint Nicholas Choir Notes

Senior Choir will have rehearsal on September 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 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 at 734-429-7181.

THE PROPER WAY RECTO EIVE 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



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 St. Nicholas Parish.

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 mdchallis@aol.com or Christopher A. Bekiaries.



Welcoming Committee

A welcoming committee is being formed at Saint Nicholas. Our training meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 14th at 7:30 p.m. If you would like to help with this ministry, please call Penny Bekiaries—662-6606.

The Saint Nicholas Bookstore recommends *Isis/Prayer of the Light, Saint Macrina the Elder, Grandmother of Saints*, the fascinating story of the grandmother of three saints, Basil the Great, Gregory of Nyssa, and St. Macrina the Younger. *Hear Me: A Prayerbook for Orthodox Teens* a book to help teens challenge their faith and find a road to making that faith their own. *Orthodoxy and Catholicism*, the chronicle of a former Roman Catholic's journey to Orthodoxy.

Prayer as an Important Aspect of Our Spiritual Life
Monk Moses "Stand in church as if you are in heaven together with the angels, and consider yourself unworthy to be praying together with your brothers. And be vigilant not to be looking back and forth to observe the brothers and sisters, how they are standing or chanting, but observe only yourself, your chanting and your sins."
1999, Holy Cross Orthodox Press, Brookline, MA
Source: taken from the book, *Athonite Flowers From the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America Website*

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN
September 28, 2008

Orthros
9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy
10:00 AM

Epistle Reading
II Cor 4:6-15

Gospel Reading
Luke 5:1-11

Creed
English



- Psaltis**
Mr. George Smyrnis
- Choir**
Dr. Jon Wardner
- Prosforo**
Rebekah M. Olechnowicz
- Fellowship Hour**
Bilakos Family
- Memorial Service**
Susan Bilakos—2 Years

FIRST SUNDAY OF LUKE

UP-COMING EVENTS

- Sunday, Sept. 28** G.O.Y.A. Game Night: 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 29** 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Bible Study
- Tuesday, Sept. 30** 7:30 p.m. Young Adult League (Y.A.L.)
- Thursday, Oct. 2** 7:00 p.m. Y.E.R.A.C.
- Friday, Oct. 3** 11:00 a.m. Exercise Class — Open to all
6:30 p.m. J.O.Y. Game Night
- Saturday, Oct. 4** 9:30 a.m. G.O.Y.A. Dance Practice
- Sunday, Oct. 5** Parish Assembly following Divine Liturgy
3:45 p.m. G.O.Y.A. trip to Erwin's Orchards

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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Epistle Reading Brethren, it is the God who said, II Cor 4:6-15 "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believed, and so we speak, knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Wisdom of the Fathers

What is it that I love when I love you? Not the beauty of a body or the comeliness of time. Nor the luster of the light pleasing to the eyes, nor the sweet melodies of all manner of songs, nor the fragrance of flowers, ointments and spices, not manna and honey, nor limbs welcome to the embrace of the flesh—I do not love these when I love my God. And yet there is a kind of light, a kind of voice, a kind of fragrance, a kind of foods, a kind of embrace, when I love my God, who is the light, voice, fragrance, food, embrace of the inner man, where there shines into the soul that which no place can contain, and there sounds forth that which time cannot end, where there is fragrance which no breeze disperses, taste which eating does not make less, and a clinging together which fulfillment does not terminate. It is this that I love when I love my God.

St. Augustine, *Confessions 10.6 in The Confessions of St. Augustine*, p. 244 5th century



Gospel Reading At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory 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

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, them that honor thee.

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

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.

Prosforo needed for Sunday, November 9 and 23.

Fellowship Hour sponsor needed for Sundays of Oct. 5, 12 and November 2, 16 and 30.

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

Need Gifts for Special Occasions or Birthdays?

Support "Shopping for Saint Nicholas" by buying Scrip Gift cards. We have a variety of cards on hand including Borders, Kohls, Macys, Star Bucks, Bed, Bath and Beyond, Olive Garden and more. These make great gifts. If we don't have the cards you want, we'll place an order for you. Visit the "Shopping for Saint Nicholas" desk during the fellowship hour after the Divine Liturgy.

G.O.Y.A. Notes

The October G.O.Y.A. meeting will take place Sunday, October 5th.

Autumn is here! Enjoy the harvest of the season. Please join us Sunday, October 5th for a G.O.Y.A. outing to Erwin's Orchards in South Lyon. We will ride wagons, pick apples and travel through a corn maze. **Meet at 3:45 at the church; depart at 4:00 p.m.** Arrive back by 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be provided. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR PERMISSION SLIPS.**

G.O.Y.A. Parent Meeting with Rev. Father Nick postponed to a later date.

Psalm 117

Praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye peoples. For his mercy has been abundant toward us: and the truth of the Lord endures for ever.

Alleluia!

Philoptochos Notes

A Special Thank You to everyone who helped make 1250 trays of spanakopita last week. We could not have done it without you! Also, thanks to everyone who participated in, and supported, the Yassou Golf Outing.

Student Dinner The Saint Nicholas Ladies Philoptochos invites all college students to a home cooked Greek style dinner on Sunday, October 12th at 5:30 p.m. Please join us in the fellowship hall to meet new friends and enjoy a terrific dinner. Information: Athena Papageorgiou— 663-2318.

No-Sew Fleece Blankets On October 18th we invite women (and men) to come to the church at 10:00 a.m. to make no-sew fleece blankets for Mott Children's Hospital. Bring 1 1/2 yards of fabric for each blanket and a brown bag lunch. Fleece is 50% off at Jo-Ann Fabrics on Carpenter Road through Oct. 1st. Our tax-free number is on file at checkout and good for an additional 10%. See Jarnis Gutierrez for details.

Saint Nicholas Church School Notes.

The Church School Department reminds families who have not registered for Church School that it is not too late. Please do so as soon as possible. If you need a registration form, you may download a copy from the website, or pick one up from the main office or Church School Office. Scholarships are available, if needed. Please see Fr. Nick or Susan Pagalos.

Reminders: Please refer to the "Saint Nicholas Church School guide booklet" you received at registration for details and information regarding your child's grade requirements, general rules, the schedule of events for the year and a letter from Rev. Father Nick. It is important that you read through the booklet so that together (home and Church) we can provide the best religious education for your child. If you did not receive a copy of this booklet at registration, please see your child's teacher or Susan Pagalos.

Also, as part of the Church school curriculum, it is required that all children be present for the Divine Liturgy (10:00 a.m.) and attend class instruction after communion. It is difficult for our children to follow the traditions of our faith if they do not participate and engage in all aspects of our church life.