

Today Is National Church Music Sunday

A "Thank You" To Our Church Musicians

This Sunday, we celebrate National Church Music Sunday. It is a day set aside across our entire Archdiocese to commemorate the dedicated and talented women and men in our congregation whose stewardship provides music for our liturgical services throughout the year.

The ministry of music is an essential part of our religious life. Through our hymns, we worship the Lord, our God. We give thanks, we ask for blessing, we renew our faith, and we express the joy of Orthodox Christian fellowship.

Please thank our choir directors, choir members, both seniors and children as well as our cantors please remember to thank them for their service to our parish.

YOUTH CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

H.O.P.E.

Sunday, Oct. 12 1:00 p.m.—2:30 p.m. "Respect"

J.O.Y.

Friday, Oct. 10 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Game Night

Sunday, Oct. 19 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 24 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Game Night

Friday, Oct. 31 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Game Night

G.O.Y.A.

Saturday, Oct. 11 9:30 a.m.—Dance Practice

Saturday, Oct. 18 10:00 a.m.—No-Sew Blankets

Sunday, Oct. 26 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

PSALM 114: 4-16

"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.

October 5

Charitina the Martyr

Saint Charitina contested for Christ during the reign of Diocletian, in the year 290. The handmaid of a certain Claudius, she was betrayed as a Christian to Dometian, the Count, before whom she fearlessly confessed Christ. After suffering the most terrible tortures, including the uprooting of her teeth and nails, she gave up her soul into the hands of the Lord.

Reading Courtesy of Holy Transfiguration Monastery

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 Saint 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 *Keeper 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

October 5, 2008



Orthros

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM

Epistle Reading

II Cor 6:1-10

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:31-36

Creed

English

Psaltis

Zannis Res

Choir

Dr. Jon Wardner

Prosforo

Panagioti Apostolou

Fellowship Hour

Parish Council

SECOND SUNDAY

OF LUKE

NATIONAL CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY

UP-COMING EVENTS

Sunday, Oct. 5

Parish Assembly following Divine Liturgy
3:45 p.m. G.O.Y.A. trip to Erwin's Orchards

Monday, Oct. 6

10:00 a.m. Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Bible Study

Tuesday, Oct. 7

9:30 a.m. Bed Pad Sewing for Hospice
12:30 p.m. Senior Planning Meeting
7:30 p.m. Saint Nicholas Young Adult League (Y.A.L.)

Wednesday, Oct. 8

7:00 p.m. Senior Choir
7:30 p.m. Philoptochos

Thursday, Oct. 9

7:00 p.m. Parish Council

Friday, Oct. 10

11:00 a.m. Exercise Class — Open to all
6:30 p.m. J.O.Y. Game Night
7:30 p.m. Paraklesis

Saturday, Oct. 11

9:30 a.m. G.O.Y.A. Dance Practice

Sunday, Oct. 12

1:00 p.m. HOPE
5:00 p.m. GOYA Game Night
5:30 p.m. Student Dinner

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, working together with II Cor 6:1-10 him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he

says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Wisdom of the Fathers

There is an old saying: 'Excesses meet.' Too much fasting and too much eating come to the same end. Keeping too long a vigil brings the same disastrous cost as ... sluggishness... Too much self-denial brings weakness and induces the same condition as carelessness. Often I have seen men who would not be snared by gluttony fall, nevertheless, through immoderate fasting and tumble in weakness into the very urge which they had overcome. Unmeasured vigils and foolish denial of rest overcame those whom sleep could not overcome. Therefore, 'fortified to right and to left in the armor of justice,' as the apostle says (2 Cor. 6:7), life must be lived with due measure and, with discernment for a guide, the road must be traveled between the two kinds of excess so that in the end we may not allow ourselves to be diverted from the pathway of restraint which has been laid down for us nor fall through dangerous carelessness into the urgings of gluttony and self-indulgence.

St. John Cassian, Conferences, Conference Two: On Discernment no. 16; Paulist Press pg. 76, 5th century

Gospel Reading Luke 6:31-36 The Lord said, "And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love

you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

Resurrectional Apolytikion

By means of Your Cross, O Lord, You abolished death. * To the robber You opened Paradise. * The lamentation of the myrrhbearing women You transformed, * and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all * that You had risen, O Christ our God, * and granted the world Your great mercy.

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.

Thought for the Week

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

St. John Chrysostom, Unknown 4th century

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.

GOYA Notes

Autumn is here! Enjoy the harvest of the season. Please join us today, 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.

Landscape Master Planning Committee

The first meeting of the Landscape Master Planning Committee will take place on Tuesday, October 7th at 7:00 p.m. All interested parishioners are invited to attend.

Philoptochos Notes

Philoptochos Meeting this Wednesday, October 8th at 7:30 p.m. All women of the parish are welcome.

Student Dinner The St. 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. See Jarnis Gutierrez for details.

Save the Date We'll be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army on December 3rd. Please see Helen Garris 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.

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.

On Sunday, October 12th, Fr. Nick will have the "Blessing of the Waters" and classrooms.

Parish Fall Harvest Party will take place on Friday, October 17th at 6:30 p.m. All parishioners are invited to attend. There will be pumpkin carving and refreshments such as caramel apples, corn, cookies, apple cider and hot chocolate. More information to follow. If interested in helping, please call Sue Pagalos, 944-0142.

