

## Saint Nicholas Seniors

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall to attend our Halloween Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28th at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 if you are in costume or \$8.00 if not.

We ask that you please bring a new winter hat, mittens or gloves for an elementary school age student in Ypsilanti.

Please R.S.V.P. to Diane, Joan or Penny . We hope to see you there!



## YOUTH CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

### J.O.Y.

Sunday, Oct. 19 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Meeting  
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

### OXI Day

On October 26, 2008 the Greek School will celebrate Oxi Day with a presentation inside the church following the Divine Liturgy. Kyria Ioanna is working with the children in class on the poems and songs they'll perform, and there will also be two rehearsals at the church: Saturday 10/18/08 from 3 to 5 p.m. and Friday 10/24/08 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. If your child is participating, and especially if you can help the students rehearse the Greek, we would greatly appreciate you joining us for one or both of the rehearsals.

The children are encouraged to wear traditional Greek costumes for the presentation. Costumes will be available at the rehearsals, to borrow for the school year (\$200 deposit required per costume).

The Greek School will co-sponsor the Social Hour on October 26th. We can always use help setting up and cleaning up afterward.

Also in commemoration of Oxi Day, the Trisagion will take place at the statue in Ypsilanti on Saturday October 25, 2008 at 11 a.m. Families are welcome to attend but there will be no organized attendance by Greek School students this year.

**Saint Nicholas Greek School Notes** The Greek School is in need of an older student or adult to help out with room parent duty as a substitute beginning October 20th. If you are interested in finding out more about this position, please call Athena Papageorgiou (734) 368-4668.

## Saint G.O.Y.A. Calendar

Parents and children, email [stnickaagoya@gmail.com](mailto:stnickaagoya@gmail.com) if you are interested in receiving periodic G.O.Y.A. emails.

### Sunday, October 26, 2008

5-7 pm G.O.Y.A. Game Night

### November

#### Saturday, Nov. 1

9:30-11:30 am Dance Practice

#### Sunday, Nov. 2

8:45 am Ushering

4-5 pm Bible Study

5-7 pm Meeting & Bonfire

#### Thursday, Nov. 6

5-6 pm Help with Spaghetti Dinner

#### Saturday, Nov 8

9:30-11:30 am Dance Practice

#### Sunday, Nov. 9

5-7 pm Game Night

#### Wednesday, Nov. 12

6:30-8:30 pm Dance Practice

#### Saturday, Nov. 15

Saint Nicholas Dance

#### Sunday, Nov. 16

4-5 pm Bible Study

5-7 pm Game Night

#### Sunday, Nov. 23

5-7 pm Game Night

#### Thursday, Nov. 27

10-12 am Volunteer at Cottage Inn for Thanksgiving meals

#### Sunday, Nov. 30

3-5 pm Tree Cutting & Decorating

### 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](mailto:mdchallis@aol.com) or Christopher A. Bekiaries.

**The Saint Nicholas Parish 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.

# THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

## October 19, 2008



### Orthros

9:00 AM

### Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM

### Epistle Reading

II Cor. 9:6-11

### Gospel Reading

Luke 7:11-16

### Creed

Greek

### Psaltis

Zannis Res

### Choir

### Prosforo

Theanne Ballios

### Fellowship Hour

A.H.E.P.A. Lamb Luncheon

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LUKE

### UP-COMING EVENTS

#### Sunday, Oct. 19

A.H.E.P.A. Lamb Luncheon  
5:00 p.m. J.O.Y.

#### Monday, Oct. 20

10:00 a.m. Weekly Bible Study

#### Tuesday, Oct. 21

7:00 p.m. Church School Teacher's Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Y.A.L.

#### Thursday, Oct. 23

**St. James the Just**  
**10:00 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy**  
7:00 p.m. Physical Plant & Maintenance Meeting

#### Friday, Oct. 24

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. 25

**Vesper Service @ St. Demetrios, Saginaw**  
8:30 p.m. Y.A.L. Annual Hay Ride & Bonfire

#### Sunday, Oct. 26

5:00 p.m. G.O.Y.A. 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*  
*October 19, 2008*

**Epistle Reading** BRETHREN, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

**Wisdom of the Fathers**

For the light which is the object of our senses does not shine in darkness, but apart from it; but the preaching of Christ has shone forth in the midst of prevailing error, and made it to disappear.

But this light comes by faith, and when it is come, it lights abundantly him that has received it; and if you display a pure life for it, remains indwelling within continually.

As then one cannot rightly enjoy the sunlight, unless he opens his eyes; so neither can one largely share this splendor, unless he have expanded the eye of the soul, and rendered it in every way keen of sight.

But how is this effected? Then when we have cleansed the soul from all the passions. For sin is darkness, and a deep darkness; as is clear, because men do it unconsciously and secretly.

**St. John Chrysostom, Homily 5 on John 1**  
4th Century

**Thought for the Week**

**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!



**Gospel Reading** At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

**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**

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.

**Vesper Service**

The next YERAC sponsored Vesper Service will be on Saturday, October 25th, at St. Demetrios Church, Saginaw at 7:00 p.m.. Please sign up in the social hall if you wish to attend. Cost is \$10.00. We will leave the parking lot at 4:45 p.m.

**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.

**Prosforo** needed for Sunday, November 23, December 14 and 28.

**Fellowship Hour** sponsor needed for Sunday, November 16 and all the Sundays in December.

**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 St. Nicholas” desk during the fellowship hour after the Divine Liturgy.

**November 15, 2008—6:30 p.m.**

Mark your calendar now for the 2008 Saint Nicholas Dance and Silent Auction. Car Raffle, Live Band, Greek and American Music, Hors d' Oeuvres, Prime Entrée and Delicious Desserts. Dancing and fun at the Fellowship Hall until 1:00 a.m. Cost is \$60.00. For tickets or more information, please call Ioanna Boutsikakis—944-9012 or Katerina Roumanis—662-3254.



**OXI Day**

On Saturday, October 26, the Ann Arbor A.H.E.P.A. Chapter #195 will have a short ceremony at the statue of Ypsilanti to commemorate OXI Day. The ceremony will take place at 11:00 a.m.

**Philoptochos Notes**

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

**Our Annual Spaghetti Dinner** will be **Thursday, November 6 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** Cost is \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 10 years old and under. Dinner includes spaghetti, sauce, salad, dessert, bread and beverage. Take out orders will be available. Proceeds to provide food certificates for those in need. For tickets or information please call Tasia Goffas 734-913-1083 or Margaret Yates 734-663-0131. Advanced ticket purchases help in planning.

**Saint Nicholas Church School Notes**  
**Church School Teachers Meeting on Tuesday, October 21st at 7:00 p.m.** All teachers are asked to be present.

**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.

**“Upcoming Church School project: St. Nicholas Church School Food Drive”.**

The children will be involved in a food drive project to help those families during Thanksgiving who are not able to provide for their families. More information to follow.

**A.H.E.P.A. Lamb Luncheon**

Ann Arbor A.H.E.P.A. Chapter #195 is sponsoring their Annual Lamb Luncheon today after the Divine Liturgy in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds from this event will be used towards the reduction of the Church mortgage and the A.H.E.P.A. scholarships. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6.00 for the children. Please contact Costas Boutsikakis 604-8737 or Christos Philippou 309-3032 for details and tickets.

**Y.A.L. Annual Hay Ride & Bonfire**

Our annual hayride will be Saturday, October 25th at 8:30 p.m. at Wiard's Orchard. The hayride will be followed by a bonfire. All are welcome for Halloween thrills and fellowship. The cost is \$15.00 per person. To RSVP or for questions, email Saint NicholasYAL@gmail.com or contact Robert Ashley: (734) 904-4197.