

## Saint Nicholas Seniors

Please sign up in the social hall to attend our Fall Harvest Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. this Tuesday, October 28th. Cost is \$5.00 if you are in costume or \$8.00 if not.

We ask that you bring a new winter hat, mittens or gloves for an elementary school age student (grades 1 through 5) in Ypsilanti.

Also, please sign up for the November 5th bus trip to Turkeyville. Information is posted in the social hall.

## Saint Nicholas Parish Christmas Card

Again, this year, we'll be sending out the parish Christmas card. By including your name on the card we express our kind wishes to all Parishioners as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you wish to participate please fill out the form you were sent, indicating how you want your name or family's name to appear. Please mail the form, or bring to the office, along with your \$25.00 contribution without delay. Deadline is November 17th.



## Demetrios the Myrrhbearer & Great Martyr of Thessaloniki

Saint Demetrios was a Thessalonian, a most pious son of pious and noble parents, and a teacher of the Faith of Christ. When Maximian first came to Thessalonica in 290, he raised the Saint to the rank of Duke of Thessaly. But when it was discovered that the Saint was a Christian, he was arrested and kept bound in a bath-house. While the games were under way in the city, Maximian was a spectator there. A certain friend of his, a barbarian who was a notable wrestler, Lyaeus by name, waxing haughty because of the height and strength of his body, boasted in the stadium and challenged the citizens to a contest with him. All that fought with him were defeated. Seeing this, a certain youth named Nestor, acquaintance of Demetrios', came to the Saint in the bath-house and asked his blessing to fight Lyaeus single-handed. Receiving this blessing and sealing himself with the sign of the precious Cross, he presented himself in the stadium, and said, "O God of Demetrios, help me!" and straightway he engaged Lyaeus in combat and smote him with a mortal blow to the heart, leaving the former boaster lifeless upon the earth. Maximian was sorely grieved over this, and when he learned who was the cause of this defeat, he commanded straightway and Demetrios was pierced with lances while he was yet in the bath-house, As for Nestor, Maximian commanded that he be slain with his own sword.

Reading Courtesy of Holy Transfiguration Monastery

## G.O.Y.A. Calendar

Parents and children, email stnickaagoya@gmail.com if you are interested in receiving periodic G.O.Y.A. emails.

### 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

#### Sunday, Nov. 9

2-4 pm Dance Practice

5-7 pm Game Night

#### Wednesday, Nov. 12

6:30-8:30 pm Dance Practice

#### Saturday, Nov. 15

Saint Nicholas Dance

#### 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 or Christopher A. Bekiares.

**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.

### Vesper Service

The next Y.E.R.A.C. sponsored Vesper Service will be on Saturday, November 8th, at Assumption in St. Clair Shores. We'll leave the church parking lot at 3:45 p.m. Please sign up in the social hall if you wish to attend. Cost is \$10.00.

# THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

## October 26, 2008



### SIXTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

### UP-COMING EVENTS

#### Sunday, Oct. 26

OXI Day Program after Divine Liturgy  
5:00 p.m. G.O.Y.A. Game Night

#### Monday, Oct. 27

10:00 a.m. Weekly Bible Study

#### Tuesday, Oct. 28

12:30 p.m. Seniors Fall Harvest Party  
7:30 p.m. Saint Nicholas Young Adult League (Y.A.L.)

#### Friday, Oct. 31

11:00 a.m. Exercise Class—Open to All  
6:30 p.m. Saint Nicholas J.O.Y. Game Night

#### Saturday, Nov. 1

**SS Cosmos & Damianos**  
10:00 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy  
9:30 a.m. G.O.Y.A. Dance Practice

#### Sunday, Nov. 2

**Parish Council Elections after Divine Liturgy until 3:00 p.m.**  
**Church Hall Meeting re: Iconography after Divine Liturgy**  
4:00 p.m. G.O.Y.A. Bible Study  
5:00 p.m. G.O.Y.A. Meeting & Fellowship

**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.**

### SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Psaltis**  
Zannis Res

**Choir**  
Dr. Jon Wardner

**Prosforo**  
Pliakas Family

**Fellowship Hour**  
Pauline Tzavaras &  
Athena Papageorgiou &  
the Greek School

**Epistle Reading** TIMOTHY, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before

many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hardworking farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything.

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

#### **Apolytikion for Commemoration of the Great Earthquake in Constantinople**

O Thou Who lookest on the earth and makest it tremble, deliver us from the fearful menace of earthquake, O Christ our God, and by the intercessions of the Theotokos, send down upon us Thy mercies in abundance and save us.

#### **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** "Faith without works is dead" (James 2:26). . . True faith cannot remain without works. One who truly believes will also surely perform good works. **St. Seraphim of Sarov**, 19th century

**Gospel Reading** At that time, as Jesus arrived at the Luke 8:26-39 country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons;

for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

#### **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.



#### **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

#### **Fellowship Hour**

Today's Fellowship Hour is being offered by Athena Papageorgiou and Pauline Tzavaras in honor of their husbands' name day, St. Demetrios, — and the Greek School in honor of OXI Day.

#### **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 adults and \$30.00 for kids and students. For tickets or more information, please call Ioanna Boutsikakis—944-9012 or Katerina Roumanis—662-3254 or the office 332-8200.

#### **Saint Nicholas H.O.P.E.**

The next meeting of H.O.P.E. will be on Sunday, November 9th from **12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Please note new time.** Lunch will be provided and please bring appropriate clothing. For more information please contact Sophia Crias-Radwanski-sgras@mhsi.us or Vasilias Tsilimigras-vtsilimigras@yahoo.com.

**Special Collection for the Patriarchate**—On Sunday, November 2nd, Philoptochos will have a special collection for the Patriarchate. Please be generous.

#### **Philoptochos Notes**

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

**Deadline for ordering Baklava and Spinach Pie is Tuesday, October 31st.** If you have not placed your order yet, please do so by the 31st.

**Benefit Christmas Wreath Sale** Orders are being taken for Christmas wreaths. **Your order must be received by November 16th and can be picked up on Sunday, December 7th.** Order forms are available on the table in the hallway by the office.

#### **Saint Nicholas Church School Notes**

**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.**

**Harvest Party** The annual Saint Nicholas Parish Fall Harvest Party was held on Friday, October 17th and was a fun-filled evening for the children and their families. It was exciting to see the children come dressed in their favorite character costumes. This was also a great opportunity for everyone to enjoy and share an evening with friends and family. The event would not have been possible without the many volunteers who helped with games and crafts, donated delicious treats and beverages, the hay ride, bonfire, the judges for the pumpkin carving contest and those who helped with the decorations, set-up and clean up. Thank you!

**"Children's Thanksgiving Food Drive"** During the month of November, the children will be involved in this program which provides meals for families in need during the holidays. More information will be sent home with your child.

**Oratorical Festival** It is time to start preparing for the Parish Oratorical Festival. Vicki Kiningham will distribute the 2008-09 topics to students in grades 7-12. Children in preschool-6th grade will do something in their class with topics chosen by their teacher.

