

A.H.E.P.A. Scholarship

Attention High School Seniors and College Students: If you are interested in a scholarship from A.H.E.P.A., the local chapter or the district, please try to meet with Dr. Kleanthous in the board room after services on Sunday or get in touch with him at 475-2034 or email: c.kleanthousmd@sbcglobal.net.

G.O.Y.A. Calendar - January 2009

Sun. Jan. 11	12 Noon Annual Brunch/Fundraiser 5-7 p.m. Game Night
Fri. Jan. 16	6:00 p.m. Lock-In Retreat
Sat. Jan. 17	10:00 a.m. Lock-In Retreat Ends
Sun. Jan. 18	5-7 p.m. Game Night
Sun. Jan. 25	8:45 a.m. Ushering 4-5 p.m. Bible Study 5-7 p.m. Game Night

Saint Nicholas Seniors

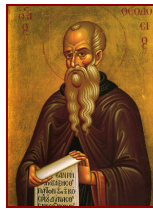
On Tuesday, January 20th, the Seniors will visit the Detroit Holocaust Memorial Center. We will travel by van and meet at St. Nicholas at 9:30 a.m. Following the visit, we will go to lunch (TBA) in Farmington. Cost for the van is \$10.00; lunch is a personal expense. This trip is limited to 14 persons. You may sign up in the social hall or call Diane, Joan or Penny.

Senior Planning meeting this Tuesday, 1/13 at 12:30 p.m.

The Saint Nicholas Parish Bookstore

The Bookstore carries a wide selection of gifts, icons, CDs, Bibles and cards. There are books for teens, such as *Hear Me: A Prayerbook for Orthodox Teens* a book that will challenge their faith and help them on the road to making that faith their own. There is an excellent selection of books for younger children as well as adults.

Stop by and see us. If we don't have what you need or want, we can probably order it for you.



January 11

Righteous Theodosios the Cenobiarch

This Saint had Cappadocia as his homeland. He lived during the years of Leo of Thrace, who reigned from 457 to 474. The Saint established in the Holy Land a great communal monastery, wherein he was the shepherd of many monks. While Saint Sabbas was the head of the hermits of Palestine, Saint Theodosios was governor of those living the cenobitic life, for which reason he is called the Cenobiarch. Together with Saint Sabbas, towards whom he cherished a deep brotherly love in Christ, he defended the whole land of Palestine from the heresy of the Monophysites, which was championed by the Emperor Anastasius and might very well have triumphed in the Holy Land without the opposition of these two great monastic fathers and their zealous defense of the Holy Council of Chalcedon. Having lived for 103 years, he reposed in peace.

Reading Courtesy of Holy Transfiguration Monastery

Friends of the Metropolis—Please consider helping the Metropolis of Detroit and Metropolitan Nicholas with the ministries of the Church by donating to the Friends of the Metropolis program. Brochures are in the hallway.



Greeters Needed

“The Welcoming Program is in need of Greeters” for this important ministry. Greeters ensure that everyone passing through our doors and entering Christ’s Church are welcomed and made to feel comfortable as being created in the image and likeness of God. As well, to get to know others in our parish we normally might not get to know—or make the time to know.”

Please consider taking part in this program and volunteer by calling Penny Bekiaries–662-6606 or Chris Kerry-665-6273.

Thought for the Week

“When the Spirit of God descends and overshadows one with the fullness of His outpouring, then the human soul overflows with unspeakable joy, because the Spirit of God turns to joy all that He touches.”

St. Seraphim of Sarov:

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

January 11, 2009

Orthros

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM

Church School

After Holy Communion

Epistle Reading

Heb. 13:7-16

Gospel Reading

Matt. 4:12-17

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SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

TODAY IS STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

UP-COMING EVENTS

Sunday, Jan. 11

Vasilopita Cutting after Divine Liturgy
Annual G.O.Y.A. Brunch
12:30 p.m. H.O.P.E.
5:00 p.m. G.O.Y.A. Game Night

Monday, Jan. 12

7:30 p.m. Bible Study

Tuesday, Jan. 13

9:30 a.m. Bed Pad Sewing
7:00 p.m. Y’assoo Meeting
7:30 p.m. Saint Nicholas Young Adult League (Y.A.L.)

Wednesday, Jan. 14

7:00 p.m. Philoptochos Meeting (Note Time Change)
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal—**Tenors & Basses only**

Friday, Jan. 16

6:00 p.m. G.O.Y.A. Lock-In Begins
NO J.O.Y. GAME NIGHT

Saturday, Jan. 17

10:00 a.m. G.O.Y.A. Lock-In Ends

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
January 11, 2009

Epistle Reading Heb. 13:7-16 Brethren, remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God; consider the outcome of their lives, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings; for it is well that the heart be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited their adherents. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go forth to him outside the camp and bear the abuse he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city which is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Gospel Reading Matt. 4:12-17 At that time, Jesus heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth He went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. For in His goodness He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to raise up those who had died, by His glorious Resurrection.



Apolytikion for Afterfeast of the Theophany of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ
When Thou wast baptized in the Jordan, O Lord, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest; for the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the certainty of the word. O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and hast enlightened the world, glory be to Thee.

Apolytikion for Righteous Theodosios the Cenobiarch
With the streams of thy tears, thou didst cultivate the barrenness of the desert; and by thy sighings from the depths, thou didst bear fruit a hundredfold in labours; and thou becamest a luminary, shining with miracles upon the world, O Theodosios our righteous Father. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

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
You appeared to the world today, and Your light, O Lord, has left its mark upon us. With fuller understanding we sing to You: "You came, You were made manifest, the unapproachable light."

Wisdom from the Fathers
Take heed, then, often to come together to give thanks to God, and show forth His praise. For when ye assemble frequently in the same place, the powers of Satan are destroyed, and the destruction at which he aims is prevented by the unity of your faith.

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Epistle to the Ephesians Ch. 13
2nd century

Thought for the Week
Repentance is the renewal of baptism and is a contract with God for a fresh start in life.

St. John Climacus, Ladder of Divine Ascent
Step 5: On Penitence, Paulist Press pg. 121 6th 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 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 Feb. 1, 15, 22.

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.

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.

H.O.P.E. will meet today, **January 11th from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.** We'll be discussing what it means to be humble. Lunch will be provided.

All children 4 years of age to second grade are welcome to come for fun and fellowship while learning about our Orthodox Faith.

Congratulations to Alex and Teddi Kales the winners of the New Year's Raffle. Thank you to all of you for supporting our church by buying tickets. God Bless You.

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.

"Coins for St. Basil Academy"
During the month of December, the children have been collecting coins to help Philoptochos raise funds for St. Basil's Academy. This is the last day to turn in the coins they earned for this project.

Oratorical Festival It is time to start preparing for the Parish Oratorical Festival. Vicki Kiningham will distribute the 2009 topics to students in grades 7-12. Children in preschool-6th grade will do something in their class with topics chosen by their teacher.

Philoptochos Notes
Bed pad sewing is this Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 9:30 a.m.
A special tray for St. Basil's Academy will be passed today along with the cutting of the Vasilopita following the Divine Liturgy.

The Philoptochos meeting on January 14 will begin at **7:00 p.m.** in the social hall. We will have a guest speaker from the VFW. Please plan to attend.

2009 Church Calendars are available in the hallway as well as the pocket calendars for 2009. **PLEASE TAKE ONE CHURCH CALENDAR PER FAMILY.** Thank



Saint Nicholas G.O.Y.A. Brunch
The G.O.Y.A.'s annual fundraiser brunch is today Tickets are \$10.00 for adults (12 and up) and \$5.00 for children under 12.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY TODAY IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
The Stewardship Program is a way for Orthodox Christians to meet Church obligations with responsibility, dignity and equity.

At the core of any Stewardship Program, are the stewards of the Church. A good steward is neither a miser nor a spendthrift but rather one who economizes and is a good manager of what has been entrusted to him.

As members of an Orthodox Christian parish, we have, by our own choice, undertaken a responsibility to become managers or stewards of this parish. That is, to love it, care for it, be concerned about it, support it and promote its Christian work and mission.