

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.

Saint Nicholas G.O.Y.A. Calendar — January 2009

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

St. 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.

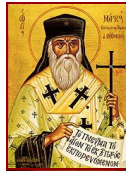
The Saint Nicholas Parish Bookstore

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.

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

Annual Cretan Dinner Dance

The Pancretan Association of America, Detroit Chapter "Pseloretis" is having their Annual Cretan Dinner Dance on February 7th at the Royalty House of Warren located at 8201 E 13 Mile Road, Warren Mich. Admission is \$60.00; under 12 is \$30.00; if you come after dinner admission is \$25.00. For reservations contact Barbara Paterakis-248-926-4499, Sophia Masters-248-641-2938 or Konstantinos Katakis-248-255-7310.



January 19 Mark, Bishop of Ephesus

The great teacher and invincible defender of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, Saint Mark, was the offspring and scion of the imperial city, Constantinople.

Reared by most pious parents, and instructed in secular and spiritual wisdom, he became preeminent in both. Saint Mark lived as an ascetic on the Prince's Islands and later in the monastery of Saint George Magana in Constantinople. He passed through all the degrees of the priesthood, and was finally advanced to the dignity of Archbishop and the lofty throne of the Metropolis of Ephesus. At the insistence of Emperor John Paleologos, the Saint was sent to the council of the Latins in Florence, to unite the churches that had been divided for so many years. He astounded the papal teachers with the divine wisdom of his words, and was the only one who did not sign the blasphemous decree of that false council. Because of this, the Holy Church of Christ has ever honored this great man as a benefactor, teacher, sole defender, and invincible champion of the Apostolic Confession. He reposed in 1443.

*Reading Courtesy of Holy Transfiguration Monastery
Icon Courtesy of St. Isaac Skete*

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 Bekiares-662-6606 or Chris Kerry-665-6273.

Thought for the Week

"He who has learned to be silent has found peace in all things." Abba Poimen

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN January 18, 2009

Orthros
9:00 AM

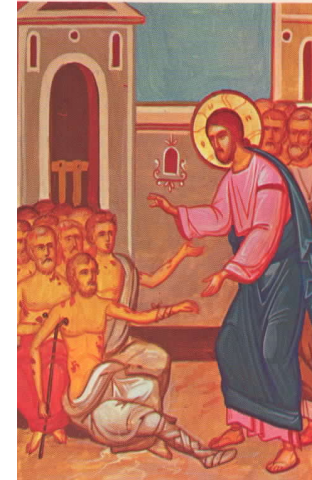
Divine Liturgy
10:00 AM

Church School
After Holy Communion

Epistle Reading
Heb. 13:7-16

Gospel Reading
Luke 17:12-19

Creed
Greek



TWELFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE UP-COMING EVENTS

Sunday, Jan. 18

Saint Athanasios and Cyril
5:00 p.m. J.O.Y. Activity
5:00 p.m. G.O.Y.A. Activity

Monday, Jan. 19

No Bible Study today

Tuesday, Jan. 20

7:30 p.m. Young Adults League (Y.A.L.)

Wednesday, Jan. 21

7:00 p.m. A.H.E.P.A.
7:00 p.m. Philoptochos (Note time change)

Thursday, Jan. 22

7:00 p.m. Physical Plant and Maintenance Committee

Friday, Jan. 23

11:00 a.m. Exercise Class

Saturday, Jan 24

3:00 p.m. Greek School Three Hierarchs Program Practice

Sunday, Jan. 25

Saint Gregory The Theologian
G.O.Y.A. Ushering
Three Hierarchs Program after Divine Liturgy
G.O.Y.A. Bible Study followed by Activity

Today we warmly welcome Rev. Fr. Charles P. Sarelis

**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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Psaltis
Zannis Res

Prosforo
Ioanna Ioannou

Fellowship Hour
Ioannou Family

Greeters Jan. 18
Demetra Mitropoulos-
Rundus., Stacy Garris

Greeters Jan. 25
Diane Geczi,
Pres.Eva Paul

40 Day Memorial

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
January 11, 2009

Epistle Reading Brethren, remember your leaders, Heb. 13:7-16 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 At that time, as Jesus entered a village, Luke 17:12-19 He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Wisdom from the Fathers
Having met the Savior, therefore, the lepers earnestly besought Him to free them from their misery, and called Him Master, that is. Teacher. No one pitied them when suffering this malady, but He Who had appeared on earth for this very reason, and had become man that He might show pity to all, He was moved with compassion for them, and had mercy on them.
St. Cyril of Alexandria, Commentary on the Gospel of St. Luke, Homilies 113-116. B#42, pp. 465-466 4th Century

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 for Athanasios & Cyril, Patriarchs of Alexandria
Shining forth with works of Orthodoxy, ye quenched every false belief and teaching and became trophy-bearers and conquerors. And since ye made all things rich and with true piety, greatly adorning the Church with magnificence, Athanasios and wise Cyril, ye both have worthily found Christ God, Who doth grant great mercy unto all.

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
Your birth sanctified a Virgin's womb and properly blessed the hands of Symeon. Having now come and saved us O Christ our God, give peace to Your commonwealth in troubled times and strengthen those in authority, whom You love, as only the loving One.

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.



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 Sunday Feb. 15, March 1, 8, 29.

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 for 2009, please call the office.
"Let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ Our God". **If not YOU...WHO? If not NOW...WHEN?**

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.

Super Bowl Sunday and Chili Cook-off
Join us on Sunday, February 1st at 5:00 p.m. for our Chili Cook-off and watch the Super Bowl. Bring your favorite chili recipe to share and come to enjoy the game.



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.

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
On Sunday, February 8, we will celebrate Go Red for Women Sunday. It is suggested that all women wear some red on that day to bring awareness to women's heart disease, an increasing problem in this country. Philoptochos will also sponsor the fellowship hour that day.

Congratulations to the Altar Boys! They received the coin in the Vasilopita on January 11th. Thank you, too, to all the organizations, parishioners and Church School children for donating funds to the St. Basil Academy.

The meeting scheduled for this past Wednesday was postponed because of the weather and has been rescheduled for **Wednesday, January 21st at 7:00 p.m.**

The person who brought the gift for the cardiac draw, please come and pick it up at the office. The Children's Cardiac Fund has been discontinued as a National Project. In its place, an Autism Assistance Fund has been established.

H.O.P.E. —Hellenic Orthodox Primary Education
Welcoming children 4 years of age to those in second grade for fun and fellowship while learning about our Orthodox Faith. Our next meeting day is

Sunday, Feb. 8th
12:30-2:00

We will be discussing God's love for us.
Lunch will be provided.

For more information contact:

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OR

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