

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.

GOYA February 2009 Calendar

Sun. Feb. 1 12:30 p.m. GOYA Meeting

Sun. Feb. 15 1:00 p.m. GOYA Parent Meeting with Rev. Father Nick



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.

Annual Cretan Dinner Dance

The Pancretan Association of America, Detroit Chapter “Pseloretas” 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.

LORD, I HAVE CRIED TO YOU

LORD, I Have Cried Out Unto You: hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

Lord, I Have Cried Out Unto You: hear me! Receive the voice of my prayer!

When I call upon You, hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise in Your sight as incense,
And let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

Hear me, O Lord!

The Saint Nicholas Bookstore Recommends

The Art of Prayer, an Orthodox Anthology, edited by Timothy Ware. According to one reader, “this book helps one get a ‘feel’ for the ethos of Orthodoxy, for the process of becoming truly human, as we are intended.

Orthodoxy and Catholicism examines the important similarities and differences in a thorough and non-polemical style.

A Child’s Paradise of Saints retells stories of fifteen beloved saints presented in a warm, informal style, suitable for reading aloud.

The bookstore carries Lenten cookbooks and Greek olive oil soap.

Saint Nicholas Greek School Mardi Gras

Come join us on **Saturday, February 21st at 6:30 p.m.** for our annual Mardi-Gras. Enjoy appetizers, dinner, dessert and cash bar. Dance until midnight.

Tickets: Adults: \$35.00; Child/Student (6-12): \$20.00; Under 6: Free.

The U-M Modern Greek Program presents “The Godfather” film screening on February 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The film will be introduced by its screen writer, Nicholas Papandreou, followed by a Q&A session. This event is FREE and Open to the Public and appropriate for all ages. Save the date—more information to come! Please contact Kimberly Johnson, of the Modern Greek Program, if you have any questions, berlykim@umich.edu



February 1

Trypho the Martyr

The Holy Martyr Trypho was from Lamp-sacus in Phrygia, and as a young man he tended geese. Being filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, he also healed sufferings and cast out demons. During the reign of the Emperor Decius, about the year 250, he was betrayed as a Christian and taken to Nicea, where he was beaten, bound to horses and dragged over rough ground, then dragged naked over nails; his sides were burned with torches; finally he was sentenced to beheading, but gave up his holy soul in his torments before the stroke of the sword. Saint Trypho is one of the Holy Unmercenarys, and is also invoked for the protection of gardens from insects and pests.

Reading Courtesy of Holy Transfiguration Monastery

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

February 1, 2009

Orthros

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM

Church School

After Holy Communion

Epistle Reading

Rom. 8:28-39

Gospel Reading

Matt. 15:21-28

Creed

English



SUNDAY OF THE CANAANITE WOMAN

Psaltis

Zannis Res

Choir

Dr. Jon Wardner

Prosforo

Maria Papaefthymiou

Fellowship Hour

In Honor of Konstantinos

Ghirtis

Greeters Feb. 1

Betty Lardas

Mary Price

Greeters Feb. 8

Penny Bekiaries

Vasilios Pliakas

UP-COMING EVENTS

Sunday, Feb. 1

12:30 p.m. G.O.Y.A. Meeting:

5:00 p.m. Chili Cook-off & Super Bowl

Monday, Feb. 2

10:00 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy—Presentation

Bible Study after Divine Liturgy

7:30 p.m. Bible Study

Tuesday, Feb. 3

9:30 a.m. Bed Pad Sewing

12:30 p.m. Senior’s Monthly Planning Meeting

7:30 p.m. Saint Nicholas Young Adult League (Y.A.L.)

Wednesday, Feb. 4

7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday, Feb. 5

7:00 p.m. Y.E.R.A.C. Monthly Meeting

Friday, Feb. 6

6:30 p.m. Saint Nicholas J.O.Y. Weekly Game Night

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
February 1, 2009

Epistle Reading Brethren, we know that in every-thing God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies; who is to condemn? Is it Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For thy sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Reading At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.



Resurrectional Apolytikion

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You.

Apolytikion for Forefeast of the Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple

The Heavens' choir looked down from the vaults of the Heavens, and gazing on the earth, they beheld with amazement the First-born of all creation brought forth as a suckling babe to the Temple by a pure and virginal mother; and with us, they now do sing a hymn for the Forefeast, astonished and full of awe.

Apolytikion for Tryphon the Martyr

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee received the prize of the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

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

On this day doth Symeon receive with gladness God, the Giver of the Law and he doth cry to Him in fear: Let me depart now, O Master Christ, for I have seen Thee, the Glory of Israel.

Wisdom from the Fathers

He kept her waiting for an answer in order to declare that the minds of His disciples should also be merciful. As human beings they were ashamed of the clamor of the woman as she pursued them publicly, but He Himself knew the character of His mercy.

St. Bede, Hom. I. 22, In Lent, Homilies on the Gospels, Bk. One, 216

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 March 1 and 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?

Saint Nicholas G.O.Y.A. News

Our next G.O.Y.A. meeting **will be today immediately after the Divine Liturgy** in the conference room. At 5:00 p.m., plan to attend the Super Bowl/Chili Cook-off.

Rev Father Nick will host a parent meeting on February 15th at 1:00 p.m. He will discuss the results of the recent GOYA parent survey. Please plan on attending this very important meeting. This is a great opportunity for parents to come together, address our concerns and learn how to better guide our children towards our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Saint Nicholas Seniors

Join us for a Valentine "Remembrance" Luncheon on Thursday, February 12 at 1:00 p.m. here at the church. Cost is \$6.00. Please sign up in the social hall no later than Sunday, February 8th. See the sign up poster in the social hall for an explanation.

Super Bowl Sunday and Chili Cook-off

Join us today at 5:00 p.m. for our Chili Cook-off and watch the Super Bowl. Bring your favorite chili recipe to share. If your last name begins with A-H, bring chips; I-Q, bring salad stuff; R-Z, any dessert. Come for fun, fellowship and enjoy the game.

Saint Nicholas Church School Notes

As part of the Church school curriculum, it is important and required that all children be present for the Divine Liturgy (10:00 a.m.) and attend class instruction after Communion.

Oratorical Festival Reminders: Preschool to 5th grade will work on their papers for in-class assignments only which will be due on Sun. Feb. 22nd. Please see their teachers with any questions or for information. **7th to 12th grade** students will be participating in the Parish Oratorical festival which is scheduled for **Sun. March 15, 2009**. Fr. Nick is looking forward to reading each and every paper. The children in the 6th grade will sit in and observe the actual event and will practice writing a paper with the 7th graders so that they will understand and become familiar with the process.

Reminders: 1) Attendance Pin (Must have 3 or less absences and make up dates are available to help erase missed classes.) **2) Honor Pin** (Must learn material from their grade level for the test). All this information can be found in the packet you received at registration, a copy can also be obtained from the teachers or visit the Church website.

Upcoming dates:

Sat. Feb. 21—*Makeup day (First Saturday of Souls)
Sun. Feb. 22—Preschool to 5th grade Oratorical papers are due.
Sat. Feb. 28 —*Make up day (Second Saturday of Souls)

Philoptochos Notes

This Tuesday, Feb. 3rd, we will be making bed pads for Arbor Hospice. Please join us at 9:30 a.m.

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.

Saint Nicholas H.O.P.E. —Hellenic Orthodox Primary Education

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.

JOY Game Nights will be the following Fridays in February: 2/6, 2/13 and 2/27.