

The Saint Nicholas Parish Bookstore has available icons and gift items and a selection of cookbooks, including the classic *Lenten Cookbook*. Also available are Bibles for all ages, music CDs, pamphlets exploring all aspects of the faith and books for children and adults on Church history, beliefs, saints, liturgy and worship, journeys to Orthodoxy, Greek language, history and culture.

The Bookstore recommends: Frederical Mathewes-Green, *The Illuminated Heart*, which beautifully underscores the importance of following the precedent of the earliest Christians and incorporate their spiritual practices of continuous prayer, spiritual direction, fasting and communal worship.

SAVE THE DATE for this special U-M Modern Greek program event: "Rebetiki Istoria," a group of the finest rebetika musicians in Athens, will perform a free concert on Saturday, April 25, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. at the Stamps Auditorium, Walgreen Drama Center, 1226 Murfin Avenue, North Campus in Ann Arbor. This is an evening not to be missed. For more information call 734.936.6099.

Saint Nicholas Seniors

Saint Nicholas Seniors please come to the Senior Lenten Luncheon on Tuesday, March 17th (St. Patrick's Day) at 1:00 p.m. Rev. Father Nick will share with us "The Likes and Differences of the Celtic and Orthodox Churches". Cost is \$5.00. Please sign up no later than Sunday, March 15th. Questions? See Diane, Joan or Penny.

The Seniors are attending the live performance of "Jesus Christ, Super Star" at the Crosswell Theatre in Adrian, Michigan. We must purchase tickets as soon as possible. The performance is Friday, April 10th at 8:00 p.m. Transportation will be provided. Cost is \$45.00. If you are interested, please contact Diane, Joan or Penny.

Saint Ephraim's Prayer

O Lord and Master of my life! Take from me the spirit of sloth, faint-heartedness, lust of power, and idle talk. But give rather, the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant. Grant me to see my own errors and not to judge my brother; For thou art blessed unto ages of ages. Amen

Philoptochos News

Orthodox Students Lenten Dinner

The date for the Orthodox student dinner is **Wednesday, March 18th**. The Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy is at **5:30 p.m.** followed by the dinner. All students are cordially invited to attend.

Ladies, if you can help, please call Athena Papageorgiou at 368-4668.

Palm Sunday Luncheon is April 12th following the Divine Liturgy. Tickets are available from Philoptochos members and are \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children 10 and under. Proceeds to benefit Philoptochos charities.

Philoptochos Hits the Streets May 16th. Join our 5K walkathon benefitting the HIV/AIDS care and prevention services of the International Orthodox Christian Charities and the National AIDS Fund. Further information will be available. If interested please call Christina Vlahopoulos at 734-944-0504 or Katherine Yates at 734-424-0653.



Help Wanted

The Ya'ssoo Festival is fast approaching and we need all the help we can get. Please contact Pericles Chiatas by phone at 734-673-6969 or email pericles@comcast.net or George Kokales by phone 734-216-6037 or email at gjk2159@aol.com to volunteer. Let's work together to make this year's festival even better than last year's.

Luminaries for Good Friday

Our G.O.Y.A.n.s will be selling Luminaries for the Good Friday Service at the entrance to the Social Hall this Sunday. The cost is \$5.00 per bag; two loved ones' names per bag. Our G.O.Y.A.n.s thank you very much for your kind support.

Greek Folk Dance Workshop — presented by the Makrigiannis Dance Group Arta, Greece and hosted by the Greek Parade Committee, will be held at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 760 Wattles Road, Troy, MI on Friday, March 27, 2009 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission is free but pre-registration is required via email at tsouphis@twmi.rr.com.

The event is open to all dancers (grades 2 — adults) in the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit. **All parents must remain on church premises for all children under the age of 18.**

The Salutations of the Virgin Mary will be from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

March 8, 2009



SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

Orthros
9:00 AM
Divine Liturgy
10:00 AM
Church School
After Holy Communion
Epistle Reading
Heb. 11:24-26; 32-40
Gospel Reading
John 1:43-51
Creed
Greek
Greeters March 15
Betty Manolakis
Martha Theros

Psaltis
Zannis Res
Choir
Dr. Jon Wardner
Prosforo
Betty Manolakis
Fellowship Hour
Ioanna Family
Greeters March 8
Nellie Guibert
Anna Bairactaris
Memorial Service
Irene Stylianidou
3 Months
George Ioannou
9 Years

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 8 12:30 H.O.P.E.
Monday, March 9 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Great Compline followed by:
How the Pre-Lenten & Lenten Sundays Prepare Us for Easter Presenter: Rev. Father Michael Varlamos
Tuesday, March 10 7:00 p.m. Greek Festival Meeting
7:30 p.m. Young Adult League (Y.A.L.)
Wednesday, March 11 6:30 p.m. Presanctified Divine Liturgy followed by
Lenten Discussion
7:00 p.m. Philoptochos
Thursday, March 12 7:00 p.m. Parish Council Monthly Meeting
Friday, March 13 11:00 a.m. Exercise Class
7:30 p.m. 2nd Stanza Salutations followed by
Lenten Discussion
Sunday, March 15 Oratorical Festival
5:00 p.m. J.O.Y.

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Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
March 8, 2009

Epistle Reading Brethren, by faith Moses, Heb. 11:24-26, 32-40 when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -- who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated -- of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

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 the Sunday of Orthodoxy

We worship Thine immaculate icon, O Good One, asking the forgiveness of our failings, O Christ our God; for of Thine own will Thou wast well-pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, that Thou mightest deliver from slavery to the enemy those whom Thou hadst fashioned. Wherefore, we cry to Thee thankfully: Thou didst fill all things with joy, O our Saviour, when Thou camest to save the world.

Gospel Reading At that time, Jesus decided to go to John 1:43-51 Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

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

To you, Theotokos, invincible Defender, having been delivered from peril, I, your city, dedicate the victory festival as a thank offering. In your irresistible might, keep me safe from all trials, that I may call out to you: "Hail, unwedded bride!"

Prayer List

March 22nd, we'll be starting a prayer list for people who are sick, shut-in, or in any way need our prayers. If you would like to be on the list, which will be published in the Sunday bulletin, please call the office. **We must receive an individual's permission to add him/her to the list.**

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.

Prosforo needed for March 15 and 22 .

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.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP: Everyone's Responsibility!

If you have not made your pledge for 2009, 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?**

G.O.Y.A. News Calendar for March

The G.O.Y.A/ns are planning on attending the annual Lenten Loci-In on March 13-14, in Grand Rapids, MI.

We plan to leave the church on Friday at 4:30 p.m. and return at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14.

Permission slips and health form (if not already submitted) are required. Please RSVP our G.O.Y.A. president, Maria Pliakas at by March 9th is you plan to attend. For further information please contact any G.O.Y.A. Adviser.

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| March 13-14 | G.O.Y.A. Lenten Lock-in; Grand Rapids |
| March 22 | 400 p.m. Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Game Night |

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: 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**. Rev. Father 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. **PLEASE NOTE: ON SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH ALL 7TH THROUGH 12TH GRADE STUDENTS MUST BE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL BY 9:45 A.M. SHARP SO WE CAN START AT 10:00 A.M.**

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.

Children should attend the Lenten Services in order to make up for any absences they may have. We strongly encourage the families to attend these services with their children. These are the makeup dates for the students: **March 9, 11, 13, 16, 18, 20, 23, 25 (feast of the Annunciation morning only), 27 and 30**. Please make sure students sign the attendance book in the Narthex.

H.O.P.E. will meet today at 12:30-2:00. We will be discussing our Faith in God. Lunch will be provided. For more information contact: Sophia Grias-Radwanski-sgrias@mhsi.us or Vasilina Tsilimingras-vtsilimingras@yahoo.com We look forward to seeing you there.

Correction to Lenten Calendar

There will be no evening services on Monday, April 6 or Wednesday, April 8. Please make a note of this. Thank you. Please visit our Saint Nicholas Parish website for more updates at: www.stnickaa.org