

The Saint Nicholas Parish Bookstore recommends:
For Lenten cooking there is the classic *Lenten Cookbook* and Diane Kochilas' *Greek Vegetarian*.

For Lenten reading Alexander Schmemmann's *Great Lent: Journey to Pascha*, a study of the treasures of Lenten worship. According to Rev. Schmemmann, the Lenten season is meant to kindle a "bright sadness" within our hearts—a remembrance of Christ and longing for God. The darkness of Lent allows the flame of the Holy Spirit to burn within us until we are led to the brilliance of the Resurrection.

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 today. 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.

Modern Greek Program

The University of Michigan-Modern Greek Program welcomes acclaimed author, David Mason, Professor at Colorado College, for a signing and reading from *Ludlow*, a book on Greek miners' struggles in Colorado in the 1910s. Join us on Thursday, March 19th at 5:00 p.m. in the Residential College Auditorium of East Quad located at 701 E. University, Ann Arbor, Central Campus, U-M. This event is FREE and open to the public. Please call 734-936-6099 for further information.

How did European painters support the Greek War of Independence? The University of Michigan-Modern Greek Program presents a lecture on Painting and Politics in Romantic Hellenism by Dr. Fani-Maria Tsigakou, Curator at the Benaki Museum in Athens. Join us for the 7th Annual Dimitris & Irma Pallas Modern Greek Lecture on Tuesday, March 31 at 7 p.m. in the Michigan League, Vandenberg Room, located at 911 N. University, Ann Arbor, Central Campus, U-M. This event is FREE and open to the public. Please call 734-936-6099 for further information.

Help Wanted



The Ya'soo Greek 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 Kokaes by phone 734-216-6037 or email at gjk2159@aol.com to volunteer, or sign up on **Sunday April 5th**, during the coffee hour, when we will have **YA'SSOO WORKER SIGN UP**. Let's work together to make this year's festival even better than last year's.

The Committee is asking for your help in raising money through soliciting sponsorships for the festival. In the past, one person has done this and it is a huge undertaking for one person. Therefore, we are asking you to pitch in and help with this most crucial area. Packets are available to help you with this task. They are located in the hallway outside the social hall. **We are counting on YOU to help make this a very successful festival.**

You are cordially invited to a Piano Recital

On Saturday, April 4th at 8:00 p.m. our parishioner, Pantelis Polychronidis, will present his recital at Britton Hall, U of M School of Music on North Campus. This will be an all French piano recital featuring the composers Debussy and Poulenc.

The first half of the recital, Pantelis will accompany an excellent voice professor here at the UM! The second half he will accompany an outstanding violinist and a cellist who won a very prestigious international competition some months ago!

Pantelis Polychronidis was born in 1980 in Greece and was raised in Volos. He is presently pursuing his doctoral degree at the University of Michigan and is here on an Onassis Scholarship. In the past, Mr. Polychronidis was also awarded a Fulbright Scholarship for further study.

Annual Tsoureki Sale

The Daughters of Penelope are having their annual Tsoureki sale. Order forms are on the table in the hallway. Cost is \$10.00 for a one pound loaf. Orders must be submitted by April 5th and can be picked up on April 12th after the Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy.

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 SUNDAY BULLETIN March 15, 2009

Orthros
9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy
10:00 AM

Church School
After Holy Communion

Epistle Reading
Heb. 1:10-14; 2:1-3

Gospel Reading
Mark 2:1-12

Creed
English



SUNDAY OF GREGORY PALAMAS

Psaltis
Zannis Res

Choir
Dr. Jon Wardner

Prosforo
Ioanna Ioannou

Fellowship Hour
Church School

Greeters March 15
Betty Manolakis
Martha Theros

Greeters March 22
Sylvia Kleanthous
Amira Sabbagh

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 15

10:00 A.M. ORATORICAL FESTIVAL
Walk in the Light—GOYA Lenten Discussion immediately following the Divine Liturgy
5:00 p.m. J.O.Y.

Monday, March 16

10:00 a.m. Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Great Compline
Lenten Discussion: *Hymnology in Our Church*
Presenter: Rev. Father Ari Damaskos

Tuesday, March 17

1:00 p.m. Seniors Lenten Luncheon & Talk
"The Likes and Differences of the Celtic and Orthodox Churches" — Presenter: Rev. Father Nick
7:30 p.m. Young Adult League (Y.A.L.)

Wednesday, March 18

5:30 p.m. Presanctified Divine Liturgy
Orthodox Students Lenten Dinner

Friday, March 20

11:00 a.m. Exercise Class
7:30 p.m. 3rd Stanza Salutations
Lenten Discussion

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March 15, 2009

Epistle Reading Heb. 1:10-14; 2:1-3 "IN THE BEGINNING, you O Lord, didst found the earth, and the heavens are the work of thy hands; they will perish, but thou remainest; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle thou wilt roll them up, and they will be changed. But thou art the same, and thy years will never end." But to what angel has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand, till I make thy enemies a stool for thy feet?" Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation? Therefore we must pay closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him.

Gospel Reading Mark 2:1-12 At that time, Jesus entered Capernaum and it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? It is a blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"-he said to the paralytic-"I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

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 the Sunday of Gregory Palamas
O Gregory the Miracle Worker, light of Orthodoxy, support and teacher of the Church, comeliness of Monastics, invincible defender of theologians, the pride of Thessalonica, and preacher of grace, intercede forever that our souls may 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
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.**

Flower Donors Needed
We still need flowers donated for the icons for the Third and Fourth Salutations. If you are interested in donating the flowers, please call the office.

Thought for the Week
He who belittles his neighbor lacks sense, but a man of understanding remains silent. *Proverbs 11:12*

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 Easter Sunday, April 19.

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.

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?

Luminaries for Good Friday
Our G.O.Y.A.s will be selling Luminaries for the Good Friday Service at the entrance to the Social Hall every Sunday until Palm Sunday, April 12th. The cost is \$5.00 per bag; two loved ones' names per bag. Please place your orders soon. April 12th is the last day to order. Our G.O.Y.A.s thank you very much for your kind support.

G.O.Y.A. Calendar for March
March 15 *Walk in the Light*
G.O.Y.A. Discussion will meet in the church after Divine Liturgy

March 22 400 p.m. Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Game Night

Saint Nicholas Church School Notes
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 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.

OCCM Boxes
The Church School students have received their OCCM boxes. We ask that the students help raise money by thinking of others during this Lenten season and placing their spare coins in these boxes. Through this effort, the students will help the mission program in countries around the world to further the growth of Christ's Church. We ask that the coin boxes be returned no later than Sunday, April 26th.

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, we are in need of Lenten dishes for the dinner. Please call Athena Papageorgiou at 368-4668 to let her know what you will bring.

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.

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.

