

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE OF SERVICES
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Sun. April 12	Palm Sunday Bridegroom Service 7:30 p.m.
Mon., April 13	Bridegroom Service 7:30 p.m.
Tue., April 14	Bridegroom Service 7:30 p.m.
Wed. April 15	Holy Unction 4:00 p.m. Church School Retreat Holy Unction 7:00 p.m.
Holy Thur., Apr. 16	Divine Liturgy 8:00 a.m. 12 Gospels 7:00 p.m.
Holy Fri., Apr. 17	--Royal Hours 11:00 a.m. --Apokatholosis 2:00 p.m. --Lamentations 7:30 p.m.
Holy Sat. Apr. 18	Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Resurrection Service 11:00 p.m.
Sun. Apr. 19	Great and Holy Pascha

The Saint Nicholas Bookstore recommends:

The bookstore has many new arrivals for the season. **For children**, *Holy Week, J Is for Jesus: An Easter Alphabet And Activity Book*, and Demi's illustrated books on Jesus and the life of Mary, the Mother of God. **For adults** we recommend several books on holy women of the Church: *Saints and Sisterhood*, *Holy Women of God*, *The Forgotten Desert Mothers*, a resource book for anyone interested in the history of spirituality. We have heard about the desert fathers, but here is a well-documented, readable, sometimes quirky look at their female counterparts.

SAVE THE DATE for this special U-M Modern Greek program event: "Rebetiki Istoría," 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

Lost from the coat room on March 15th: 30" tall and very slim glass vase used to hold up *baptismal and wedding candles during services*. Please return to the church office or call Kate if you know where this could be. Thank you.



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 Kokales by phone 734-216-6037 or email at gjk2159@aol.com to volunteer, or sign up **today** during the luncheon, at the **YA'SSOO WORKER SIGN UP TABLE**. 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. **We are counting on YOU to help make this a very successful festival.**

Ya'ssoo Greek Festival Raffle Tickets are available. We need your support to sell 7,000 tickets for our debt reduction. Unbelievable prizes: One week in Greece for 2 or a week in Paradise, a villa in the Cayman Islands that accommodates 6, plus \$600.00.

To buy tickets or to pick up some to sell, please see Dr. K., Andreas Stathopoulos, any Parish Council Member or Kate.

G.O.Y.A. Festival Dance Practices Saturdays May 2, 9 and 23 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 28 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Baking for St. Nick's Festival

Please call the chairperson if you can help with the baking. We need YOUR help!!

April 27, 28 & 29—10:00 a.m.—Paximathakia: Chairperson, Presvytera Eva Paul—663-0821

May 4, 5 & 6—10:00 a.m.—Koulourakia: Chairperson Lynn Papalambros—996-2846

May 11 & 12—10:00 a.m.—Kourambiethes: Chairpersons: Yianna Boputsikakis —944-9012 & Katerina Roumanis—665-3254

May 18, 19 & 20—10:00 a.m.—Baklava: Chairperson: Toula Prokos—668-7379

May 21 & 22—8:00 a.m.—Greek Yogurt: Chairperson: Vaso Panagoulas—662-8075

May 27—10:00 a.m.—Karithopita: Chairperson: Eleni Banos—662-7855

May 28—8:00 a.m.—Rice Pudding: Chairpersons: Maria Smyrnis—995-2806 & Dena Petropoulos—761-4509

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN
April 5, 2009



PALM SUNDAY

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun., April 12	Palm Sunday Philoptochos Palm Sunday Luncheon Festival Worker Sign Up Bridegroom Service 7:30 p.m.
Mon., April 13	Bridegroom Service 7:30 p.m.
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Psaltis
Zannis Res

Choir
Dr. Jon Wardner

Prosforo
Pliakas Family

Fellowship Hour
Palm Sunday Luncheon

Greeters April 12
Lambrini Lagos
Betty Lardas

Greeters April 19
Sylvia Kleanthous

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

April 12, 2009

Epistle Reading BRETHREN, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Phil. 4:4-9

Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

Apolytikion for Palm Sunday

O Christ our God, before Your Passion, You raised Lazarus from the dead to confirm the common Resurrection for all. Therefore, we carry the symbols of victory as did the youths, and we cry out to You, the victor over death, "Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. "

Apolytikion for Palm Sunday

O Christ, Our God, we have been Buried with You through Baptism, and by Your Resurrection made worthy of Life immortal. Praising You, we cry out, "Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord."

Kontakion

In Heaven, He is seated upon a Throne and on earth He rides upon a foal. O Christ our God, accept the praise of the Angels and the hymn of the Children who cry out to You, "Blessed are You who comes to recall Adam."

Wisdom from the Fathers

But observe the wisdom of the Evangelist, how he is not ashamed to parade their former ignorance. That it was written they knew, that it was written of Him they knew not. For it would have offended them if He being a King were about to suffer such things, and be so betrayed. **St. John Chrysostom, Homily 66 on John 12, 2. B#58, p.245.** 4th Century

Thought for the Week

Listen to advice and accept instruction that you may gain wisdom for the future. *Proverbs 19:20*

Gospel Reading Six days before Passover, Jesus John 12:1-18 came to Bethany, where Lazaros was,

whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazaros was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazaros, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazaros also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazaros out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

Luminaries for Good Friday

Today is the last day to order luminaries for the Good Friday service. The cost is \$5.00 per bag; two loved ones' names per bag. Please place your orders soon. Our GOY-Ans thank you very much for your kind support.

Prayer List

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Gabriella and Viroel Andrews & Isabelle Lucas.

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 May 10, 17 and 31.

Fellowship Hour sponsor needed for April 26, May 17, 24 and 31.

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.

Annual Food Drive

St. Nicholas Parish is beginning its Annual Food Drive to help those who are struggling in these hard economic times. Let us reach out to those who need our help. We ask that you bring only **non-perishable** food items and place them on the cart in the exo-narthex.

Philoptochos News

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.

Saint Nicholas Seniors are attending the Rebetika Concert on Saturday, April 25, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. and will sit together. If you need a ride, be at church at 6:45 p.m.

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: **12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18.** Please make sure students sign the attendance book in the Narthex.

OCMC Boxes The Church School students have received their OCMC 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.

Outreach and Evangelism

We are in the first stage of forming a new ministry for our church, the Outreach and Evangelism Ministry. This ministry will first focus on two activities: 1) reaching out to all Orthodox Christians in the Ann Arbor area who are not attending church or participating in activities sponsored by the church, and 2) increasing our Community Service activities. If you are interested in learning more about this important ministry, please call or see Chris Kerry (734) 678-4138, Nick Chapekis, Jr. (734) 368-2671, Rob Ashley, (734) 904-4197 or George Michos, (734) 216-6840

Spaghetti Dinner — On Saturday, April 25, 2009 from 1 pm-7 pm here at St. Nicholas, the Ann Arbor Police Department is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner to honor Police Officer Jason Zogaib who served the city of Ann Arbor for over 10 years. Two years ago he was diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia. He passed away on 3/13/09 and left behind his loving wife and two young children. Officer Zogaib and his family are Orthodox Christians and his father-in-law is Fr. George Shaloub of St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church in Livonia. Please help honor Jason and his family by joining AAPD and the community for a spaghetti dinner. All proceeds will directly benefit his family. \$20 per family; \$10 per adult; \$5 per child. Spaghetti, salad, breadsticks and desserts (to go boxes available).