

# Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

APRIL 19, 2009

**Epistle Reading** IN THE FIRST BOOK, O Acts 1:1-8 Theophilos, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach,

until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them, "it is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

## Wisdom of the Fathers

...the light' already 'shines in the darkness' (Jn. 1:5), both by day and by night, both within and without - within in our hearts (II Cor. 6:16), without in our minds. It shines on us without evening, without change, without alteration, without form. It speaks, works, lives, gives life, and changes into light those whom it illuminates. We bear witness that 'God is light' (I Jn. 1:5) and those to whom it has been granted to see Him have all beheld Him as light, because the light of His glory goes before Him, and it is impossible for Him to appear without light. Those who have not seen His light have not seen Him, for He is the Light, and those who have not received the Light have not yet received grace. Those who have received grace have received the Light of God and have received God, even as Christ Himself, who is the Light, has said, 'I will live in them and move among them' (II Cor. 6:16).

**St. Symeon the New Theologian, Discourses: XXVIII sect. 4, Paulist Press pg. 298** 11th century

**We offer our deepest sympathy to** Demitrios, Andreas and Theodoros Stathopoulos on the death of their mother Vasiliki. May her memory be eternal.

**Gospel Reading** In the beginning was the Word, and John 1:1-17 the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light.

The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

## Apolytikion for Great and Holy Pascha

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and bestowing life on those in the graves.

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When they who were with Mary came, anticipating the dawn, and found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre, they heard from the Angel: Why seek ye among the dead, as though He were mortal man, Him Who abideth in everlasting light? Behold the grave-clothes. Go quickly and proclaim to the world that the Lord is risen, and hath put death to death. For He is the Son of God, Who saveth the race of men.

## Kontakion

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

# Parish News and Events ([www.stnickaa.org](http://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 Sunday 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 Bekiaries-662-6606 or Chris Kerry-665-6273.

## Annual Food Drive

Saint 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.

## Events this Week

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| Tue. 4/21   | 7:30 p.m. Y.A.L.   |
| Wed. 4/22   | 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting  |
| Thurs. 4/23 | <b>Feast of St. George</b><br>10:00 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy  |
| Fri. 4/24   | <b>Zoodochos Peghee</b><br>10:00 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy<br>6:30 p.m. JOY Game Night               |
| Sat. 4/25   | <b>Ann Arbor Police Department</b><br>1:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner honoring Officer Jason Zogaib |
| Sun. 4/26   | Divine Liturgy—Sunday of St. Thomas  |

## Prayer List

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Gabriella and Viroel Andrews, Isabelle Lucas and Constantine Evangelinos

## Philoptochos Notes

### 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.

## 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

## Saint Nicholas Church School

**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**.

**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).

**The Saint Nicholas Bookstore recommends:** *A Weft of Memory: A Greek Mother's Recollection of Songs and Poems.* This is a bilingual (Greek and English) collection of traditional Greek verse as recalled by 100-year-old Vasiliki Scotos. Vasiliki Scotos immigrated from a Greek mountain village and settled in Pennsylvania in 1931. This is a remarkable book, a real treasure. Bring this bulletin with you and we'll share a \$5.00 discount.

*A Pure Empty Walking* by Tryfon Tolides, a much younger immigrant, is a collection of original verse reflecting on the pain of immigration, separation, and a mother's death.

**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** are attending the "Rebetika Istoria" Concert as a group on Saturday, April 25. If you need a ride, be in the church parking lot at 6:45 p.m. See Joan, Diane or Penny for a "ticket pass" to be seated in a reserved section. Thank you to Aremis Leontis for arranging this.

**Lost from the coat room on March 15<sup>th</sup>:** 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.

*"Christ is risen from the dead,  
Trampling down death by death,  
Upon those in the tombs bestowing life."*



*This is the day the Lord has made,  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.*



**YA'SSOO Greek FESTIVAL MAY 29, 30 AND 31**

**Help Wanted**

The Ya'ssoo 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.

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 Saint 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.—Kourambietes:** 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 19, 2009**

**GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA**

**Orthros**  
9:00 AM

**Divine Liturgy**  
10:00 AM

**Epistle Reading**  
Acts 1:1-8

**Gospel Reading**  
John 1:1-17



**Psaltis**  
Zannis Res

**Choir**  
Dr. Jon Wardner

**Prosforo**  
Masters Family

**Greeter**  
Sylvian Kleanthous

**CRISTOS ANESTH!  
CHRIST IS RISEN!**

Submissions for the Sunday bulletin must be sent to:  
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