

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

MAY 10, 2009

Epistle Reading

Acts 9:32-42

IN THOSE DAYS, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down

also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

Gospel Reading

John 5:1-15

Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in

Hebrew called Bethesda which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked.

Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" "They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Let the heavens sing for joy, and let everything on earth be glad. For with His Arm the Lord has worked power. He trampled death under foot by means of death; and He became the firstborn from the dead. From the maw of Hades He delivered us; and He granted the world His great mercy.

Apolytikion of the Church

The truth of your manner of life manifested you to our 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

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.

Prayer List

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Gabriella and Viroel Andrews, Isabelle Lucas, Constantine Evangelinos and Faye Sekaros, Patrick Gutierrez, Mike Kapetan

Wisdom from the Fathers

In that case [Matt 9:2] there was remission of sins, (for He said, "Thy sins be forgiven thee,") but in this, warning and threats to strengthen the man for the future; "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto you."

St. John Chrysostom, Homily 37 on John 1 4th Century

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 17 and 31.

Fellowship Hour sponsor needed for Sunday May 24.

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.

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 Seniors

Sign up in the Social Hall to go the newly renovated U.M. Museum of Art on Thursday, May 21. We'll meet after the Divine Liturgy. Lunch will be arranged and then we will have a guided tour of the museum.

Ya'ssoo Greek Festival Flyers are available for parishioners to take. We ask that parishioners take some and distribute them in your neighborhood, stores et. Thanks for your help.

Spring Parish Assembly tomorrow Monday, May 11th at 7:00 p.m. Please see the list on the bulletin board for the Members in Good Standing.

Philoptochos Notes

Annual Flower Sale of hanging baskets and flats going on now. Please keep this in mind for your homes. Pick up dates are May 16th and 17th. This is a presale so make your orders now. Order forms are available in the hallway or contact Perry Katsikas at 995-4766.

Meeting May 13th

Join us as we discover the secrets of "Los Dias de los Muertos" at our meeting May 13th. Our guest speaker will be Kathy Raphael. We will also be joined by Eleni Zaferes, president of the Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos. Please make every effort to attend.

Philoptochos Hits the Streets May 16th.

Join our nationwide 5K walkathon at Olson Park in Ann Arbor. Registration is at 9:00 a.m. and there will be a fee of \$10.00. Children 12 and under are free. Walk begins at 10:00 a.m. For further information, please call Christina Vlahopoulos at 734-944-0504 or Katherine Yates at 734-424-0653.

Sheets Needed for bed pad sewing for Hospice. We are in desperate need for clean, used sheets, preferably flat and pillow cases. Please bring them to the Parish Office.

Church School Notes

Thank you to all the students who helped raise the much needed funds for the O.C.M.C. Lenten program. If your child has not handed in his/her coin box, please do so as soon as possible.

Reminders:

Sun. May 17

Senior Recognition Day (**note date change**)

Church School Testing begins immediately after Communion

Sun. May 30

NO CHURCH SCHOOL

Sun. June 14

Church School Graduation

Mon-Thurs. June 15-18

Vacation Bible School

J.O.Y. Game Nights

May

Friday, May 15 6:30-7:30

Friday, May 22 6:30-8:30

NO GAME NIGHT Friday, May 29th

Sunday of the Paralytic

Close to the Sheep's in Jerusalem, there was a pool, which was called the Sheep's Pool. It had round about it five porches, that is, five sets of pillars supporting a domed roof. Under this roof there lay very many sick people with various maladies, awaiting the moving of the water. The first to step in after the troubling of the water was healed immediately of whatever malady he had. It was there that the paralytic of today's Gospel was lying, tormented by his infirmity of thirty-eight years. When Christ beheld him, He asked him, "Wilt thou be made whole?" And he answered with a quiet and meek voice, "Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool." The Lord said unto him, "Rise, take up thy bed, and walk." And straightaway the man was made whole and took up his bed. Walking in the presence of all, he departed rejoicing to his own house. According to the expounders of the Gospels, the Lord Jesus healed this paralytic during the days of the Passover, when He had gone to Jerusalem for the Feast, and dwelt there teaching and working miracles. According to Saint John the Evangelist, this miracle took place on the Sabbath.

Reading Courtesy of Holy Transfiguration Monastery

Greek School

The Greek School General Assembly and P.T.O. Elections will be held in the Greek School classroom Sunday, May 17th after church. Parents of current Greek School students are encouraged to attend. Parents of children who will be in at least first grade in school in the fall are encouraged to attend to learn more about the Greek School and register for the fall.

Please Mark Your Calendar

SINCE THE FESTIVAL HAS BEEN EXTENDED ONE DAY, THE ORTHROS ON SUNDAY, MAY 31ST WILL BEGIN AT 8:00 A.M. AND THE DIVINE LITURGY AT 9:00 A.M. PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THIS. THANK YOU.

Thought for the Week

Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Give her the fruit of her hands and let her works praise her at the gates.

Proverbs 31:28-29, 31

Happy Mother's Day



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 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!!

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

May 18, 19 & 20—10:00 a.m.—Baklava: Chairperson: Tula 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

Congratulations to Brian & Andrea (Melzian) McRae on the birth of their son, Quentin Nicholas, May 2nd.

Lost at the Church on Palm Sunday

White gold baptismal cross on a white gold chain with diamonds going down the cross. If you find the cross, please call the office, 332-8200. Thank you.

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

May 10, 2009

Orthros
9:00 AM

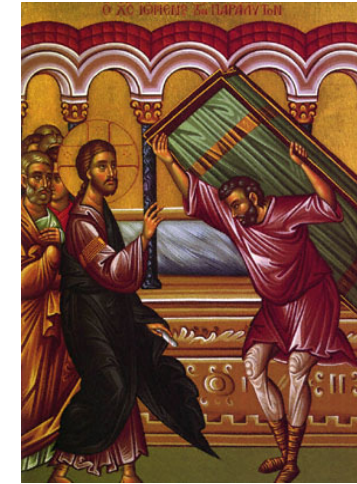
Divine Liturgy
10:00 AM

Church School
After Holy Communion

Epistle Reading
Acts 9:32-42

Gospel Reading
John 5:1-15

Creed
English



SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC
MOTHER'S DAY

UP-COMING EVENTS

Monday, May 11

10:00 a.m. Kourambietes Baking
7:00 P.M. PARISH ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, May 12

10:00 a.m. Kourambietes Baking
7:00 p.m. Ya'ssoo Greek Festival Meeting
7:30 p.m. Young Adult League (Y.A.L.) Meeting

Wednesday, May 13

7:00 p.m. Philoptochos Meeting

Thursday, May 14

11:30 a.m. Seniors Trip to U of M Art Museum
7:00 p.m. Parish Council

Friday, May 15

11:00 a.m. Exercise Class
6:30 p.m. Game Night
7:30 p.m. Paraklesis

Saturday, May 16

10:00 a.m. Philoptochos Walk for HIV/Aids at Olson Park

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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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