

# *Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church*

*MAY 17, 2009*

**Epistle Reading** IN THOSE DAYS, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

**Gospel Reading** At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him. Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony. "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard ourselves, and we know that this is indeed Christ the Savior of the world."

# 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 31, June 7, 14, 21.

**Fellowship Hour** sponsor needed for Sunday May 24, June 28.

## Resurrectional Apolytikion

When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and had rejected the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly: Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world.

## Apolytikion for 4th Wednesday after Pascha - Mid-Pentecost

Thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of piety; for Thou, O Saviour, didst cry out to all: Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Wherefore, O Well-spring of life, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

## 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.

**We offer our sincere condolences** to Presvytera Eva Paul on the death of her sister-in-law, Irene Connell and to Frances Marinos on the death of her mother, Nickie Grapsas. May their memory be eternal.

## 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.**

## Philoptochos Notes

**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.

## Saint Nicholas Seniors

Sign up today 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.

## Church School Reminders:

### Sun. May 17

Church School & G.O.Y.A. Senior Recognition Day  
Church School Testing begins immediately after Communion

### Sun. May 31

NO CHURCH SCHOOL

### Sun. June 14

Church School Graduation

### Mon-Thurs. June 15-18

Vacation Bible School

## Greek School

**The Greek School General Assembly and P.T.O. Elections** will be held in the Greek School classroom today after the Divine Liturgy. 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.

## Dance Practice

Festival Dance Practice for Greek School and all children in grade 3 and up interested in participating in the Festival, will be held at the church Saturday, May 23rd from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**IMPORTANT TIME CHANGE FOR G.O.Y.A. DANCE PRACTICE Saturday May 23rd will be from 10:00 A.M.-2:30 P.M.**

**Congratulations to the 2009 A.H.E.P.A. Scholarship Recipients:**

Dimitrios D. Smyrnis, Christina C. Pagalos and Andrew M. Wardner. A check for \$1,000.00 and an A.H.E.P.A. Certificate will be presented to each recipient on A.H.E.P.A. Sunday, May 17, 2009.

**The Bookstore Recommends**

*Hear Me*, a prayer book designed for teenagers and their unique challenges and experiences. Give your teens the gift that will challenge their faith and help them on the road to making that faith their own. *The Orthodox Study Bible* with New Testament, Psalms and an original translation of the Old Testament from the Septuagint, is the first ever full-length Orthodox Study Bible in English. Our selection of booklets and brochures is an inexpensive way to share the teachings of the Orthodox Christian Faith with family and friends.

**Cemetery Visits Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th**

Bethlehem 9:00—11:00 a.m.

Washtenong 12:00 Noon

Forest Hills 1:00 p.m.

**J.O.Y. Game Nights**

Friday, May 22 6:30-8:30

**NO GAME NIGHT Friday, May 29th**

**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, please call the office.

**Congratulations** to Silvana & Petros Papagerakis on the birth of their daughter, Anna, on May 12th.



**YA’SSEO Greek FESTIVAL MAY 29, 30 AND 31 Festival Schedule**

**Tuesday, May 19-Meeting-7:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, May 26-9:00 a.m. Begin Festival Setup**

**Wednesday, May 27-Festival Setup-9:00 a.m.**

**Thursday, May 28-Festival Setup-9:00 a.m.**

**MANDATORY ORIENTATION MEETING FOR ALL WORKERS -6:30 P.M.**

**Friday, May 29-All workers arrive-9:00 a.m.**

**Festival Starts at 11:00 a.m.**

**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 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 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 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

**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.

**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

**Great Vespers at SS Constantine and Helen** Wednesday, May 20th at 6:30 p.m. for the Feast Day of Saints Constantine and Helen. Following Vespers the Philoptochos will host a reception at our Hellenic Cultural Center.

**THE SUNDAY BULLETIN  
May 17, 2009**

**Orthros**  
9:00 AM

**Divine Liturgy**  
10:00 AM

**Church School**  
After Holy Communion

**Epistle Reading**  
Acts 16:16-34

**Gospel Reading**  
John 4:5-42

**Creed**  
Greek



SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

**Sunday, May 17**

**Monday, May 18**

**Tuesday, May 19**

**Wednesday, May 20**

**Thursday, May 21**

**Friday, May 22**

**Saturday, May 23**

**UP-COMING EVENTS**

**A.H.E.P.A. Sunday  
Church School Testing  
G.O.Y.A. and Church School Senior Recognition  
Greek School General Assembly & P.T.O. Elections  
5:00 p.m. J.O.Y.**

**10:00 a.m. Baklava Baking  
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7:00 p.m. Festival Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Young Adult League (Y.A.L.)**

**10:00 a.m. Baklava Baking  
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice**

**Feast of SS Constantine & Helen  
10:00 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy  
8:00 a.m. Yogurt Making  
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3:00 p.m. Greek School Festival Dance Practice**

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