

# *Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church*

## *MAY 24, 2009*

**Epistle Reading** IN THOSE DAYS, as we apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl Acts 16:16-34 who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

**Gospel Reading** At that time, as Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who John 9:1-38 sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess him to be Christ he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know

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that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe": and he worshiped him.

### **Resurrectional Apolytikion**

Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. For in His goodness He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to raise up those who had died, by His glorious Resurrection.

### **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.

### **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.

**Vacation Bible School** begins on Monday, June 15 and ends on Friday, June 19. Hours 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. All registrations are due on Monday, June 8th. Open to all boys and girls preschool through 6th grade. Cost \$30.00 per child. Scholarships available. Questions call Maria Papaefthymiou at 747-6854.

**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.**

### **Prayer List**

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

### **Church School Notes**

#### **Reminders:**

**Sun. May 31**

**NO CHURCH SCHOOL**

**Sun. June 14**

Church School Graduation

**Mon-Fri. June 15-19**

Vacation Bible School — 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

### **News from the Metropolis of Detroit**

On Sunday, May 31st, the Metropolis of Detroit will honor the veterans and current service people of our armed forces as well as veterans from the military of other countries who are members of our community.

St. Nicholas Parish will have a memorial service for all deceased veterans who served in the United States armed forces or in the armed forces of other countries; we'll also have a special prayer at the end of the service for all veterans and current members of the armed forces.

A copy of the new Orthodox Military Bible will be given to the families of active duty servicemen and a second tray will be passed to help raise funds to purchase Orthodox Military Bibles for the Orthodox members of the armed forces of the United States of America.

If you are a veteran and would like your name read during the prayer for the living, please call the church office and let Kate know. Likewise if you would like the name of a deceased loved one who served in the United States armed forces or the armed forces of other countries read during the memorial, please call Kate.



# THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

## May 24, 2009

**The Bookstore Recommends** these books of lasting importance: *Close to Home*: One Orthodox mother's quest for patience, peace and perseverance, a book for every young mother who's ever wished children came with an instruction manual; *Way of the Ascetics* by Tito Colliander, a rich, compact introduction to the church's spiritual tradition; *The Art of Prayer*: An Orthodox Anthology drawn from Greek and Russian sources, in which spiritual teaching in its classic, traditional form is expressed in unusually direct and vivid language.

### SAT Prep:

Summer is the best time to prepare for the SAT. If you are currently a sophomore and planning to take the SAT next year, here's a great opportunity to get a jump start on your studying. Thanks to the generosity of the Three Hierarchs Scholarship program of Drs. Anthony and Joyce Kales, we have available SAT study materials for your use. Please contact Demetra Mitropoulous-Rundus at dm-r@hotmail.com for distribution arrangements.

### 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.

Our first Community Service project is called Faith and Food, a project sponsored by Food Gatherers and Growing Hope. This project grows fresh food for the hungry in Washtenaw County. The food is distributed by Food Gatherers to a variety of agencies and churches who feed the hungry throughout the year.

If you are interested in learning more about the project, 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.

### St. Nicholas Seniors

St. Nicholas Seniors planning meeting will be held Tuesday, June 2nd. At 12:30 p.m. Come and help us plan for the 5th Annual Taverna. We need all the help we can get. Please be generous with your time.

### Greek School

The Greek School dancers will perform at the Festival on Friday, May 29 at 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 30 and Sunday, May 31 at 1:00 p.m.

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

#### Festival Schedule

**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 Practice** 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 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

#### KAFENIO VOLUNTEERS!

WE WILL HAVE A VOLUNTEER MEETING AFTER THE LITURGY TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 24TH, IN THE GREEK SCHOOL CLASSROOM. YOUR ATTENDANCE IS VERY IMPORTANT AND GREATLY APPRECIATED.

#### Tiger Baseball Game Training

There are two new training opportunities for working Tiger baseball games for the church. They are Wednesday, May 27 and Thursday, May 28 from 6-9 PM at Tiger Stadium. You must attend the training at the stadium, even if you have worked games in past years. The coordinators have made that emphatically clear. **YOU MUST BE TRAINED EVERY YEAR.**

We still need about a dozen more trained workers. Please try to attend, Wednesday if you can. (Wednesday will be best as Thursday is the Festival orientation meeting.)

Contact Nick Roumel for more information, 734-645-7507 or nickroumel@yahoo.com.

**Prosforo** needed for May 31, June 7, 14, 21.

**Fellowship Hour** sponsor needed for Sunday July 5, 12, 19.

#### Orthros

9:00 AM

#### Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM

#### Church School

After Holy Communion

#### Epistle Reading

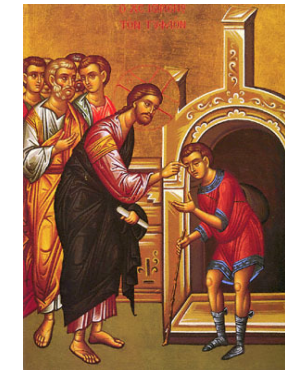
Acts 16:16-34

#### Gospel Reading

John 9:1-38

#### Creed

English



#### SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 31ST ORTHROS BEGINS AT 8:00 A.M.  
AND DIVINE LITURGY AT 9:00 A.M.

WE WILL HONOR OUR VETERANS AND SERVICE PERSONNEL THIS DAY

#### UP-COMING EVENTS

**Kafenio Volunteers Meeting after Divine Liturgy**

MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED

**Cemetery Visits**

**9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.—Bethlehem**

**12 Noon—Washtenong**

**1:00 p.m.—Forest Hills**

9:00 a.m. Festival Setup

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9:00 a.m. Walnut Cake Baking

8:00 a.m. Rice Pudding

9:00 a.m. Festival Set up

**Feast of the Ascension**

**10:00 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy**

6:30 p.m. GOYA Dance Practice

**9:00 a.m. ALL Festival Workers Arrive**

**11:00 a.m. Festival Opens**

**8:00 a.m. Orthros**

**9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy**

#### Psaltis

Zannis Res

#### Choir

Dr. Jon Wardner

#### Prosforo

Andreas Stathopoulos

#### Fellowship Hour

Parish Council

#### Memorial Services

40 Days Vasiliki

Stathopoulos

3 Months Evangelos

Anastasiou



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