

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

JUNE 7, 2009

Epistle WHEN THE DAY of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

Apolytikion for Pentecost-Trinity Sunday

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast shown forth the fishermen as supremely wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them didst draw the world into Thy net. O Befriender of man, 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

When the Most High came down and confounded tongues of men (Babel), He divided the Nations. When He dispensed the Tongues of Fire, He called all to unity, and with one voice we glorify the Most Holy



Gospel On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

The officers then went back to the chief priest and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nikodemos, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Wisdom from the Fathers

For as thirsty men, when they have taken a bowl, eagerly drain it and then desist, so too they who hear the divine oracles if they receive them thirsting, will never be weary until they have drunk them up. For to show that men ought ever to thirst and hunger, "Blessed," It said, "are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness" (Matt.5:6)

For the grace of the Spirit, when it has entered into the mind and has been established, springs up more than any fountain, fails not, becomes not empty, stays not. To signify therefore at once its unfailing supply and unlimited operation, He has called it "a well" and "rivers," not one river but numberless.

St. John Chrysostom, Homily 51 on John 7 4th C

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 June 14, 21.

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

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.

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

Food Drive

Saint Nicholas Parish is sponsoring an on-going 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.

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.

Saint Nicholas Seniors

Sign up in the social hall to attend the "5th Annual" Taverna. All information is posted in the social hall.

Agora after Geek Festival sale of some jewelry, t-shirts, children's DVDS and CDs in the Social Hall after the Divine Liturgy.

Philoptochos Notes

Join us at the Mediterraneo Restaurant on June 10th at 6:00 p.m. for the Philoptochos end-of-the year dinner meeting. Please call Margaret Yates at 734-663-0131 for reservations. Cost is \$25.00.

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

Sun. June 14

Church School Graduation

Mon-Fri. June 15-19

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

Vacation Church 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.

The Saint Nicholas Parish 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 Scotas, an immigrant from a Greek mountain village who settled in Pennsylvania in 1931. It's 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.

Saint Nicholas Ya'ssoo Raffle

The Ya'ssoo Raffle Committee would like to THANK all who supported our raffle by buying or selling tickets. CONGRATULATIONS to the winners: First Prize: Claire Harding of Ann Arbor, #4501 and Second Prize: Bob Fritz of Maumee, Ohio, #4867.

Lodi Township Celebrates its 175th Anniversary

Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4 at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. Volunteers are needed for both days. If you would like to volunteer please call 734-665-7583 or visit the website: <http://twp-lodi.org/> and click "Anniversary Volunteers Needed." or email Elaine Masters at mastere@washtenaw.org.

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.

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.

G.O.Y.A. Summer Calendar

JUNE

June 7 4:00 p.m. G.O.Y.A. Meeting/Activity
At the Hays’ Home

June 28 Swearing in of Officers after Divine Liturgy
4:00 p.m. Bible Study & Game Night

JULY

July 12 4:00 p.m. G.O.Y.A. Meeting/Activity
Rev. Father Nick’s House

AUGUST

Aug. 2 4:00 p.m. G.O.Y.A. Meeting/Activity

Aug. 9 4:00 p.m. Bible Study

Greek Festival Town Hall Meeting Sunday, June 28th after the Divine Liturgy and during Fellowship Hour. Please come and share your thoughts and ideas with us as we strive to make our festival better each year. All are welcome.

Vacation Church School 2009

Summer vacation is about having a good time. Let your children have a good time developing friendships, building values and learning about our faith. They’ll learn from Rev. Father Nick and from our Church school teachers through games, crafts, songs and stories.

This year we will be traveling on the Ark of Salvation, which is our church, and learning about the ways in which our church celebrates the Theotokos, the All Holy Mother of our God.

While having fun, the youth of our parish learn respectful church behavior, hymns of the Church, Bible stories, about the feasts, about sacraments and how to worship as a group. The week that the children spend at Vacation Church School is an essential part of their spiritual growth. VCS provides four hours each day, five days in a row, teaching and reinforcing children in their Orthodox Christian faith.

The week will culminate with a summary of all we learned, work in our children’s garden and a special surprise blessing.

Who Can Attend

Open to all boys and girls from preschool through 6th grade (during 2008-2009)

What to Bring

Your own packed lunch, water bottle and an old shirt to be used as an art smock.

Hours

From 8:30 to 12:30 daily. Beginning Monday June 15 through Friday, June 19th.

Registration

Please see the back of the handout for the registration form. These are located on the table in the hall and are due on Monday, June 8th.

Cost

\$30 per child to cover the cost of t-shirt, snack and materials. Scholarships and financial aid are available. Please contact Rev. Father Nick at 734-332-8200 for more information.

Thought for the Week

When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. *John 16:13*

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

June 7, 3009

Orthros

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM

Church School

After Holy Communion

Epistle Reading

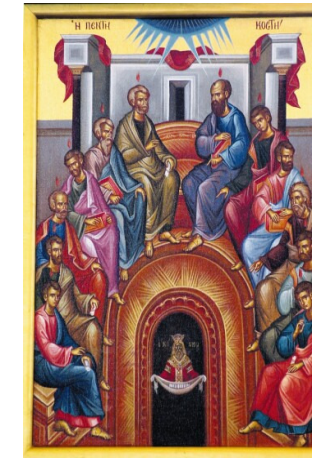
Acts 2:1-11

Gospel Reading

John 7:37-52; 8:12

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Greek



HOLY PENTECOST

UP-COMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 7

Greek School Graduation
4:00 p.m. G.O.Y.A.—Hays Home

Monday, June 8

Day of the Holy Spirit
10:00 a.m. Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, June 10

6:00 p.m. Philoptochos Meeting and Dinner
Mediterrano Restaurant
7:00 p.m. Men’s Choir Practice

Friday, June 11

7:00 pm Parish Council

Friday, June 12

11:00 a.m. Exercise Class

Sunday, June 14

Church School Graduation

MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE: www.stnickaa.org

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kate@stnickaa.org by 10 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to publication.

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