

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

September 6, 2009

Epistle

I Cor. 17:13-24

BRETHREN, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all

that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicos, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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 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

In your holy birth, Immaculate One, Joachim and Anna were rid of the shame of childlessness; Adam and Eve of the corruption of death. And so your people, free of the guilt of their sins, celebrate crying: "The barren one gives birth to the Theotokos, who nourishes our life."



Gospel

Matt. 21:33-42

The Lord said this parable, "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it was marvelous in our eyes?'"

Wisdom from the Fathers

For nothing was left undone, but all accomplished; ... And "He sent His servants," that is, the prophets, "to receive the fruit;" that is, their obedience, the proof of it by their works.

St. John Chrysostom, Homily 68 on Matthew 21
4th Century

Prayer List

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Gabriella and Viroel Andrews, Constantine Evangelinos, Faye Sekaros, Patrick Gutierrez, Mike Annette Kovalcheck, Angelica Stageman, Katina Eleni Hoffman, Robert Ashley, Sr.

Thank You

Karen and I wish to express our sincere thanks to all of you for your visits, gifts and, above all, your prayers during my recent illness.

Mike Kapetan & Karen Munson

It is not our own wealth that we distribute, but Christ's; therefore let us dispense it as He wishes.

St. John the Almsgiver 7th 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 Sunday, October 18.

Fellowship Hour sponsor needed for Sunday September 13 and 27.

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.

Vesper Services

On Monday, September 7th we will leave the church parking lot at 5:30 p.m. to attend Vespers at the Nativity of the Virgin Mary in Plymouth. Please be at the church parking lot by 5:15 p.m.

On Sunday, September 13th we will leave the church parking lot at 6:00 p.m. to attend Vespers at Holy Cross Church in Farmington Hills. Please be at the church parking lot by 5:45 p.m.

Sign up sheets are in the social hall if you plan to attend.

Modern Greek Studies

8th Annual Platsis Symposium on the Greek Legacy

This year's Symposium, on "Honor and Shame," will take place at the U of M Rackham Auditorium, **Sunday, Sept. 13, at 2 p.m.** Guest Lecturers are Dr. Jill Dubisch, Regents' Professor of Anthropology of Northern Arizona University and Douglas Cairns, Professor of Classics and Archaeology in the School of History, University of Edinburgh, Scotland. Guest Respondents will be Despina Margomenou Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Georgia State University and Dr. Jake MacPhail, Lecturer of Classical Studies at the University of Michigan. The event is FREE and open to the Public. A light reception will follow. For more information call, 734.936.6099 or visit our web site, lsa.umich.edu/classics. Supported by the Arthur and Mary Platsis Fund and organized by the U of M Department of Classical Studies.

Philoptochos Notes

All ladies of the parish are cordially invited to attend our September 9th meeting at 7:00 p.m. We'll be making plans for upcoming events and need your input and energy. To make this a fun evening, please wear your most outrageous and fanciest hat to the meeting.

Please remember, Sunday, September 20th will be the annual Ya'ssoo Golf Outing. Save the date! Shotgun Start at 1:00 PM at Stonebridge Golf Club.

Golf Package \$100 Dinner Only: \$32

Children's Menu: \$12 Hole Sponsors: \$100

5:30 PM Cash bar—6:00 (approx.) Dinner

Make golf or dinner reservations by Sept. 15th.

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT

FOOD GATHERERS

For info please call Margaret Yates: 663-0131

The Bookstore has ordered 20 copies of the 2009-10 Greek Orthodox Planner. Use the Planner to keep track of all your schedules. Keep a daily focus on Christ with Scriptural readings, fast days, prayers, saints of the day and inspiration from the Fathers. The Planner follows the Ecclesiastical (church) year beginning in September and ending in August. Spiral bound. Also recommended for readers of all ages, *Keeper of the Light: Saint Macrina the Elder, Grandmother of Saints* by Bev Cooke, the story of the grandmother of St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory of Nyssa and St. Macrina the Younger. She is truly a great confessor of the Orthodox Faith.

Church School—IMPORTANT REMINDER

Registration for the 2009-10 St. Nicholas Church School year will take place on Sunday, September 13, 2009. Registration forms are available on the website: www.stnickaa.org. You can download the form by clicking on the ministries tab, then church school tab then the registration form or you may pick up a form from the table in the hallway.



St. Nicholas Fellowship Picnic and Family Outreach Sunday 13th immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Please check the flyers in the Social Hall for more information.

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.

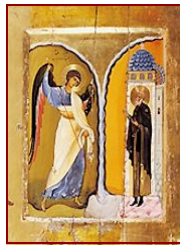
Food Drive

St. 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 exonarthex.

GOYA Update

If you plan to dance at the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Festival September 13th, **you MUST attend the dance practice today from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.** Costumes will be distributed at this time. We will be leaving right after church on September 13th and you will miss the parish picnic.

Next meeting for GOYA will be **September 27th at 4:00 p.m. We’ll welcome the 7th graders at this meeting.** Please make every effort to attend.



September 6

The Miracle at Colassai of Archangel Michael

The feast today in honour of the Archangel Michael commemorates the great miracle he wrought when he delivered from destruction a church and holy spring named for him. The pagans, moved by malice, sought to destroy the aforesaid church and holy spring by turning the course of two rivers against them. But the Archangel appeared and, by means of the Cross and a great earthquake that shook the entire area, diverted the waters into an underground course. Henceforth, the name of that place changed from Colossae to Chonae, which means "funnels" in Greek.

Reading Courtesy of Holy Transfiguration Monastery

Greek School

Information for the Greek School can be found in the church website www.stnickaa.org. Go to the “Ministries” tab and scroll down to “Greek School”, then click on “Orientation”. Tuition rate, class times, and registration forms are available there.

Greek School Orientation will be Sunday, Sept. 13, after church. Parents are urged to attend. Classes begin Monday, Sept. 14. **PLEASE register all students for 2009-2010, new and returning, as soon as possible.** Forms can be downloaded and printed from the website and either mailed to or dropped off at the church office.

Classes will meet as follows:

Monday:	4:30-6:00—Level 1 6:15-7:45—Level 2
Tuesday:	4:30-6:00—Level 3 6:15-7:45—Adult Intermediate
Wednesday:	4:30-6:00—Level 4 6:15-7:45—Adult Beginner
Thursday:	4:30-6:00—Level 5 6:15-7:45—Level 6

Daughters of Penelope are sponsoring a Winter Clothing Drive for the Ypsilanti Public Schools Clothes Closet. They need **gently** used winter clothing for ages infant to adult, both male and female. Baby and children clothing are most needed. Please watch the bulletin for further updates.

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN September 6, 2009

Orthros

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM

Epistle Reading

I Cor. 19:13-24

Gospel Reading

Matt. 21:33-42

Creed

English



Psaltis

Zannis Res

Choir

Dr. Jon Wardner

Prosforo

In Memory of Vasilios & Andriana Skentzos, and William Pantos and Nicholas Banos

Fellowship Hour

Parish Council

Trisagion

James George-35 Years

13TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

UP-COMING EVENTS

Monday, September 7

LABOR DAY — OFFICE CLOSED

5:30 p.m. Van leaves for Vesper Service at Nativity of the Virgin Mary, Plymouth

Tuesday, September 8

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

6:00 p.m. YERAC

7:00 p.m. Landscape meeting

7:30 p.m. YAL

Wednesday, September 9

7:00 p.m. Philoptochos

Thursday, September 10

7:00 p.m. Parish Council

Friday, September 11

11:00 a.m. Exercise Class

6:30 p.m. JOY Game Night

7:30 p.m. Paraklesis

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

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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