

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
October 4, 2009

Epistle

II Cor. 6:16-18; 7:1 BRETHREN, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You.

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

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

Wisdom from the Fathers

Why do we judge our neighbors? Because we shun knowing ourselves. Someone busy trying to understand himself has no time to notice the shortcomings of others. Judge yourself — and you will stop judging others. Judge a poor deed, but do not judge the doer. It is necessary to consider yourself the most sinful of all, and to forgive your neighbor every poor deed.

St. Seraphim of Sarov, *Unknown* 19th century

Gospel

Luke 6:31-36 The Lord said, "And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

Prayer List

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Gabriella and Viroel Andrews, Constantine Evangelinos, Faye Sekaros, Patrick Gutierrez, Annette Kovalcheck, Angelica Stageman, Katina Eleni Hoffman, Robert Ashley, Sr., Priscilla Pardon, Pat Ricaldi, Liberty Gekas, Deryl Deveau, Fotica George, Aimee Hazelton

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family of Bessie A. Preketes who passed away Tuesday, September 28 and was buried from St. Nicholas on Saturday, October 3rd. May her memory be eternal.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

The Church School Department is having a "Town Hall Meeting" on Sunday, October 11, 2009 in the fellowship hall immediately after the Divine Liturgy. This meeting is to inform all parents of Church School Students about the Curriculum/Requirements/Rules and Schedule, the Youth Protection Manual (Archdiocese Mandate), as well as the NEED FOR TEACHERS AND VOLUNTEERS. Please plan on attending this informative meeting as it will benefit both the Church School Department and the parents. Your input and feedback in all the areas of discussion are very important to us. We look forward to seeing you there.

Fr. Nick and The Church School Department



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.

Fellowship Hour sponsor needed for Sunday October 18 and all the Sundays of November.

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.

You shall tithe all the yield of your seed, which comes forth from the field year by year. Deut. 14:22

YASSOO 2010

Our first planning meeting for Yassoo 2010 will be Tuesday, October 13, 2009—7:00 p.m. at the church.

Any parishioner who wishes to become more involved in planning and helping with the festival is encouraged to attend. To make this festival more successful than 2009, we need everyone's help.

GOYA

Dance Practice on October 9, 17, 24 and 31 is now scheduled for **9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** Please note the time change.

Bible Study today at 4:00 p.m.

Food Drive

. . . For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink. . . Matthew 25:35

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 exo-narthex.

Y.A.L. Young Adult League

The Young Adults will be meeting on Wednesdays from now on. Please make a note of the change of day. Thank you.

Philoptochos Notes

Bed pad sewing will take place on Tuesday, October 6th.

College Students: The ladies Philoptochos invite you to come and enjoy an evening of fellowship and good food on Sunday, October 11th at 6:30 p.m. in our St. Nicholas Social Hall. We welcome everyone and there is no cost for the dinner. If you are in need of transportation or want more information, please contact chairperson Athena Papageorgiou at 734-368-4668.

Look for **bake sale order forms** in the office hallway. Get your orders in early to ensure that you will have baklava and spanakopita for the holidays.

AHEPA Lamb Luncheon

On **Sunday, October 18, 2009**, Ann Arbor AHEPA Chapter #195 is sponsoring their Fall Lamb Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall after the Divine Liturgy. Proceeds from this event will be used towards the reduction of the Church mortgage and the AHEPA scholarships. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8.00 for children. Please contact Costas Boutsikakis 604-8737 or Christos Philippou 309-3032 for details and tickets.

1935 - 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - 2010
ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Pull out your "dancing shoes" and support your church with a fun evening of **dinner, dancing, and entertainment** at the Four Points by Sheraton Ballroom, **Saturday, November 14th, 6:00 p.m.**

An elegant and fun evening is being planned by Katerina Roumanis and her committee. Greek and American dance music will be provided by the "KEFI" band which includes Enigma band members and Jimmy Michos.

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. Please make sure that the clothing is gently used as many families do not have access to sewing materials to fix buttons, zippers, small tears etc. Following is a list of accepted items in **infant to adult sizes both male and female.**

Winter coats (**no wool or "Dry Clean Only"**); Boots—all sizes; Gloves/hats/mittens/scarves; Long sleeve T-shirts; Pants; PJ's; Sweatshirts/pants; Socks and underwear.

National Church Music Sunday

Today we recognize those women, men and youth who have responded to the Lord's invitation to be church musicians. These people represent the laity in the liturgical dialogue of our worship services. They are committed to learning the hymns of our Orthodox faith, understanding the sequence of our liturgical worship and actively offering their prayers in song to enhance the beauty of our worship. Please offer your prayers and thanks for these wonderful and dedicated people.

**St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
Music Ministry****Choir Roster – October 2009**

Rob Ashley	Anna Chapekis	Athena Chapekis
<i>Jenn Dalton</i>	Tony Ghazal	Pat Gibson
Tasia Gibson	Diane Hall	Robert Hays
Helen Kales	Mike Kapetan	Perry Katsikas
Peter Kentes	Chris Kerry	Mara Krause
Artemis Leontis, Music Librarian	Joy Melzian	
Eleni Michos	<i>Marina Monoyios</i>	

Kyp Papageorgiou Ruth Philippou Deno ProkosJim Prokos Sophia Roumanis **Olivia Roumel**

David Mitropoulos-Rundus, Organist

Faye Sekaros Nicholas Stamos Cindy Stilianos

Jackie Stokes Jeffrey Stokes **Samantha Stokes**

Teresa Stokes, Assistant Director

Bill Vlisides *Andrew Wardner***Katherine Wardner****Nicholas Wardner**

Niki Wardner Jon Wardner, Director

Youth members in **bold** College students in *italics*

Our choir is open to all parishioners ages 12 years and up. Some musical experience is preferred, but is not required. The ability to read the Greek alphabet is not necessary – our music has English phonetics.

Psaltes

Protopsaltis, Zannis Res

George Smyrnis

Vasilios Pliakas

Christine Apostoleris

Bless them, O Lord, as they sing praises to You and glorify Your Name. Let their music be a witness to Your majesty and love, and remind us all of Your presence in our lives.

**October 1****Romanos the Melodist
Patron Saint of Church Musicians**

Saint Romanus flourished during the reign of Anastasius (491-518). He was from Emesa of Syria, and apparently was born of Jewish parents, for a hymn written in his honour in Greek says he was "of Hebrew stock," and it has furthermore been noted that he uses many Semitic

idioms in his writings. He was baptized an Orthodox Christian, and at some time became a deacon in the Church of Beirut. He was the first composer of the kontakia, the foremost of which is that of the feast of Christ's Nativity. On this day the Virgin In composing many of his kontakia. Saint Romanus was inspired by the hymns of Saint Ephraim of Syria.

Be A Part of The Welcoming Program as we begin

our 2nd year. This ministry is important and ensures 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, we get to know others in our parish we normally might not get to know—or make the time to know. We are in need of people to sign up for this ministry so please consider taking part in it. Sign up sheets are in the exo-narthex. Thank you for participating.

Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. Romans 15:7

The Bookstore has several more copies of the 2009-10 Greek Orthodox Planner which runs from September 2009 to August 2010. Also recommended: *A Brush with God: An Icon Workbook; Icons and Saints of the Eastern Orthodox Church*, a wonderful guide to icons in the Guide to Imagery Series. You may also find *Culture and Customs of Greece* a new reference book on Greece covering many aspects of Greek culture by Artemis Leontis, sold at a discount only at the bookstore.

H.O.P.E. (Hellenic Orthodox Primary Education)

Our first meeting will be **Sunday, October 11th from 12:30-2:00**. The theme for this Sunday will be *Noah*.

Lunch will be provided and we ask that parents sign up to provide lunch.

We hope to go outside so please dress appropriately.

**THE SUNDAY BULLETIN
October 4, 2009****Orthros**

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM

Church School

After Holy Communion

Epistle Reading

II Cor. 6:16-18; 7-1

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:31-36

Creed

English

Greeters, October 11

Jack Fry

Diane Geczi

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LUKE****UP-COMING EVENTS****General Assembly after Divine Liturgy**

4:00 p.m. GOYA Bible Study

5:00 p.m. Greek School PTA Meeting

Sunday, October 4**Monday, October 5****Tuesday, October 6****Wednesday, October 7****Thursday, October 8****Friday, October 9****Saturday, October 10**

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

7:30 p.m. Bible Study

9:30 a.m. Bed pad Sewing for Hospice

12:30 p.m. Senior Planning Meeting

Metropolis Clergy/Laity & Philoptochos Conference

7:30 p.m. YAL (Please note Day Change)

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11:00 a.m. Exercise Class

6:30 p.m. JOY Game Night

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9:30 a.m. GOYA Dance Practice

Psaltis

Zannis Res

Choir

Dr. Jon Wardner

Prosforo

Betty Manolakis

Fellowship Hour

Evelyn Comings &

Katherine Foster

Greeters

Betty Lardas

Amira Sabbagh

Memorial Services

3 Years Susan Bilakos

1 Year George Commings

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