

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
October 11, 2009

Epistle

Titus 3:8-15

TITUS, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who

have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. For this reason were the powers of heaven crying out to You, O Life-giver: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; glory to Your eternal rule; glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves mankind.

Apolytikion for Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Most glorified art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast established our Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them didst guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, 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.

Gospel

Luke 8:5-15

The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundred-fold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

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.

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



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 Sponsors needed for Sundays of November 1, 15, 22 and 29

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.

IMPORTANT TOWN HALL MEETING

The Church School Department is having a "Town Hall Meeting" today in the fellowship hall immediately after the Divine Liturgy. We NEED TEACHERS AND VOLUNTEERS. Please attend this informative meeting as it will benefit both the Church School Department and the parents.

Fr. Nick and The Church School Department

GOYA

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

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

Philoptochos meeting Wednesday, October 14th at 7:00 p.m.

College Students: The ladies Philoptochos invite you to come and enjoy an evening of fellowship and good food today, 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. Traditional Greek dance and listening music will be provided by "KEFI", the Greek band comprised of several members from our own St. Nicholas Church.

Plan to join your fellow parishioners on Saturday, November 14th at 6:00 p.m.!

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.

Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council

On the Sunday that falls on or immediately after the eleventh of this month, we chant the Service to the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council, which gathered in Nicaea in 787 under the holy Patriarch Tarasius and during the reign of the Empress Irene and her son, Constantine Porphyrogenitus, to refute the Iconoclast heresy, which had received imperial support beginning with the Edict issued in 726 by Emperor Leo the Isaurian. Many of the holy Fathers who condemned Iconoclasm at this holy Council later died as Confessors and Martyrs for the holy Icons during the second assault of Iconoclasm in the ninth century, especially during the reigns of Leo the Armenian and Theophilus.

Reading Courtesy of Holy Transfiguration Monastery

Wisdom from the Fathers

When you see life's pleasures, beware that they might not distract you, for they conceal death's snares. Likewise a fisherman casts not his hook to no purpose. As bait for his hook, the enemy uses the delusion of sensuality to arouse desire, that he might thereby catch men's souls and subject them to himself. A soul which has been caught to serve the enemy's will then serves as a snare for other souls, for it conceals the grief of sin with its apparent delight.

St. Ephraim the Syrian, *A Spiritual Psalter no 43*, pg. 74 ,4th century

Outreach and Evangelism

“...if any one among you wanders from the truth and some one bring him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.” James 5:19-20.

The Mission of the Outreach & Evangelism Ministry is to renew and share the Orthodox Christian Faith by nurturing a deeper commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ within His Church. Please consider joining this important ministry by contacting Chris Kerry or the

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.

AHEPA SCHOLARSHIPS

High School Seniors and College Students, if you are planning to apply for an AHEPA Scholarship for 2010, please let Dr. Kleanthous know by phone: 734-475-2034 or email: c.kleanthousmd@sbcglobal.net or by mail 19345 Bush Road, Chelsea MI 48118. College students must belong in the ahepa Family and High School Seniors must be children of an Ahepan. Your parents don't have to be Greek to join the AHEPA. I will provide you an application if you request one.

St. Nicholas Seniors

Please come to our luncheon on Thursday, October 29th at noon. We are providing (no cost) a Pizza “Plus” meal. We will enjoy a presentation by Kathy Raphael on “The Day of the Dead” - a famous Mexican celebration. Kathy will also tell us of the “Mumia de Guanajuato” - the famous mummies on loan now to the Detroit Science Center. Sign up at the coffee hour.

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

New at The Bookstore: *Way of the Ascetics*, Tito Colliander's classic study of the Christian tradition of self examination and discipline, which serves as an invitation to a deeper, richer Christian life; *Lost to the West: The Forgotten Byzantine Empire That Rescued Western Civilization*, a captivating portrait of the acclaimed writer Lars Brownworth, and *Apartment in Athens*, a brisk, no-nonsense novel by Glenway Westcott set in a poor neighborhood in Athens during the German Occupation from 1941-44.

Hellenic Student Association

Hellenic Cultural Month event today (Sunday) at 4:00 p.m. at 1528 CC Little Building, 1100 N. University Avenue, U-M campus: A free viewing of the Greek film “Diplopenies” (1966) , a musical comedy (in Greek with subtitles) featuring Aliki Vougiouklaki and Dimitris Papanichael with some of the best film music ever. Parking on the U-M campus is free on Sundays.

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN October 11, 2009

Orthros

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM

Church School

After Holy Communion

Epistle Reading

Titus 3:8-15

Gospel Reading

Luke 8:5-15

Creed

English

Greeters, October 18

Sylvia Kleanthous



Psaltis

Zannis Res

Choir

Dr. Jon Wardner

Prosforo

Panagiotti Apostolou

Fellowship Hour

Stamatopoulos Family

Memorial Services

9 Years George Stamatopoulos

Greeters October 11

Jack Fry
Diane Geczi

SUNDAY OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

UP-COMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 11

Church School Town Hall after Divine Liturgy

12:30 p.m. HOPE

6:30 p.m. Orthodox Student Dinner

Monday, October 12

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

7:30 p.m. Bible Study

Tuesday, October 13

7:00 p.m. Ya'ssoo 2010 Festival Meeting

Wednesday, October 14

10:30 a.m. Exercise Class

7:00 p.m. Philoptochos Meeting

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

Friday, October 16

11:00 a.m. Exercise Class

6:30 p.m. JOY Game Night

Saturday, October 17

9:30 a.m. GOYA Dance Practice

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