

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
October 18, 2009

Epistle

Col. 4:5-11, 14-18

BRETHREN, conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time.

Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer every one. Tychicos will tell you all about my affairs; he is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, and with him Onesimos, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of yourselves. They will tell you of everything that has taken place. Aristarchos my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions if he comes to you, receive him), and Jesus who is called Justos. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you. Give my greetings to the brethren at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. And when this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you read also the letter from Laodicea. And say to Archippos, "See that you fulfill the ministry which you have received in the Lord." I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my fetters. Grace be with you. Amen.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

When You descended unto death, O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, 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.

**Gospel**

Luke 10:16-21

The Lord said to his disciples, "He who hears you hears me, and he who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects him who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will."

Prayer for Peace

Almighty God and Creator, You are the Father of all people on the earth. Guide, I pray, all the nations and their leaders in the ways of justice and peace. Protect us from the evils of injustice, prejudice, exploitation, conflict and war. Help us to put away mistrust, bitterness and hatred. Teach us to cease the storing and using of implements of war. Lead us to find peace, respect and freedom. Unite us in the making and sharing of tools of peace against ignorance, poverty, disease and oppression. Grant that we may grow in harmony and friendship as brothers and sisters created in Your image, to Your honor and praise. Amen.

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

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.

GOYA

Dance Practice on October 24 and 31 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.

U-M Modern Greek Program is proud to present **The Inaugural Demetrios and Demetra Partalis Kales Annual Lecture in Modern Greek History** on Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vandenberg Room of the **Michigan League**, located at 911 N. University on Central Campus. "America's Relations with Greece to 1945: From Aloof Soft Power to the Onset of Regional Hard Power" lecture will be given by **S. Victor Papacosma**, Emeritus Professor of History, Kent State University. For more information: berlykim@umich.edu or isa.umich.edu/modgreek.

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

This week we begin our spanikopita baking for our annual bake sale. We begin on Monday, October 19th at 9:00 a.m. and work until 8:30 p.m. If you are able, we need all the help we can get. Our schedule is the same every day of this week — Monday through Friday. Please be generous with your time.

Hellenic Student Association

Final Hellenic Cultural Month event on Sunday, October 25th at 4 p.m. at 1528 CC Little Building, 1100 N. University Avenue, U-M campus.

Hellenic Cultural month ends with a free viewing of the Greek film, "Mia Aioniotita kai Mia Mera (Eternity and a Day)" 1988, directed by Theodoros Angelopoulos. The story of a very sick writer named Alexander, who spends the last days of his life with a 10 year-old boy who is an Albanian illegal immigrant. The film won the Golden Palm at the Cannes Film Festival, as well as many other awards.

Parking on the U-M campus is free on Sundays. This event is FREE and open to the public. For additional information e-mail hsa-board@umich.edu.

**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.

PRIORITY QUESTIONS

Where does my giving to the Church belong? Do I consider it a matter of mere choice? Do I think of it as something obligatory? Is it merely a personal preference? Or do I look upon it as privilege and responsibility? When I plan my budget, where do I place my giving to the Church? Do I place it first because the responsibility is laid on my heart, or do I place it last, after I have discovered if anything is still available? Is my giving to the Church proportionate giving? Do I relate my giving to the Church to what I spend on pleasure and comforts and luxuries and even necessities? Is my giving haphazard? Does it belong in the category of leftovers? In other words, do I find a rightful place for stewardship in my life? Do I treat my giving carelessly or do I treat it as thoughtfully as I want God to treat me and mine?

The prophet Samuel said, "I will not offer to the Lord my God that which has cost me nothing."

From the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Stewardship Ministry Department.

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

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 Church office.

The Bookstore recommends: New inventory—*Lost to the West: the Forgotten Byzantine Empire that Rescued Western Civilization*, a captivating portrait by acclaimed writer Lars Brownworth. We also have beautiful photo cards of Greece by artist Alice E. Nuttall—very high quality cards for all occasions, each an original signed by the artist. See also Mark Mazower's book on *Salonica*.

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.

Guidelines for Respectful Worship

The most important duty that we each have as worshippers attending church services is to do all in our power to see that a proper decorum and atmosphere is maintained so that all of the congregation is able to pray sincerely, peacefully and meaningfully. Therefore, when entering the Church, at all times, especially during services, an individual should remember that he or she is in the House of God. **Reverence and good manners are required** so as not to disturb those who are already engaged in prayer, but even more importantly, as an expression of sincere faith and awareness of the presence of the lord. **No irrelevant conversations should take place, either in the Narthex or in any part of the Church.**

According to church service procedures, every member of the congregation is to be seated in the pews at the beginning of the service. *To be continued.*

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Department of Outreach and Evangelism

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN October 18, 2009



THIRD SUNDAY OF LUKE

UP-COMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 18

AHEPA Lamb Luncheon
5:00 p.m. JOY

Monday, October 19

9:00 a.m.—8:30 p.m. Spanikopita
7:30 p.m. Bible Study

Tuesday, October 20

9:00 a.m.—8:30 p.m. Spanikopita

Wednesday, October 21

9:00 a.m.—8:30 p.m. Spanikopita
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
7:30 p.m. YAL

Thursday, October 22

9:00 a.m.—8:30 p.m. Spanikopita

Friday, October 23

9:00 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy — St. Iakovos
9:00 a.m.—8:30 p.m. Spanikopita
11:00 a.m. Exercise Class
7:30 p.m. Paraklesis

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Psaltis

Zannis Res

Choir

Dr. Jon Wardner

Prosforo

Ioanna Ioannou

Fellowship Hour

AHEPA Lamb Luncheon

Greeters October 18

Sylvia Kleanthous

Greeters October 25

Penny Bekiars
Fofie Pappas