

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
October 25, 2009

Epistle BRETHREN, I would have you Gal. 1:11-19 know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel.

For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Let the heavens sing for joy, and let everything on earth be glad. For with His Arm the Lord has worked power. He trampled death under foot by means of death; and He became the firstborn from the dead. From the maw of Hades He delivered us; and He granted the world His great mercy.

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.

Gospel At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a

long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

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, Lucia Gagalis

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, 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 31 and Nov. 7 is scheduled for **9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** Please note the time change.

On November 14th we'll practice from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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.

Hellenic Student Association

Hellenic Cultural Month ends today, October 25th at 4 p.m. with a free viewing of the Greek film, "Mia Aioniotita kai Mia Mera (Eternity and a Day)" 1988, directed by Theodoros Angelopoulos. Please join us at 1528 CC Little Building, 1100 N. University Avenue, U-M campus. 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.

Harvest Party Friday, October 30th 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. All are invited to share in fun and fellowship. Sponsored by the Young Adult League.



Philoptochos

Join us on Thursday, **November 5th** from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for our Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Cost is \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 10 years and under. The dinner includes spaghetti, sauce, salad, dessert, bread and beverage. Take out orders will be available. Advanced ticket purchases will help in planning. Please call Diane Geczi at 734-747-9619 for more information or tickets. Proceeds to provide food certificates for those in need.

Christmas Wreath Sale

If you wish to purchase Christmas Wreaths, please place your order no later than Wednesday, November 18th. Orders can be picked up at the Church on Sunday, December 6th between 12 Noon and 2 p.m.

Parish Christmas Card

If you wish to have your name included on the Parish Christmas Card, please return the form with your contribution of \$25.00 to the church office no later than November 16th.

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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.

STEWARDSHIP: Everyone’s Responsibility!

Stewardship is our response to God’s grace and moves us from grace to gratitude. Just as we love because God first loved us (I John 4:14), we give because God first gave to us.

One January day, nearly 20 years ago, a young parish council president was just getting accustomed to his new duties when someone placed a stack of checks in front of him to be signed. It was one of the most humbling experiences of his life as he realized the frugality of the church compared with the needs of the ministries.

This is the same feeling we should have when we make our stewardship offering to the Church—**humility, appreciation, thanksgiving, joy, respect, and love.**

What shall I give to the Lord in return for all His benefits towards me?” (Ps 116:2)

From Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America
Department of Stewardship, Outreach & Evangelism

Choir Notes

Choir rehearsals are scheduled for Thursday, October 29, Wednesdays, November 4, 18 and December 2 and Thursday, December 17.

We will also be singing at the Saturday, December 5th St. Nicholas Vespers.

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

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

Guidelines for Respectful Worship

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

There are several parts of the service during which no one should be moving about. Wherever a person happens to be at these moments, he or she should stop and stand reverently, until the proper time to proceed. The parts of the service are:

1. The procession of the Priest and Altar Boys with the Gospel;
2. The reading of the Gospel;
3. The Cherubic Hymn and the Great Procession of the Priest and Altar Boys with the Holy Gifts;
4. Recitation of the Nicene Creed;
5. The prayers of offering “Take, eat. . .” and the prayers of the consecration of the Holy Gifts;
6. The Sermon;
7. Any special services (memorial services, processions, prayers).

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Department of Outreach and Evangelism

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

October 25, 2009

Orthros

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM

Church School

After Holy Communion

Epistle Reading

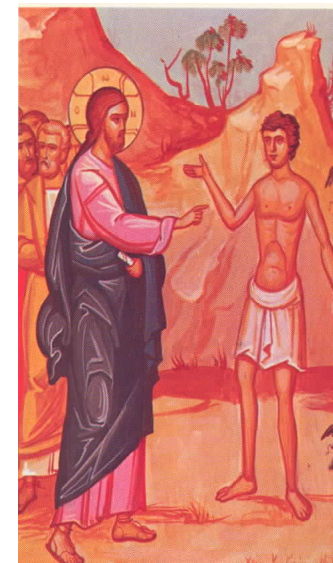
Gal. 1:11-19

Gospel

Luke 8:26-39

Creed

Greek



SIXTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

UP-COMING EVENTS

Monday, October 26

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy — St. Demetrios
11:30 a.m. Spanikopita
7:30 p.m. Bible Study

Tuesday, October 27

9:30 a.m. Spanikopita

Wednesday, October 28

10:30 a.m. Exercise Class
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting
7:30 p.m. YAL

Thursday, October 29

12 Noon Seniors Halloween Party
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 30

11:00 a.m. Exercise Class
6:30 p.m. Harvest Party

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Psaltis

Zannis Res

Choir

Dr. Jon Wardner

Prosforo

Pliakas Family

Fellowship Hour

Greek School

Greeters October 25

Penny Bekiares

Fofie Pappas