

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
November 1, 2009

Epistle

Brethren, you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

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

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

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, Luke 16:19-31 who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

Wisdom from the Fathers

If your tongue is used to chattering, your heart will remain dim and foreign to the luminous intuitions of the Holy Spirit. But if your mouth is silent, your heart will ever be aflame with the spirit...hush your tongue that your heart may speak, and hush your heart that God may speak. *St. John of Dalyatha Homily on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit*

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, Deryl Deveau, Fotica George, Aimee Hazelton, Lucia Gagalis, Kevin Kling, Euthie Stamos, Steven Garkinos

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

Today, the GOYA meeting will take place immediately following the Divine Liturgy. We will meet in the conference room for our activity. We will go apple picking. **Remember PERMISSION SLIPS ARE REQUIRED!!**

Dance Practice on 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.

We'll be attending "Otto's recital" on November 28th at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come to Chelsea for an enjoyable afternoon of music. If you plan to attend, please contact Laura Kokkales@umich.edu.

On November 29th, the GOYAns will once again go to the tree farm to select and cut the parish Christmas tree. For more information, please contact Vicki Kiningham at rkinigh@umich.edu.

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 lsa.umich.edu/modgreek.

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.

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

Last Call!! If you have not returned your dance reservation, please do so as soon as possible. We must turn the count in by November 6th.

Don't miss the elegant and fun evening 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.!

Metropolis Notes

... *for the Love of Camp* Dinner and Dance on November 6, 2009 from 7 p.m. to midnight at St. Nicholas Church Cultural Center, Troy. Donation: \$15.00. Music by ONEIRO and special guest DREW32. Opus One Buffet Dinner from 7-9 p.m. To reserve dinner tickets contact: kleo55@comcast.net

Hierarchical Great Vespers for St. Nectarios the Wonderworker on Sunday, November 8th—5:00 p.m. at Assumption, St. Clair Shores. Holy Unction following vespers. To reserve a seat on the van, please call the parish office.

STEWARDSHIP: Everyone’s Responsibility!

Gregory the Theologian writes, “You will never overcome God’s generosity, even if you give away all that you have. . . .And however much you bring to him, always more remains. Nor will you give anything that is your own; for all things from from god (Or 14.22).”

It is important to give with joy from our heart. “*So let each one give as he intends in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God love a cheerful giver*” (2 Corinthians 9:7) From Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America Deptment of Stewardship, Outreach & Evangelism

Choir Notes

Choir rehearsals are scheduled for 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*.

Thought for the Week

The man who has once chosen pleasure in this life, and has not cured his inconsiderateness by repentance, places the land of the good beyond his own reach; for he has dug against himself the yawning impassable abyss of a necessity that nothing can break through.

St. Gregory of Nyssa

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

Meet by the church office next Sunday, 11/8 to carpool to the Concert at the Michigan Theatre. Also, sign up for a ticket for the Vienna Boys Choir on Sunday, 11/29. Details 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
November 1, 2009**

Orthros

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM

Church School

After Holy Communion

Epistle Reading

Cor. 12:27-31; 13:1-8

Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

Creed

English

Greeter Nov. 8

Demetra M-Rundus



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE
SS COSMAS & DAMIANOS**

UP-COMING EVENTS

Monday, November 2

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Tuesday, November 3

9:30 a.m. Philoptochos Bed Pad Sewing
12:30 p.m. Seniors Planning Meeting

Wednesday, November 4

10:30 a.m. Exercise Class
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. YAL

Thursday, November 5

5:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner
7:00 p.m. YERAC

Friday, November 6

11:00 a.m. Exercise Class
6:30 p.m. JOY Game Night
7:30 p.m. Paraklesis

Psaltis

Zannis Res

Choir

Teresa Stokes

Prosforo

Betty Manolakis

Fellowship Hour

Parish Council

Greeters Nov. 1

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