

*Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church*  
*November 8, 2009*

**Epistle** BRETHREN, if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his own will. For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere, "What is man that thou art mindful of him, or the son of man, that thou carest for him? Thou didst make him for a little while lower than the angels, thou hast crowned him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for every one. For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through suffering.

**Resurrectional Apolytikion**

Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. For in His goodness He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to raise up those who had died, by His glorious Resurrec-

**Apolytikion for Synaxis of the Archangel Michael & the other Bodiless Powers: Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Salaphiel, Jegudiel, & Barachiel**

O Chief Commanders of the heavenly armies, we the unworthy ones entreat you in earnest, that you might with your supplications fortify us, guarding us who run to you and beneath the protection of the pinions of your unmaterial glory, and who with fervor shout: Deliver us, from every danger, as Captains of the

**Gospel** Luke 8:41-56 At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

**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**

Chief Commanders of God; ministers of divine glory; guides for men and leadership of the Incorporeal; as Chief Commanders of the Incorporeal, plead for our welfare and for great mercy.

## Parish News and Events [www.stnickaa.org](http://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 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 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.

**Prayer List**

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Gabriella and Viroel Andrews, Constantine Evangelinos, Faye Sekaros, Patrick Gutierrez, Toni 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, Helen Camp.

**Our sincerest sympathies and prayers** go out to the family and friends of Dimitris, Joanne and John Alexandropoulos who died early Sunday morning in a tragic house fire. May their memories be eternal.

**Metropolis Notes**

**Hierarchical Great Vespers for St. Nectarios the Wonderworker** today, November 8th—5:00 p.m. at Assumption, St. Clair Shores. Holy Unction following vespers.

**Philoptochos**

**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.

**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.

**Church School Notes**

Every year around Thanksgiving, the children participate in "St. Nicholas Thanksgiving Food Drive", helping those people who are less fortunate than ourselves. Your child may bring one food item that has been assigned to his/her class for the next two Sundays (flyers were handed out last Sunday). The food collected by all the classes will then be given to a charity or a shelter that distributes meals to those families who are not able to provide for their families. Please support your child in this worthy cause so that we can make a difference in their lives during the holidays. All food items should be in by and no later than Sunday, Nov. 22.

**Bell Ringing for Salvation Army**

Monday, December 7th. Shifts are one (1) hour and will begin at 12 noon and end at 9:00 p.m. Please call Helen Garris at 663-0270 to schedule your time. We need all the help we can get. Thanks.



### St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Traditional Greek Christmas Cookies and Bread

This bake sale is sponsored by our Greek School to benefit our church. Last year the sale generated \$2,000 for our church. Please help us to do better.

All sales are pre-ordered and pre-paid. Order deadline is Friday, November 27, 2009. Pick up dates for cookies/bread, Sunday December 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Vasiliopita, Wednesday, Dec. 30th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Order forms are available on the table in the hallway. Please make checks payable to St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

### Choir Notes

Choir rehearsals are scheduled for Wednesday, November 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*.

### H.O.P.E.

**Sunday, Nov. 15th 12:30-2:00.**

**We will be discussing God’s covenant with Abraham. For more information contact:**

Sophia [Grias-Radwanski-sgrias@mhsi.us](mailto:Grias-Radwanski-sgrias@mhsi.us)

Or

Vasilias [Tsilimingras-vtsilimingras@yahoo.com](mailto:Tsilimingras-vtsilimingras@yahoo.com)

### 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 today 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

Heb. 2:2-10

### Gospel

Luke 8:41-56

### Creed

English

### Greeters Nov. 15

Betty Lardas

Diane Geczi



### 7TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

### SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL

### & THE OTHER BODILESS POWERS: GABRIEL, RAPHAEL, URIEL, SALAPHIEL, JEGUDIEL, & BARACHIEL

### UP-COMING EVENTS

#### Sunday, November 8

Stewardship Sunday  
Parish Council Elections  
2:00 p.m. Seniors Concert @ Hill Auditorium

#### Monday, November 9

**9:00 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy—St. Nectarios**  
Bible Study after Divine Liturgy

#### Wednesday, November 11

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

#### Thursday, November 12

7:00 p.m. Parish Council

#### Friday, November 13

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

#### Saturday, November 14

**6:00 p.m. Kickoff Dinner for 75th Anniversary**

### SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### Psaltis

Zannis Res

### Choir

Jon Wardner

### Prosforo

Diane Geczi

### Fellowship Hour

Preketes Family in honor of  
Bessie Preketes

### Greeter Nov. 8

Demetra M– Rundus

### Memorial Service

40 Days Bessie Preketes