

*Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church*  
*November 22, 2009*

**Epistle**

Ephesians 2:14-22  
 BRETHREN, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

**Resurrectional Apolytikion**

By means of Your Cross, O Lord, You abolished death. To the robber You opened Paradise. The lamentation of the myrrhbearing women You transformed, and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all that You had risen, O Christ our God, and granted the world Your 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.

**Apolytikion for Afterfeast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple**

Today is the prelude of God's pleasure and the proclamation of man's salvation. The Virgin is clearly made manifest in the temple of God and foretells Christ to all. Let us also cry out to her with mighty voice, "Hail, fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation."

**Gospel**

Luke 12:16-21  
 The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

**Kontakion**

Today, the most pure temple of the Savior, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of God, enters the house of the Lord, bringing the grace of the Divine Spirit. The Angels of God praise her. She is the heavenly tabernacle.

**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, Lucia Gagalis, Kevin Kling, Euthie Stamos, Steven Garkinos, Helen Camp.

**Wisdom from the Fathers**

Just as the Fathers lay down that perfect love knows no sin, so I for my part declare that a perfect sense of death is free from fear ... The remembrance of death, like all other blessings, is a gift of God- He who has died to all things remembers death ...

**St. John Climacus, Ladder of Divine Ascent. Step 6: On Remembrance of Death** 6th Century

**Attention:** If anyone mistakenly took any of the photos from the tables at the Kickoff Dinner Dance, please return them to either Katerina Roumanis or Presvytera Eva Paul. These photographs are part of the St. Nicholas Archives. Thank you.

# 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 Sunday November 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**

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 **December 6th**, 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. Please note date change for this activity.

**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.

**Orthodoxy 101**

Starting December 3rd, we'll be having a series on the Orthodox Faith open to all parishioners. Each session will begin with Vespers at 6:00 p.m. followed by a potluck supper followed by our talk. The first session will be Thursday, December 3 and the topic will be the Holy Eucharist. The presenter is Fr. Dean Hountalas and we hope to have childcare. More information to follow.

**Found** in the Church social hall: a French poodle brooch and a blue Adidas sport watch. Please call the office if these items belong to you.

**NO EXERCISE CLASS UNTIL  
 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2.**

**Philoptochos**

We are in need of sheets and pillowcases for the bedpads for Arbor Hospice. Please bring them to the Parish Office.

**Christmas Wreath Pickup**

Wreath orders will be available Sunday, December 6th. Please make every effort to pick them up between noon and 2:-00 p.m.

**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. **Today is the last day to bring food items for the food drive.**

NO CLASS NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH.

**PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE** for the Church School Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 20th after the Divine Liturgy. More information will be sent to parents from Chris Bilakos, our pageant coordinator.

**Daughters of Penelope**

Today is Founders Day for the Daughters of Penelope. We are sponsoring the Fellowship Hour at which time we have our annual turkey raffle.

**St. Nicholas Seniors**

Please sign up after church to attend our Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, December 8th. Let us know if you need a ride.

There are a few tickets left for the Vienna Boys' Choir at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 29th. Check at the sign up poster.

**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.

*From Transfiguration Orthodox Prayer Book  
 Compiled from various sources by Fr. Peter Gregory*

### 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, 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.

### 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*



### November 25

#### Katherine the Great Martyr of Alexandria

Saint Katherine, who was from Alexandria, was the daughter of Constat (or Cestus). She was an exceedingly beautiful maiden, most chaste, and illustrious in wealth, lineage, and learning. By

her steadfast understanding, she utterly vanquished the passionate and unbridled soul of Maximinus, the tyrant of Alexandria; and by her eloquence, she stopped the mouths of the so-called philosophers who had been gathered to dispute with her. She was crowned with the crown of martyrdom in the year 305. Her holy relics were taken by Angels to the holy mountain of Sinai, where they were discovered many years later; the famous monastery of Saint Katherine was originally dedicated to the Holy Transfiguration of the Lord and the Burning Bush, but later was dedicated to Saint Katherine. According to the ancient usage, Saints Katherine and Mercurius were celebrated on the 24th of this month, whereas the holy Hieromartyrs Clement of Rome and Peter of Alexandria were celebrated on the 25th. The dates of the feasts of these Saints were interchanged at the request of the Church and Monastery of Mount Sinai, so that the festival of Saint Katherine, their patron, might be celebrated more festively together with the Apodosis of the Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos. The Slavic Churches, however, commemorate these Saints on their original dates.

*Reading Courtesy of Holy Transfiguration Monastery*

**H.O.P.E.** will meet on Sunday, December 6th at 12:30 p.m. This session we’ll be talking about Moses. After the lesson we’ll have lunch and then an activity. Please make sure your child has appropriate play clothes. If you have any questions, contact Sophia Grias-Radwanski at sgrias@mhsi.us or Vasilias Tsilimingras at vtsilimin-

## THE SUNDAY BULLETIN November 22, 2009

### Orthros

9:00 AM

### Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM

### Church School

After Holy Communion

### Epistle Reading

Ephesians 2:14-22

### Gospel

Luke 12:16-21

### Creed

Greek

### Greeter Nov. 29

Chris Kerry



### Psaltis

Zannis Res

### Choir

Jon Wardner

### Prosforo

Pliakas Family

### Fellowship Hour

Daughters of Penelope

### Memorial Service

9 Months  
Evangelos Anastasiou

### Greeter

Sylvia Kleanthous

### NINTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

### UP-COMING EVENTS

#### Monday, November 23

10:30 a.m. Bible Study  
7:30 p.m. Bible Study

#### Wednesday, November 25

#### Feast of St. Katherine

9:00 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy  
No Greek School Today

#### Thursday, November 26

*Happy Thanksgiving*



*They will celebrate your abundant goodness  
and joyfully sing of your righteousness. Psalm 145:7*

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