

Greek School Notes



Please come to the Mardi Gras Dance on Saturday, February 6th at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are only \$30.00 for adults, \$10.00 for students, 6 years and under are free. There will be a delicious dinner and terrific music featuring our own local band. This is wonderful all family event where we can celebrate together before the start of Lent. Please contact co-chairpersons Tammy Chalagianis or Sharron Michos with any questions.

The Bookstore Recommends:

January is a time to curl up with a good book. *Way of the Ascetics* by Tito Colliander is a simple, profound exposition of the Orthodox spiritual life; *A Time of Gifts* by Patrick Leigh Fermor reflects on the author's journey at age eighteen from London to Constantinople on foot just as Hitler came into power. *Salonica, City of Ghost* by Mark Mazower is an epic tale of the sublime and tragic city of Thessaloniki after the fall of the Byzantine Empire.

We have beautiful, imported, ceramic Holy Water bowls.

FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS

The Friends of the Metropolis program is designed to help raise much-needed funds for the operation of the Metropolis of Detroit. Funds raised help pay for the operations of the Metropolis, the Metropolitan's travel expenses and the ministries of the Metropolis. Forms are available in the hallway and any amount of a donation is welcomed. Please do your best, at any giving level, to help support the ministries of Metropolitan Nicholas and the Metropolis of Detroit. God bless you!

Outreach and Evangelism

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.

How to Recognize A Stroke

If a stroke is recognized and treated within 3 hours it can be reversed

S.T.R.

S. Ask the individual to **SMILE**

T. Ask the person to **TALK A SIMPLE SENTENCE** (coherently)

R. Ask him/her to **RAISE BOTH HANDS**

If he/she has trouble with any one of these tasks call 911.

NEW SIGN OF STROKE

Stick out your tongue and if it is crooked it is a stroke.

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.

AHEPA SCHOLARSHIPS

To qualify for the AHEPA District College Scholarship **you have to be a member of the AHEPA family** (sons of Pericles, Maids of Athena, AHEPA or Daughters). If your college does not have chapters of the Sons or Maids, I encourage you to join the AHEPA or Daughters. For an application, please contact Dr. Kleanthous at c.kleanthousmd@sbcglobal.net. To Join the Daughters, call Perry Katsikas 734-995-4766 for information.

Modern Greek Program HAS CANCELLED the 8th Annual Dimitri and Irmgard Pallas Modern Greek Lecture on Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 7:00pm in the Michigan League's Vandenberg Room, located at 911 N. University on Central Campus. A lecture entitled "On Greek Friendship" will be given by Gregory Jusdanis, Arts & Humanities Distinguished Professor of Greek and Latin, Ohio State University. For more information: berlykim@umich.edu or lsa.umich.edu/modgreek

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN January 10, 2010



SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

Orthros

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM

Church School

After Holy Communion

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 4:17-13

Gospel

Matthew 4:12-17

Creed

English

Psaltis

Zannis Res

Choir

Jon Wardner

Prosforo

Betty Manolakis

Fellowship Hour

GOYA Brunch

Memorial Service

40 Days Steve Theodorou

Take heed, then, often to come together to give thanks to God, and show forth His praise. For when ye assemble frequently in the same place, the powers of Satan are destroyed, and the destruction at which he aims is prevented by the unity of your faith.

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Epistle to the Ephesians Ch. 13
2nd century

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Epistle BRETHREN, grace was given to Ephesians 4:7-13 each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (in saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Gospel At that time, Jesus heard that John Matt. 4:12-17 had been arrested, He withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth He went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Resurrectional Apolytikion

When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory to You.

Apolytikion for Afterfeast of the Theophany of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

When Thou wast baptized in the Jordan, O Lord, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest; for the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the certainty of the word. O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and hast enlightened the world, glory be to Thee.

Apolytikion for Gregory of Nyssa

O God of our Fathers, ever dealing with us according to Thy gentleness: take not Thy mercy from us, but by their entreaties guide our life in peace.

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

You appeared to the world today, and Your light, O Lord, has left its mark upon us. With fuller understanding we sing to You: "You came, You were made manifest, the unapproachable light."

Prayer List

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Gabriella and Viroel Andrews, Constantine Evangelinos, Patrick Gutierrez, Toni Kovalcheck, Angelica Stageman, Katina Eleni Hoffman, Robert Ashley, Sr., Priscilla Pardon, Pat Ricaldi, Deryl Deveau, Fotica George, Lucia Gagalis, Kevin Kling, Helen Camp, Bridget Smith, Rosaleen Baldwin, Marie Lyons, Diane Hackett, John Underhill, Christinel Dima, Steve Garkinos

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Faye Sekaros who passed away on January 3rd and was buried from our church on January 5th. May her memory be eternal.

Thought for the Week

. . . . "Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil." *Ecclesiastes 12:13-14*



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.

Prosforo needed for Sunday February 21 & 28 and all the Sundays of March.

UP-COMING EVENTS

Sun. Jan. 10	Special Collection St. Basil Academy Vasilopita Cutting GOYA Brunch 12:30—2:00 HOPE
Mon. Jan. 11	10:00 a.m. Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Bible Study
Tue. Jan. 12	7:00 p.m. Ya'ssoo Meeting 8:00 p.m. OCF
Wed. Jan. 13	10:00 a.m. Exercise Class 7:00 p.m. Philoptochos 7:30 p.m. YAL
Thur. Jan. 14	10:30 a.m. Senior Trip to Ypsilanti Historical Museum 7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting
Fri. Jan. 15	11:00 a.m. Exercise Class
Sun. Jan. 17	Blessing of the Waters 5:00 p.m. JOY

GOYA breakfast brunch immediately after church \$10 adult, \$5 children (12 and under) Omelets, waffles, hot traditional foods, fresh baked goods, accompanied by a jazz quartet. Support the youth of our parish! Please stay and enjoy the culinary specialties.

Philoptochos

Please join us for our first meeting of the New Year on Wednesday, January 13th at 7:00 p.m. All women of the parish are welcome to join us.

St. Nicholas Seniors: Sign up today in the Social Hall to visit the Ypsilanti Heritage Museum this Thursday, Jan. 14th. We will car-pool over, leaving church at 10:30 am. and go to lunch following the visit. The Demetrius Ypsilanti Archives (and other important info) will be shared with us. Also, sign up to carpool to the Ann Arbor Concert Band performance at the Michigan Theatre following Church on Sunday, January 17th. Tickets are \$5.00.

Church School Notes

The first half of the Church school curriculum has been completed.

Thank you students and parents for donating your loose change to help raise funds for St. Basil's Academy. Without the generosity of many, the Academy would not be able to carry on its wonderful work.

The children will help Philoptochos during the month of February with Forget-me-nots by making hand-made cards for the shut-ins; they will also participate in the "Sunday of Orthodoxy". Extra services scheduled during Great Lent will help those who have absences make up their time. OCMC (Orthodox Christian Mission Center) coin boxes will be given out and with the help of our children and families, the mission can continue their programs in the poorest areas of the world.

March will be a busy month for our children preparing for the St. Nicholas Parish Oratorical Festival (7th to 12th grade students); the Saturday of Lazarus Church School Communion Breakfast and our annual Holy Unction Retreat for all the children.

History of the Bible Exhibition

The exhibition "A History of the Bible from Ancient Papyri to King James" is now on display at the Audubon Room in the Library Gallery (Room 100, Hatcher Graduate Library) and will run until March 7, 2010. This is an abridged version of the former exhibit "From Papyri to King James: The Evolution of the English Bible." The exhibition features several important New Testament papyri (including two leafs from the earliest known copy of the Letters of Paul) later manuscripts, ending with the King James Bible (London, 1611). For hours of the exhibition, please go this link: <http://www.lib.umich.edu/audubon-room>