

### 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!

**GOYA** extends our warmest appreciation to the parishioners and donors who supported our brunch this past Sunday. We received many warm compliments that the atmosphere, food, jazz, and hospitality were great for all of us. The proceeds hit record numbers this year providing the opportunity for our youth group to continue developing in our spiritual faith and family.

### 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.



### Super Bowl Sunday and Chili Cook-off

Join us on Sunday, February 7th at 5:00 p.m. for our Chili Cook-off and watch the Super Bowl. Bring your favorite chili recipe to share. If your last name begins with A-H, bring chips; I-Q, bring salad stuff; R-Z, any dessert. Come for fun, fellowship and enjoy the game.



### 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*

## THE SUNDAY BULLETIN January 17, 2010



### Orthros

9:00 AM

### Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM

### Church School

After Holy Communion

### Epistle Reading

Hebrews 13:17-21

### Gospel

Luke 19:1-10

### Creed

English

### Psaltis

Zannis Res

### Choir

Jon Wardner

### Prosforo

Tasia Roumanis

Memory of

Louis Roumanis

### Fellowship Hour

Daniel & Cristinel Dima

### Memorial Service

17 Years Panagiotis

Apostolou

### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE SUNDAY

For Christ's presence is like that of some life-giving, scented balsam which restores health, enriches life and gives savor to the soul, the thoughts, the words of a man.

In brief, distance from Christ means corruption and death, and closeness to Him means salvation and life.

*Today we warmly welcome Fr. John Moutafis to our parish.*

**MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE: [www.stnickaa.org](http://www.stnickaa.org)**

**Submissions for the Sunday bulletin must be sent to: [kate@stnickaa.org](mailto:kate@stnickaa.org) by 10 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to publication**

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***Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church***  
***January 17, 2010***

**Epistle** Brethren, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**Gospel** At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

**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 for Anthony the Great**

Emulating the ways of Elias the zealot, and following the straight paths of the Baptist, O Father Anthony, thou madest of the wilderness a city, and didst support the world by thy prayers. Wherefore intercede with Christ our God that our souls be saved.

**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**

Your birth sanctified a Virgin's womb and properly blessed the hands of Symeon. Having now come and saved us O Christ our God, give peace to Your commonwealth in troubled times and strengthen those in authority, whom You love, as only the loving One.

**Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

It was with great sadness and compassion that we received the tragic news of the devastating earthquake that struck yesterday the country of Haiti, causing widespread destruction and loss of countless lives. Thousands are presumed dead, many more have lost family members, homes, and jobs, and the infrastructure and institutions of the capital city, Port-au-Prince, are in ruins.

In response to this tragedy, I ask first and foremost of the faithful of the Greek Orthodox Church in America to offer their fervent prayers for the people of Haiti. May we help them through our prayers to find heavenly solace in this hour of grief and pain, and may they find strength and hope in Him through faith and through the ministry of love and healing offered from around the world. In addition, may we also offer our prayers for the Greek Orthodox faithful and the two parishes of Haiti who are under the archpastoral leadership of His Eminence Metropolitan Athenagoras of Mexico. We pray for their safety and well-being, and for their witness and service during this difficult time.

Through prayers, gifts, and service may we respond to this tremendous crisis, knowing that our Lord will be faithful to bring comfort and healing through our witness of His love.

With paternal love in Christ,  
 † **DEMETRIOS**  
 Archbishop of America

**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.

**Prosforo** needed for Sunday February 28, March 7, 21, 25, 27.

**UP-COMING EVENTS**

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| <b>Mon. Jan. 18</b>   | <b>St. Athanasios</b><br><b>9:00 a.m. Orthros &amp; Divine Liturgy</b><br><b>NO MORNING BIBLE STUDY</b><br>7:30 p.m. Bible Study |
| <b>Tue. Jan. 19</b>   | 8:00 p.m. OCF  |
| <b>Wed. Jan. 20</b>   | 10:30 a.m. Exercise Class<br>7:30 p.m. YAL   |
| <b>Thurs. Jan. 21</b> | 6:00 p.m. Vesper Service<br>Potluck Supper<br>Discussion Holy Unction  |
| <b>Fri. Jan. 22</b>   | 11:00 a.m. Exercise Class<br>6:30 p.m. JOY Game Night<br>7:30 p.m. Paraklesis  |

**Orthodoxy 101 HOLY UNCTION**

Thursday, Jan. 21st. We'll begin with Vespers at 6:00 p.m. followed by a potluck supper and discussion on Holy Unction. Presenter is Fr. Nick.

**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, Deryl Deveau, Fotica George, Lucia Gagalis, Kevin Kling, Helen Camp, Bridget Smith, Rosaleen Baldwin, Marie Lyons, Diane Hackett, John Underhill, Cristinel Dima, Steve Garkinos

**Special Collection at St. Nicholas for Haiti Relief Sunday, Jan. 24th.** Please make checks payable to **Metropolis of Detroit** with the notation "Haiti Relief

**Philo托chos**

We still have spanakopita available. We'll be selling them today after the Divine Liturgy. \$16.00/tray. If you have any questions please call Pres. Eva Paul, 663-0821 or Diane Geczi, 747-9619.

**75th Anniversary**

Next Sunday, January 24th, the Fellowship Hour, sponsored by the 75th Anniversary Committee, will be in memory of Fr. John Paul.

Watch the bulletin for information on our February 20th Movie/Fun Night/Potluck. The festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. There will be something for everyone so please make every effort to attend.

**Church School Notes**

Thank you again to all the families and friends who helped the Church school students collect over **\$215.00** for St. Basil Academy. These much needed funds will help run and maintain the shelter as well as providing a loving Christian environment where resident children are nurtured to adulthood.

**Reminder: St. Nicholas Parish Oratorical Festival is scheduled for Sunday, March 14, 2010.** (Please note date change). All students from 7th-12 grade should have selected their Oratorical topic for their essay at this time; if you have not done so, please check the church website or ask your teacher for the materials. Thanks to Vicki Kiningham for chairing this years event.

**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>

*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.*