

Greek School Notes



Our St. Nicholas Greek School is sponsoring its annual Mardi Gras Dinner Dance, Saturday, February 6, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. Please join us for an evening filled with lots of delicious foods, great music from our wonderful band made up of parish members and many more festivities. Costumes are encouraged and welcomed. Tickets are on sale now, please buy in advance because seating is limited. Adults \$30.00; ages 13-18 \$15.00; ages 4-12 \$10.00 and ages 3 and under free. For ticket information, please contact Tammy Chalagianis 734-433-9511 or Athena Papageorgiou 734-663-2318.

The Bookstore Recommends: *The Way of the Pilgrim*, a widely influential classic of Orthodox spirituality, details the anonymous narrator's journey across Russia as he learns to practice the Jesus Prayer devoutly and begins to acquire the spirit of peace. *Wounded by Love* by the Elder Porphyrios, stands out as a simple, intelligent exploration of Orthodox spirituality. *Saints and Sisterhood* by Eva C. Topping tells the story of 42 women saints' lives. *Icons and Saints of the Eastern Orthodox Church*, a comprehensive, beautiful work on the icons of the Eastern Orthodox Church, detailing each icon's significance.

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.

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

Triodion Begins Today

The Pharisees were an ancient and outstanding sect among the Jews known for their diligent observance of the outward matters of the Law. Although, according to the word of our Lord, they "did all their works to be seen of men" (Matt. 23:5), and were hypocrites (ibid. 23: 13, 14, 15, etc.), because of the apparent holiness of their lives they were thought by all to be righteous, and separate from others, which is what the name Pharisee means. On the other hand, Publicans, collectors of the royal taxes, committed many injustices and extortions for filthy lucre's sake, and all held them to be sinners and unjust. It was therefore according to common opinion that the Lord Jesus in His parable signified a virtuous person by a Pharisee, and a sinner by a Publican, to teach His disciples the harm of pride and the profit of humble-mindedness.

Since the chief weapon for virtue is humility, and the greatest hindrance to it is pride, the divine Fathers have set these three weeks before the Forty-day Fast as a preparation for the spiritual struggles of virtue. This present week they have called Harbinger, since it declares that the Fast is approaching; and they set humility as the foundation for all our spiritual labors by appointing that the parable of the Publican and the Pharisee be read today, even before the Fast begins, to teach, through the vaunting of the Pharisee, that the foul smoke of self-esteem and the stench of boasting drives away the grace of the Spirit, strips man of all his virtue, and casts him into the pits of Hades; and, through the repentance and contrite prayer of the Publican, that humility confers upon the sinner forgiveness of all his wicked deeds and raises him up to the greatest heights.

All foods are allowed the week that follows this Sunday.
Reading Courtesy of Holy Transfiguration Monastery

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.

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. We need people to sign up for this ministry so please take part in it. Sign up sheets are in the exo-narthex. Thank you for participating.

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

January 24, 2010

Orthros

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM

Church School

After Holy Communion

Epistle Reading

II Tim. 3:10-15

Gospel

Luke 18:10-14

Creed

English



Psaltis

Zannis Res

Choir

Jon Wardner

Prosforo

Tasia Roumanis
in memory of
Louis Roumanis

Fellowship Hour

In Memory of
Fr. John Paul

Memorial Service

17 Years Panagioti
Apostolou
5 Years George C.
Spilson

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN & PHARISEE TRIODION BEGINS

Vainglory disperses the treasures of righteousness, but humility scatters the multitude of passions. Then grant that we may seek humility, O Savior, and bestow on us the portion of the Publican.

As the Publican, let us beat our breasts, crying out in compunction: O God, be merciful to us sinners, that like him, we may receive forgiveness.

Special collection today for Haiti Relief. Please make checks payable to ST. NICHOLAS with the notation "Haiti Relief."

**MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE: www.stnickaa.org
Submissions for the Sunday bulletin must be sent to:**

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Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
January 24, 2010

Epistle TIMOTHY, my son, you have
II Tim 3:10-15 observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Gospel The Lord said this parable, "Two
Luke 18:10-14 men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Resurrectional Apolytikion

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You.

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

Let us flee from the boasting of the Pharisee and learn through our own sighs of sorrow the humility of the Publican. Let us cry out to the Savior, "Have mercy on us, for through You alone are we reconciled."

Prayer List

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Gabriella and Viroel Andrews, Constantine Evangelinos, 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, Cristinel Dima, Steve Garkinos, Jackson Bafile

Wisdom from the Fathers

It is possible for those who have come back again after repentance to shine with much lustre, and oftentimes more than those who have never fallen at all, I have demonstrated from the divine writings. Thus at least both the publicans and the harlots inherit the kingdom of Heaven, thus many of the last are placed before the first.

St. John Chrysostom, AN EXHORTATION TO THEODORE AFTER HIS FALL 4th Century

We extend our deepest sympathies to the Arhangelos family on the death of Zoe Katerina, daughter of Theo and Jamie Arhangelos. May her memory be eternal.

Thought for the Week

"Yet even now," says the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments."

We apologize for the mistakes in last Sunday's bulletin. The Prosforo was offered by Theanne Ballios and the memorial service for Panagioti Apostolou is this Sunday, January 24th.

Congratulations to Ben and Maya Curtis on the birth of their daughter, January 16th.



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 Feb. 28, March 7, 21, 25 and 28.

UP-COMING EVENTS

Sun. Jan. 24	4:00 p.m. GOYA Bible Study
Mon. Jan. 25	St. Gregory 9:00 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Bible Study
Tue. Jan. 26	8:00 p.m. OCF
Wed. Jan. 27	10:00 a.m. Exercise Class 7:00 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting 7:30 p.m. YAL
Thur. Jan. 28	7:00 p.m. PPM
Fri. Jan. 29	11:00 a.m. Exercise Class 6:30 p.m. JOY Game Night
Sat. Jan. 30	Three Hierarchs 9:00 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy

Scout Sunday, February 7th

The Boy Scouts of America have designated Sunday, February 7th as Scout Sunday. This is the day to recognize the contributions of young boys and adults to Scouting. Are you a cub scout, a boy scout, an Eagle scout, a Scout leader? Were you a boy scout or leader years ago? Please let Niki Wardner know by calling, 973-8039, or email, wardner35@msn.com We plan to recognize boy scouts and leaders on Sunday, February 7th to help mark the 100th Anniversary of Scouting in America. Please wear your uniforms.

HOPE will meet Sunday, February 14th from 12:30 to 2:00. We'll be discussing Ruth and her love for God. Lunch will be provided.

Philoptochos

Thank you for supporting our bake sale. Your generosity has made it possible for Philoptochos to donate \$5,000.00 to Haiti. Because of you, we have the honor of sharing with those in need.

Thank you for giving to the Academy of St. Basil through our Vasilopeta and special collection.

St. Nicholas Seniors please sign up on the poster in the social hall to attend the "Valentine Dessert" on Tuesday, February 9th. Time: 1:00 p.m. and no cost. We will be "Remembering" our St. Nicholas Church through the years. Information is on the poster.

Church School Notes

Reminder: St. Nicholas Parish Oratorical Festival is scheduled for Sunday, March 14, 2010. (Please note the date change.) All students from 7th to 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 year's event.

An error was made in the St. Basil Coin collection count. The students rased \$160.00. We apologize for the error. I would also like to thank Mrs. Diana Rooks and Mrs. Jenifer Michos for assisting and providing the materials needed. Each class was given a Vasilopita loaf with a coin in it. The following students received a coin: **Alexis Perakis (Pre-sch), Marisa Cotitsas (K-1); Zoe Michos (2-3), Nicoletta Michos (4-5), Juliana Patselas (6-7), Cara Pliakas (8-9)and Kevin Kiningham and Alexander Mitropoulos-Rundus (10-12).**

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>