

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.

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.

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.

U-M Modern Greek Program

If you love Greek poetry, save the date for The 8th Annual Dimitri and Irmgard Pallas Modern Greek Lecture. This year's lecture will be "The Norton Anthology of Greek Poetry: Translations, Anthologies and their Critical Excess." Presenter is Professor Karen Van Dyck of Columbia University and will be held on Thursday, Feb. 22 at 4:00 p.m. Rm. 3222, Angell Hall, U-M Central Campus. The event is FREE and open to the public.

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.

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.

GOYA News

Bible Study at 4:00 p.m. today. Our meeting will be at 5:00 p.m. in the conference room. Activity immediately following will be the family participation and fellowship of the Super Bowl and Chili Cook-off. If your last name begins with A-H, bring chips; I-Q, bring salad, R—Z, any, dessert

Honoring our commitment with our 75th Anniversary celebration, GOYA will be hosting the fellowship on March 7th. Parents of GOYA members are asked to contact advisor Laura Kokkales at Kokkales@umich.edu to sign up to help.

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.

Great Lent begins Monday, February 15th. We'll begin our Lenten journey with Great Compline and Forgiveness Service followed by a Strict Fast Lenten Supper. Please bring a dish to pass.

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BREAD, PEANUT BUTTER AND JAMS WILL BE PROVIDED.

Lenten Services

Let us walk with Him together throughout Great Lent in all the Church Services.

On the first five Fridays of Great Lent we will honor the Blessed Mother of God the Virgin Mary with Salutation (Hairetismoi) Services and the Akathist Hymn. On the first five Wednesdays we will participate in the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy and on the first five Mondays we will have a Great Compline service. Please plan to attend these beautiful services. Again this year we shall have Lenten Discussions following nearly all the services during the week.

AT THIS TIME WE ARE ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR THE FLOWERS THAT WILL DECORATE OUR CHURCH AND ICONS DURING GREAT LENT AND HOLY WEEK. PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN DONATING FLOWERS FOR ANY OF THESE SERVICES.

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN February 7, 2010

Orthros

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM

Church School

After Holy Communion

Epistle Reading

I Cor. 8:8-13; 9:1-2

Gospel

Matt. 25:31-46

Creed

Greek



JUDGMENT SUNDAY

Do not reject me from Your presence, in anger, Lord; do not let me hear You sending me away accursed to the fire. But let me then enter with Your saints into the joy of Your eternal bridal-chamber.

My mind is wounded, my body has grown feeble, my spirit is sick, my speech has lost its power, my life is dead. The end is at the door, and what shall you do then, miserable soul, when the Judge comes to examine your deeds?

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Submissions for the Sunday bulletin must be sent to:

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Psaltis

Zannis Res

Choir

Jon Wardner

Prosforo

Pliakas Family

Fellowship Hour

Hauck & Wardner Families

Memorial Service

1 Year Evangelos

Anastasiou

Artoklasia

In Honor of

St. Haralambos

Bob Tsaropoulos

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

February 7, 2010

Epistle Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Gospel The Lord said, "When the Son of man Matt. 25:31-46 comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will

answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Resurrectional Apolytikion

When You descended unto death, O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You.

Apolytikion for Afterfeast of the Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple

Lady full of grace, rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, for Christ our God, the Sun of righteousness has risen from you and He illumined those in darkness. And you, righteous Elder, be glad in heart, receiving in your embraces the One who liberates our souls and bestows on us the Resurrection.

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.

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, John Underhill, Cristinel Dima, Steve Garkinos, Jackson Bafile, Brian Melzian, Constantine Vintzel

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.

UP-COMING EVENTS

Sun. Feb. 7	4:00 p.m. GOYA Bible Study 5:00 p.m. Chili Cook-Off/Super Bowl
Mon. Feb. 8	NO A.M. Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Bible Study
Tue. Feb. 9	12:30 p.m. Senior Planning 7:00 p.m. Ya'ssoo Meeting 8:00 p.m. OCF
Wed. Feb. 10	St. Haralambos 9:00 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m. Exercise Class 7:00 p.m. Philoptochos 7:30 p.m. YAL
Thur. Feb. 11	7:00 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m. Parish Council
Fri. Feb. 12	NO Exercise Class 6:30 p.m. JOY Game Night
Sat. Feb. 13	Second Saturday of Souls 9:00 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy

Stewardship Commitment for 2010

"Come and See"... We ask that you prayerfully decide the portion of God's gifts to you that you will offer to His Church through the Christian Stewardship Program of our Parish.

If you have not completed a Stewardship Commitment Card for 2010, please take the time to make your offering today and enable our Church to continue to enhance the spiritual growth of the Orthodox Christians entrusted to our care.

If you have submitted a 2010 Stewardship Commitment Card, we thank you for the support to the Ministries of St. Nicholas. Your Stewardship provides the foundation for our service in the Lord. More information and forms are available on the displays by the social hall and on the web at www.stnickaa.org

Philoptochos

Please join us after Church today to sign Valentine cards for our Forget-Me-Nots.

On Wednesday, Feb. 10th we have our monthly business meeting at 7:00 p.m. We hope you will share your ideas and enthusiasm as an active participant of Philoptochos.

St. Nicholas Seniors please sign up today on the poster in the social hall to attend the "Valentine Dessert" this 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 Reminders

March: Oratorical Parish festival is scheduled for Sunday, March 14 at 10:00 a.m. sharp. Also, Saturday, March 27 is the Saturday of Lazarus Church school Communion Breakfast (Please attend as a family), and Wednesday, March 31, is Holy Unction Church school Retreat for all grades at 4:00 p.m.

75th Anniversary Notes

Join us on **Saturday, February 20th** as we continue to celebrate our 75th Anniversary with a Family Fun/ Movie Night. Please bring a Lenten dish to pass, with enough food to serve 10 people. If your last name begins with:

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The committee will be at the church at 5:00 p.m. to accept your Lenten dish.

An Evening to Remember

We are looking for artifacts from the 30's, 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's to use for our 75th celebration "An Evening to Remember." Make sure your name is on any items you turn in so that we can return them to you whether they are used or not. Please submit pictures by **Sunday, February 21st** to either Presbyteria Eva Paul or Tula Prokos. Thank you.

Prosforo needed for Sunday March 7, 21 and 28.

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of our former parishioner, Jack Lloyd, who passed away February 3rd. *May his memory be eternal.*

