

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 21 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

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.

Mark your calendars for dance practices March 6 and 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

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.

Lenten 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.

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

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.

Lenten Prayer of St. Ephraim

O Lord and master of my life! Dispel from me the spirit of discouragement and slothfulness, of ambition and vain talk! Instead, give me the spirit of prudence and humility, of patience and charity. Yes, my king and Lord, let me look at my own sins and refrain from judging others: For you are bless'd unto ages of ages, amen. O God, have mercy on me, a sinner! O God, in your mercy wipe out my sins! I have sinned very often, Lord; forgive me!

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN February 14, 2010

Orthros

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM

Church School

After Holy Communion

Epistle Reading

Romans 13:11-14;
14:1-4

Gospel

Matt. 6:14-21

Creed

English



Psaltis

Zannis Res

Choir

Jon Wardner

Prosforo

Panagiotti Apostolou

Fellowship Hour

Mary Hays

Memorial Service

5 Years Garafilia Tsar-
bopoulos

3 Years Kaliroe Ballios

1 Year Helene Reader

40 Days Faye Sekaros

FORGIVENESS SUNDAY

Great Lent Monday, February 15th

6:30 p.m. Great Compline

Forgiveness Service

Strict Fast Lenten Supper

Please bring a dish to pass

A THROUGH D SLICED VEGETABLES AND RELISHES
E THROUGH G BEAN OR LENTIL SOUP
H THROUGH N LENTEN VEGETABLE DISHES
O THROUGH Q PASTA DISHES
R THROUGH Z FRUIT, HALVAH, DESSERTS
BREAD, PEANUT BUTTER AND JAMS WILL BE PROVIDED.

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Note: Due to a schedule change, the Presanctified Divine Liturgy on Wednesdays during Lent will be at 6:30 p.m. except for Wednesday, March 3rd when it will be at 5:30 p.m.

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Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

February 14, 2010

Epistle

Romans 13:11-14;
14:1-4

Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast

off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for God is able to make him stand.

Gospel

The Lord said, "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

"And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Let the heavens sing for joy, and let everything on earth be glad. For with His Arm the Lord has worked power. He trampled death under foot by means of death; and He became the firstborn from the dead. From the maw of Hades He delivered us; and He granted the world His 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.

Kontakion

O Master, Prudence, Guide of Wisdom, Instruction to the foolish and Defender of the poor, strengthen my heart and grant it discernment. Give me words, Word of the Father, for behold, I shall not keep my lips from crying out to You, "O Merciful One, have mercy on me who has fallen."

Prosforo needed for Sunday March 7, 21 and 28.

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

Thought for the Week

This is the time of repentance.
This is the day of salvation.
This is the beginning of the fast.
Be vigilant, my soul!

Close the door of your passions, and seek the Lord.

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. 14** No HOPE Meeting Today
- Mon. Feb. 15** 6:30 p.m. Great Compline
Forgiveness Service
Strict Fast Lenten Supper
- Tue. Feb. 16** 8:00 p.m. OCF
- Wed. Feb. 17** 6:30 p.m. Presanctified Divine Liturgy
Church History 1-330 AD
- Thur. Feb. 18** 7:00 p.m. Choir
- Fri. Feb. 19** 7:30 p.m. First Salutations
Canon Law—Introduction
- Sat. Feb. 20** 3rd Saturday of Souls
9:00 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy
5:30 p.m. 75th Anniversary Potluck & Movie/Fun Night
- Sun. Feb. 21** Sunday of Orthodoxy
12:30 p.m. HOPE

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 has trays of spanikopita for sale. If you are interested in buying one, please contact Diane Geczi or a Philoptochos member. Trays are \$16.00 each.

This semester's Student Dinner is on Wednesday, March 3rd following the 5:30 p.m. Presanctified Divine Liturgy. All college students are invited to come and enjoy an evening of home cooked food and warm fellowship. Please contact Athena Papageorgiou for any questions about this event or if you would like to donate a dish to share. 734-368-4668

St. Nicholas Seniors

Sign up during the coffee hour to attend the Lenten Luncheon scheduled for Tuesday, March 2nd at noon in the social hall. Cost is \$5.00. Fr. Nick will offer a presentation entitled "An Exploration of St. Nicholas". You won't want to miss this!

Church School Reminders

Sunday, Feb. 21 is the Sunday of Orthodoxy. Students in K-12 should bring their icons to church that day.

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:

A THROUGH D FRUIT, HALVAH, DESSERTS
E THROUGH G SLICED VEGETABLES AND RELISHES
H THROUGH N BEAN OR LENTIL SOUP
O THROUGH Q LENTEN VEGETABLE DISHES
R THROUGH Z PASTA DISHES

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 Presbytera Eva Paul or Tula Prokos. Thank you.

