

**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.

#### 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.

#### 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 ex-narthex. Thank you for participating.

#### Church School News and Reminders:

Today the children will be bringing home an O.C.M.C. (Orthodox Christian Mission Center) Coin box that will be used to help raise funds for their mission work around the world. We participate every year during Lent for this worthy cause, so that we may remember others who are less fortunate than ourselves and reflect on our own blessings.

**Reminders:** Throughout Lent, there are services that the children can attend to help with absences. Please check the website calendar for dates and sign your name in the book provided in the Narthex.

**The Parish Oratorical Festival** is scheduled for Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. sharp. The 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students need to be here by 9:45 a.m. in order that we may start on time. All other students (Preschool to 6<sup>th</sup>) grade should report to their classes as it will begin at 10:00 a.m.

#### Congratulations

To Steve and Lynn Perakis on the birth of their son, George Stavros on 2-10-10.

#### GOYA News

Honoring our commitment with our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, GOYA will be hosting the fellowship on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Parents of GOYA members are asked to contact advisor Laura Kokkales at [Kokkales@umich.edu](mailto: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](mailto:c.kleanthousmd@sbcglobal.net). To Join the Daughters, call Perry Katsikas 734-995-4766 for information.

#### Canticle Six for the Sunday of Orthodoxy

Once more the Master's countenance is depicted, venerated and honored with faith; once more the Church regains her boldness of approach to God, reverently glorifying the Savior!

The Church of Christ is delivered from the dark dependency of heresy: she puts on a robe of gladness, and is clothed in the light of divine grace.

Through the decision of the Empress Theodora and her pious son the Emperor Michael, the Orthodox people regained the light and glory which it had of old.

#### 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!

#### NO CELL PHONES

It has come to my attention that students are bringing cell phones and trying to text during church school (some have tried in the altar as well). There is **ABSOLUTLEY NO NEED FOR A CHILD TO HAVE A CELL PHONE IN CHURCH.** It is disruption to the class and disrespectful in church. Make sure your child does not have a cell phone in church or church school and make sure yours is turned off during the service.

- Fr. Nick

## THE SUNDAY BULLETIN February 21, 2010

#### Orthros

9:00 AM

#### Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM

#### Church School

After Holy Communion

#### Epistle Reading

Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40

#### Gospel

John 1:43-51



SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

#### Psaltis

Zannis Res

#### Choir

Jon Wardner

#### Prosforo

Betty Manolakis

#### Fellowship Hour

Parish Council

#### Creed

English

WELCOME! TO OUR VISITORS FROM ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
IN ANN ARBOR.

#### Lenten 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 the services. **T = Taken**

Friday, Feb. 26

Friday, Mar. 6

Friday, Mar. 12

Friday, Mar. 19

Sunday Mar. 7

Sunday, Mar. 28

Sunday, Mar. 28

Tuesday, Mar. 30

Thursday, Apr. 1

Thursday, Apr. 1

Apr. 3 & 4

Apr. 4

Second Salutations

Third Salutations

Fourth Salutations

Akathist Hymn

Cross Tray Daffodils (T)

Palms (T)

Bridegroom Service

Bridegroom Service

Holy Thursday Icon

Holy Thursday Crucifixion Wreath (T)

Resurrection Icon

Wreath for Resurrection Standard (T)

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## *Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church*

*February 21, 2010*

### Epistle

Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -- who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated -- of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

### Gospel

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from

Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

### Resurrectional Apolytikion

When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and had rejected the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly: Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world.

### Apolytikion for the Sunday of Orthodoxy

We worship Thine immaculate icon, O Good One, asking the forgiveness of our failings, O Christ our God; for of Thine own will Thou wast well-pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, that Thou mightest deliver from slavery to the enemy those whom Thou hadst fashioned. Wherefore, we cry to Thee thankfully: Thou didst fill all things with joy, O our Saviour, when Thou camest to save the world.

### 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

To you, Theotokos, invincible Defender, having been delivered from peril, I, your city, dedicate the victory festival as a thank offering. In your irresistible might, keep me safe from all trials, that I may call out to you: "Hail, unwedded bride!"

### 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 Riccaldi, Deryl Deveau, Fotica George, Kevin Kling, Helen Camp, Bridget Smith, Rosaleen Baldwin, Marie Lyons, John Underhill, Cristinel Dima, Steve Garkinos, Jackson Bafile, Brian Melzian, Constantine Vintzel, Ryan Roberts, John Evans

**We express our deepest sympathy:** to the family of Lucia Gagalis who passed away February 14th and was buried from St. Nicholas February 17th. May her memory be eternal; to George Dendrinis family on the death of George's mother, Anthoula who died February 17th. Her funeral is Monday, Feb. 21 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Nicholas. May her memory be eternal.

## 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.

### UP-COMING EVENTS

<b>Sun. Feb. 21</b>	<b>12:30 p.m. HOPE</b> 5:00 p.m. JOY
<b>Mon. Feb. 22</b>	6:30 p.m. Great Compline Bible Study 7:00 p.m. 75th Anniversary Committee Meeting
<b>Tue. Feb. 23</b>	7:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting 8:00 p.m. OCF
<b>Wed. Feb. 24</b>	10:30 a.m. Exercise Class 6:30 p.m. Presanctified Divine Liturgy Church History 330-787 AD
<b>Thur. Feb. 25</b>	7:00 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m. Physical Plant & Maintenance Meeting
<b>Fri. Feb. 26</b>	11:00 a.m. Exercise Class 7:30 p.m. Second Salutations Canon Law—Organization & Administration

### 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](http://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 10th following the 5:30 p.m. Presanctified Divine Liturgy. (Date changed due to a conflict with U of M Spring break.) 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!

### 75th Anniversary Notes

#### 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 today, **Sunday, February 21st** to either Presbyteria Eva Paul or Tula Prokos. Thank you.

### 75th Anniversary Fellowship Hour Calendar

March 7	GOYA/YAL
April 18	Church School/Greek School
May 9	Walkathon
May 16	Philoptochos
June 13	Altar Boys
June 20	AHEPA/Daughters
September 2	JOY/HOPE
October 10	Founders
October 24	Choir/Psaltes
November 7	Past Presidents/Council
December 19	Fr. Nicolaos Kotsis 5th Anniversary

**Prosforo** needed for Sunday March 7, 21 and 28.

*"Christian love is the 'possible impossibility' to see Christ in another man, whoever he is..." Alexander Schmemmann, Great Lent 20th Century*