

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.

Church School News and Reminders:

The children should have brought home an O.C.M.C. (Orthodox Christian Mission Center) Coin box that will be used to help raise funds for the Orthodox 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. Please support your children in this Lenten project and remind them to put their coins in the boxes. All coin boxes must be returned to the teachers by April 11th.

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 14th, at 10:00 a.m. sharp. The 7th – 12th grade students need to be here by 9:45 a.m. in order that we may start on time. All other students (Preschool to 6th) grade should report to their classes as it will begin at 10:00 a.m.

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 **ABSOLUTELY 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.

GOYA News

Bible Study today at 4:00 p.m. Walk in the Light discussion with Fr. Nick, following the Liturgy.

On Sunday, March 7th we'll have Bible Study at 4:00 p.m. followed by our meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Reminders:

March 7th the fellowship hour will be hosted by the GOYA members. If your child is a member, please support our commitment by providing a \$10 donation toward the food and beverages. Please see advisor Laura Kokkales. Also, if anyone can bring 2 dozen unfrosted cupcakes on Saturday, March 6 between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. it would be appreciated.

Mark you calendar for Saturdays March 6th and 13th for dance lessons which are conducted at 11:30-1:30 p.m. in the social hall. Please plan to attend.

Luminary Candles for Good Friday are now available for \$5 per bag for 2 full names.

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.

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!

Epitaphion Anyone interested in decorating the Epitaphion April 2nd, please call the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN February 28, 2010

Orthros

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM

Church School

After Holy Communion

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 1:10-14; 2:1-3

Gospel

Mark 2:1-12

Creed

English



SUNDAY OF ST. GREGORY PALAMAS

Thought for the Week

Having undertaken the spiritual fast, brethren, let us speak no lies with our tongues, nor give each other a cause for scandal. But illumining the light of our souls through repentance, let us cry to Christ with our tears: Remit our falls in sin, lover of mankind.

Flowers for 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, 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

Third Salutations

Fourth Salutations

Akathist Hymn (T)

Cross Tray Daffodils (T)

Palms (T)

Bridegroom Service (T)

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Holy Thursday Icon

Holy Thursday Crucifixion Wreath (T)

Resurrection Icon

Wreath for Resurrection Standard (T)

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Psaltis

Zannis Res

Choir

Jon Wardner

Prosforo

Diane Geczi

Fellowship Hour

Ballios, Engelke & Price
Families

Memorial Service

40 Days Zoe Katerina
Arhangelos

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

February 28, 2010

Epistle

Hebrews 1:10-14; 2:1-3

"IN THE BEGINNING, you O Lord, didst found the earth, and the heavens are the work of thy hands; they will perish, but thou

remainest; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle thou wilt roll them up, and they will be changed. But thou art the same, and thy years will never end." But to what angel has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand, till I make thy enemies a stool for thy feet?" Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation? Therefore we must pay closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him.

Gospel

Mark 2:1-12

At that time, Jesus entered Capernaum and it was reported that he was at home.

And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? It is a blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins'-he said to the paralytic-"I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Charlene Poulos who passed away February 19th and was buried from St. Nicholas on February 26th. May her memory be eternal.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. For in His goodness He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to raise up those who had died, by His glorious Resurrection.

Apolytikion for the Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas

O Gregory the Miracle Worker, light of Orthodoxy, support and teacher of the Church, comeliness of Monastics, invincible defender of theologians, the pride of Thessalonica, and preacher of grace, intercede forever that our souls may 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.

For the Memorial "O Lord, rest the soul of your servant and forgive whatever wrong she has committed in life. There is no one sinless, except you, Give rest to those who have fallen asleep."

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 Ricaldi, 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

Congratulations. . .to Ben & Maya Curtis on the Churching of their daughter, Lavanya Ann and to Michael & Demaris Kasotakis on the Churching of their daughter, Ariana.

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. 28	GOYA "Walk in the Light"
Mon., Mar. 1	7:30 p.m. Great Compline Bible Study
Tues., Mar. 2	9:30 .m. Bed Pad Sewing 12 Noon Seniors Lenten Luncheon
Wed., Mar. 3	6:30 p.m. Presanctified Divine Liturgy Church History—787-1453
Thurs., Mar. 4	7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. YERAC 7:00 p.m. 75th Anniversary Committee
Fri., Mar. 5	11:00 a.m. Exercise Class 7:30 p.m. 3rd Salutations Canon Law—Canon on Dogma
Sat., Mar. 6	11:30 a.m. GOYA Dance 3:00 p.m. Greek School Dance
Sun., Mar. 7	4:00 p.m. GOYA Bible Study 5:00 p.m. GOYA Fellowship

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 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

75th Anniversary Notes

An Evening to Remember

1935-2010—Open House, Sunday March 14th from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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

Daughters of Penelope

Annual Tsourekis Sale

Please place your order by March 21. Pick up date is Palm Sunday, March 28. Cost is \$10.00 per one pound loaf. Payment must be included with your order. Make checks payable to the Daughters of Penelope. All proceeds benefit the Daughters of Penelope Charities. Order forms are on the table in the hallway and when completed can be placed in the hat box. If you have questions, please call 734-995-4766. Thank you for your support.

St. Nicholas Seniors

Sign up today 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!