

# Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

JANUARY 27, 2008

## Epistle Reading

Heb. 7:26-28; 8:1-2

Brethren, it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

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## 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

## Apolytikion for the Removal of the Relics of John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople

The grace of your words illuminated the universe like a shining beacon. It amassed treasures of munificence in the world. It demonstrated the greatness of humility, teaching us by your own words; therefore, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede to Christ the Logos for the salvation of our souls.

## Apolytikion of the Church

The truth of your manner of life manifested you to your 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.

## Gospel Reading

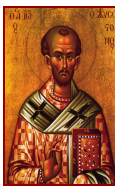
Luke 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

## Wisdom from the Fathers

In this reading we note Zacchaeus' sense of eager expectation, the intensity of his desire to see our Lord, and we apply this to ourselves. If, as we prepare for Lent, there is real eagerness in our hearts, if we have an intense desire for a clearer vision of Christ, then our hopes will be fulfilled during the fast; indeed, we shall, like Zacchaeus, receive far more than we expect.

## Bishop Kallistos of Diokleia, *The Meaning of the Great Fast from the Lenten Triodion*



January 27

## Removal of the Relics of John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople

This event took place on this day in the year 438, when Saint Theodosius the Younger had been Emperor for thirty years; he was the son of Arcadius, and Eudoxia, who had exiled Saint John. The Archbishop of Constantinople at that time was Proclus, who had been the Saint's disciple.



# 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.

## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP:

Everyone's Responsibility!

If you have not completed your pledge for 2007, please try and do so as soon as possible.

Pledge cards have been mailed for 2008. If you did not receive one, please see a member of the parish council or call Kate at the office for the form to make your pledge. Without stewardship. We cannot finance our operations. Everyone's best effort is required. Thank you!

**Prosforo is needed for April 13**

**Fellowship Hour** sponsor needed for Sunday February 24, March 2, 16, 23 and 30.

## Saint Nicholas Church School

For the next two Sundays, the children from Pre-school to 9th grade with help Philoptochos send Forget-Me-Nots to our shut-ins by making special, one of a kind Valentine cards.

Also, a reminder that the Parish Oratorical-Festival is scheduled for Sunday, March 9th. The students from 7th to 12th grade are required to write an essay on a topic from their Oratorical packet and are encouraged to participate by reading their essay at the Parish Oratorical Festival.

## Saint Nicholas Byzantine Music Classes

This is the second "semester" for the Byzantine Music classes taught by Peter Hasiakos. Anyone interested in learning more about Byzantine Music and chanting should attend. There is only a minimal cost for the price of the coursepack. The class meets every Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.

## Saint Nicholas Philoptochos Notes

The Children's Cardiac Draw will be held on February 10. Donations of games, toys, etc. to be used in the raffle are welcome.

Ladies, please wear red on Sunday, February 10th as a symbol of support for the American Heart Association "Go Red For Women" campaign to increase awareness of heart disease, the No. 1 killer of American women.

"Cell Phones for Soldiers" will be the Philoptochos Community Care project between NOW and July 2008. We will be collecting old cell phones and accessories which will be redeemable toward calling cards for our troops abroad. Please drop off your cell phones in the box located outside the social hall. For further information, contact Jarnis Gutierrez, 677-2581 or email [jogs@umich.edu](mailto:jogs@umich.edu) or [Joan Raphael, 483-0923 or jraphael810@comcast.net](mailto:JoanRaphael483-0923@comcast.net)

## Saint Nicholas Youth Programs

**G.O.Y.A. Bible Study:** Jan. 27th at 4:00 p.m.

**Please Join Father Nick on Sunday, Feb. 17th at 3:00 p.m. for the second G.O.Y.A. Parent Meeting.** We'll view the PBS Frontline documentary *Merchants of Cool* and discover how materialism and commercialism may lead to diminished feelings of self esteem and self worth in children. There will be a quick discussion period following the documentary. These attitudes of materialism and consumerism cause us to lose our focus on Christ which is contrary to the Church's teaching that the purpose of life is to glorify God.

**G.O.Y.A. Meeting** February 3rd at 5:00 p.m. Fellowship will be the Chili Cook-Off at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Super Bowl.

**H.O.P.E.** will meet on Sunday, February 3rd from 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. We will be discussing Jesus' love for us and making Valentines for the shut-ins. Lunch will be provided. For more information contact Sophia Grias-Radwanski at [sgrias@mhsi.us](mailto:sgrias@mhsi.us) or Vasilisa Tsilimingras at [vtsilimingras@yahoo.com](mailto:vtsilimingras@yahoo.com).

**Saint Nicholas Choir Notes**  
**Senior Choir**



Any interested parishioner, ages 12 and up, is encouraged to join the Senior Choir. We do not have auditions — simply come to rehearsal. Some musical experience is preferred, but not required. Knowledge of the Greek language is NOT necessary — all our music has English phonetics, and we sing parts of the Divine Liturgy in English. Please join us!

**Junior Choir** Anyone interested in joining the junior choir is welcome to come to rehearsals on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 6:30 p.m.—7:15 p.m. Our next rehearsal is January 23rd. We hope to see you there!

**The Saint Nicholas Bookstore Recommends:** Vefa Alexiadou's Greek Cuisine (new copies in stock) and *Sunny Mediterranean*. For your children' *Christina's True Heroes* by Maria C. Khoury, featuring colorful Byzantine icons explaining, in children's language, the lives of women saints and helps children get to know the champions who place God first in their lives. A popular gift for a godchild, grandchild, or friend is *Painted Words and Spoken Memories* by Greek-American children's author Aliki, the story of how she, daughter of Greek immigrants in Philadelphia, began school without knowing English.

We have icons of some of this month's saints, including Basil, Gregory, Athanasios and the Three Hierarchs. You can place an order for an icon of a favorite saint.

**Shopping for St. Nicholas**

Support "Shopping for St. Nicholas" by buying Scrip Gift cards. We have a variety of cards on hand including Borders, Kohls, Macys, Star Bucks, Bed, Bath and Beyond, Olive Garden and More. These make great gifts as well. If we don't have the cards you want, we can place an order for you. Visit the "Shopping for St. Nicholas" desk during the fellowship hour after the Divine Liturgy on Sundays.

**A.H.E.P.A. News**

**A.H.E.P.A. Lamb Luncheon** sponsored by the Ann Arbor A.H.E.P.A. Chapter #195 will be held in the Social Hall on Sunday February 17, 2008 following the Divine Liturgy. Proceeds from this event will go towards the mortgage reduction and the AHEPA scholarships. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. Please contact Costas Boutsikakis-604-8737 or Christos Philippou-309-3032 for details and tickets.

Attention College/University Students — anyone interested in applying for a scholarship, please contact Costas Boutsikakis at 604-8737 for an application.

**Summer Programs for Our Youth**  
**CrossRoad**

Attention High School Juniors and Seniors— *Take the Challenge of Your Life!!* CrossRoad is a ten-day Orthodox Christian summer program where you focus on Christ and His calling for your life. As a CrossRoad participant, you'll explore your vocation with: 1) mini-classes taught by Orthodox Christian professors; 2) visits to Orthodox Churches in the Boston area; 3) community outreach projects; 4) field trips exploring the Boston area; 5) spiritual reflection. There are two sessions: June 21-July 1, 2008 or July 5-15, 2008. Application deadline is March 1, 2008. If interested, please download the application at [www.crossroad.hchc.edu](http://www.crossroad.hchc.edu). Expenses, except travel to Boston, are covered.

**Ionian Village Orthodox Summer Camp in Greece**

Please visit [www.IONIANVILLAGE.org](http://www.IONIANVILLAGE.org) to register!

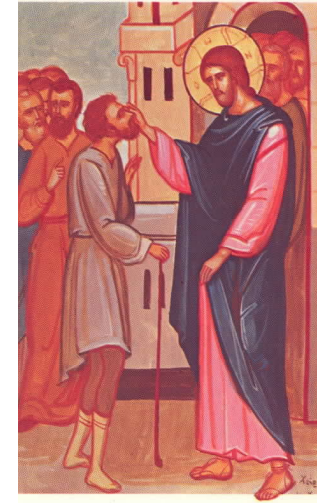
**Register before March 7th to receive the Early Bird discount rate!**

*Summer Travel Camp:* June 27th through July 17th

*Byzantine Venture:* July 26th through August 14th.

Both sessions open to campers who have completed 7th through 12th grade.

**THE SUNDAY BULLETIN**  
**JANUARY 27, 2008**



**Orthros** 9:00 AM

**Divine Liturgy** 10:00 AM

**Church School**  
Following Communion

**Epistle Reading**  
Heb. 7:26-28; 8:1-2

**Gospel Reading**  
Luke 19:1-10

**Creed**  
Greek

**Psaltis**  
Zannis Res

**Choir**  
Dr. Jon Wardner

**Prosforo**  
Panagioti Apostolou

**Fellowship Hour**  
Ballios, Engelke & Price  
Families

**14TH SUNDAY OF LUKE**  
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, Jan. 27**

**G.O.Y.A. Basketball Practice — 2-4 @Central Academy**  
**G.O.Y.A. Bible Study after practice at Petropoulos home**

**Monday, Jan. 28**

Weekly Bible Study with Father Nick— 10:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, Jan. 29**

Y'assoo Greek Festival 2008—7:00 p.m.  
Saint Nicholas Young Adult League (Y.A.L.) 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 30**

**Three Hierarchs**  
Orthros & Divine Liturgy—10:00 a.m.  
Saint Nicholas Byzantine Music—8:00 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 1**

Saint Nicholas Senior Exercise—11:00 a.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 2**

**Presentation of Our Lord**  
**Orthros & Divine Liturgy—10:00 a.m.**

**Submissions for the Sunday bulletin must be sent to:**  
**[kate@stnickaa.org](mailto:kate@stnickaa.org) by 10 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to publication.**

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