

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

FEBRUARY 3, 2008

Epistle Reading

1 Cor. 6:1-10

BRETHREN, working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

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 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 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.

Gospel Reading

Matt. 25:14-30

The Lord said this parable: "A man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.'" As he said these things he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

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.

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.

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.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP:

Everyone's Responsibility!

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

Metropolitan Kallistos (Ware) of Diokleia

Will be visiting the Metropolis of Detroit on **Monday February 18th**. Book-signing at 6:30 pm, Vespers at 7:00 pm and he will speak on preparing for Great Lent following the Vespers—all at St. John Church in Sterling Heights. Don't miss it!

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

Saint Nicholas Church School

Families are reminded that the **Church School curriculum for the children begins at 10:00 a.m. by attending the Divine Liturgy and classes immediately following Communion**. Also, the Parish Oratorical Festival is scheduled for Sunday, March 9. **ALL** students in 7-12 grade are required to write an essay on a topic from their Oratorical packet and encouraged to participate by reading their essay at the Parish Oratorical Festival. Teachers are helping students prepare their topics and we would appreciate the parents help, support and encouragement.

Saint Nicholas Seniors monthly Planning/Discussion meeting is Tues, Feb. 5th at 12:30, at the church. Join us for a "Valentine Ice Cream Social" on Thurs, Feb. 14th at 1:00 p.m. in the social hall. Featured will be the viewing the video of the play "Pseftes Kai Katergareoi" and "The Taverna". This was directed by Fr. John Paul in 1986 and features many people you will *recognize*. Donation \$3.00.

Saint Nicholas Philoptochos Notes

Valentines for Forget Me Nots—Today everyone has the opportunity to send a Valentine greeting to some special people. Write your message for Valentine's Day and help bring joy. Cards are provided free of charge. Take a moment to do this during the coffee hour.

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

Ladies, please wear red on Sunday, Feb. 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.

Our March Community Care is furniture donations to Friends in Deed. To make a donation of furniture and arrange for pick up from now through March, call 734-484-7607 Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Furniture must be in good condition, no stains, rips or pet hair.

Saint Nicholas Youth Programs

ATTENTION G.O.Y.A.Ns! If you have not yet started planning your essay (sermonette) for the upcoming Oratorical Festival, it's time to get thinking! Pick your topic, and come ready to brainstorm/start writing THIS FRIDAY Feb. 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Peter Hasiakos will be there to help give ideas and answer questions.

Please Join Father Nick on Sunday, Feb. 17th at 3:00 p.m. for the second G.O.Y.A. Parent Meeting.

Orthodox Annual Lunch/Basketball Outing Saturday, Feb. 9th

Don't miss out! Lunch at 1:30 p.m. at Cottage Inn followed by an outing to see UM vs Penn State basketball game at Crisler Arena. This is for alumni of UM as well as friends/family ...all are welcome! Questions? See Peter Hasiakos (cell: 708-280-0415).

"The Fear of the Lord Is the beginning of Wisdom."

Saint Nicholas Choir Notes
Senior Choir



Any interested parishioner, ages 12 and up, is encouraged to join the Senior Choir. Our next choir rehearsals are: Feb. 6 & 20; March 5, 12, 19 & 26; April 2, 9 & 16. We begin at 7:00 p.m. 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 February 13th. We hope to see you there!

The Saint Nicholas Bookstore Recommends: Vefa Alexiadou's Greek Cuisine and *Sunny Mediterranean*. For your children's *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 Aliko, the story of how she, daughter of Greek immigrants in Philadelphia, began school without knowing English.

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. If we don't have the cards you want, we'll place an order for you. Visit the "Shopping for St. Nicholas" desk during the fellowship hour after the Divine Liturgy.

Modern Greek Program Join the University of Michigan Classical Studies Modern Greek Program as they present the 6th Annual Pallas Lecture in Modern Greek Studies. The event is Wednesday, Feb. 13th, 7 p.m. in the Michigan League Vandenberg Room. The topic: "*The Struggle for Greek Independence and the International Diplomatic War in the 1820's*". Professor Andre Gerolymatos of Simon Fraser University is the Lecturer.

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 A.H.E.P.A. 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.hcnc.edu. Expenses, except travel to Boston, are covered.

Ionian Village Orthodox Summer Camp in Greece

Please visit www.IONIANVILLAGE.org to register!

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

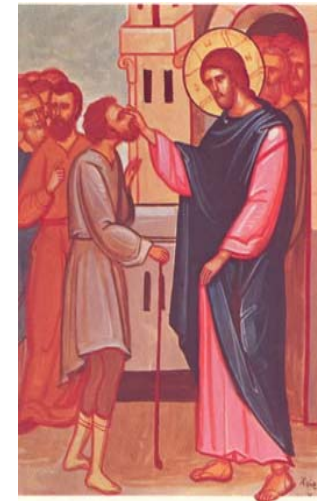
Summer Travel Camp: June 27th through July 17th

Byzantine Venture: July 26th through August 14th.

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



THE SUNDAY BULLETIN
February 3, 2008



15TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Feb. 3

Saint Nicholas H.O.P.E.—1:00 p.m.
Saint Nicholas G.O.Y.A.—5:00 p.m.
Chili Cook off—5:30 p.m.
Super Bowl

Tuesday, Feb. 5

Saint Nicholas Philoptochos Bed Pad Sewing—9:30 a.m.
Saint Nicholas Senior Planning Meeting—12:30 p.m.
Saint Nicholas Young Adult League (Y.A.L.) - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 6

Saint Nicholas Senior Choir—7:00
Saint Nicholas Byzantine Music—8:00 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 8

Orthros & Divine Liturgy — St. Theodore of Tyre - 10:00 a.m.
Paraklesis—7:30 p.m.

Submissions for the Sunday bulletin must be sent to:
kate@stnickaa.org by 10 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to publication.

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Psaltis
Zannis Res

Choir
Dr. Jon Wardner

Prosforo
Panagiotti Apostolou

Fellowship Hour
Papanastasopoulos
Family
Memorial Service
3 Years Konstantions
Papanastasopoulos