

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

APRIL 13, 2008

Epistle Reading BRETHREN, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come,

then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

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 Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

In thee the image was preserved with exactness, O Mother; for taking up thy cross, thou didst follow Christ, and by thy deeds thou didst teach us to overlook the flesh, for it passeth away, but to attend to the soul since it is immortal. Wherefore, O righteous Mary, thy spirit rejoiceth with the Angels.

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

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

Gospel Reading At that time, Jesus taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying,

"Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Wisdom of the Fathers

But let no man be troubled at the apostles being in such an imperfect state. For not yet was the cross accomplished, not yet the grace of the Spirit given. But if thou wouldest learn their virtue, notice them after these things, and thou wilt see them superior to every passion.

St. John Chrysostom, Homily 65 on Matthew 20, 2,3,4,6. B#54, pp.399-401,403. 4th Century

"Christian love is the 'possible impossibility' to see Christ in another man, whoever he is..."

Alexander Schmemmann, Great Lent 20th Century

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.

Prosforo needed: June 8

Fellowship Hour sponsor needed for Sunday May 11 and 25; June 8, 15 and 22.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP:

Everyone's Responsibility! If you have not made your pledge for 2008, please do so as soon as possible. If you need a pledge card, please call the office.

Church School

Great Lent—Each child has received an O.C.M.C. Lenten coin box to help raise money for the missions which need our support to continue their programs. Please encourage your child to donate their loose change on a daily basis. Through their generosity, missionaries will be able to bear witness to Christ all over the world. Please be generous!!

All children are reminded that when attending any services during Great Lent, to sign the attendance book in the Narthex located next to the candles. This will count toward any missed classes.

Upcoming Events

- Sat., April 19** SATURDAY OF LAZARUS CHURCH SCHOOL COMMUNION BREAKFAST
- Wed., April 23** Holy Unction Service and Retreat (4:00 p.m.)
- Sun., April 27** PASCHA No Church School Easter Egg Hunt (grades preschool through 3rd grade)
- Sun., May 11** Testing Date for requirements
- Sun., May 18** Godparent Sunday and Senior Recognition Day

YA'SSOO Festival—Coffee Hour and sign up on May 4th to help in all areas the week of the Festival. We need everyone's help to make this festival an outstanding success. Please help out by doing your fair share!!!

Philoptochos Notes

The **Palm Sunday Luncheon** is next Sunday, April 20th following the Divine Liturgy. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 10 and under. We need to have your reservation by Wednesday, April 16th. Please call Vicky Masters at 971-0788 to make your reservation or see Vicky Masters, Katerina Roumanis or Ioanna Boutsikakis after the Divine Liturgy today to purchase your tickets.

Our **April Community Care is furniture donations** to Friends in Deed. To make a donation of furniture and arrange for pick up from now through April, 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. Please see the flyer on the table in the hallway.

Spanakopita is available for sale today during the fellowship hour. \$15.00 per tray. See Diane Geczi.

Spring Flower Sale—Place your order now for your spring flowers. Order forms are on the table in the hallway. **Deadline to order is May 11th and pick up dates are Saturday, 5/17 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and Sunday, May 18 after the Divine Liturgy.**

GOYA Notes

Meeting today. Meet at the church at 2:30 p.m. to visit shut-ins, meeting will take place at Georgia Porikos' home (327-9090), immediately following for discussion and dinner until 5:30 p.m. Permission slips are required.

Luminaries: Next Sunday, April 20th, is the last day to order luminaries which light the path of the Epitaphio procession. The luminaries are \$5.00 per bag and only TWO (2) names per bag.

Dance Practices in preparation for the the Y'assoo Festival June 6 and 7th, will be held on the following dates: Friday, April 18 from 6 p.m.—8 p.m. Saturdays May 3, 10, and 31 from 11—1 and Wednesday, June 4 from 6 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Sandwiches will be provided during the 30 minute break at this practice. **GOYAns, PLEASE RETURN COSTUMES, VESTS AND SASHES.**

Schedule of Events: May 4, meeting 5.-7; **May 11,** Ushering and Fellowship Hour; **May 18,** Officer Elections and Senior luncheon at Cottage Inn.

Summer Camp at Rose City

The MDSC summer camp runs from July 5-August 2. Register online by visiting www.detroit.goarch.org/mdsc. Fr. Nick will be at camp during 4th week.

Choir Notes Senior Choir



Any interested parishioner, ages 12 and up, is encouraged to join the Senior Choir. Our next choir rehearsal is April 16. We begin at 7:00 p.m.

The Bookstore Recommends: The new, complete *Orthodox Study Bible*; Holy Week books and red Easter dye; Diane Kochilas' *The Greek Vegetarian* for Lenten cooking. *Holy Week and Pascha*, is a children's book presenting the services of Holy Week with gorgeous illustrations by the author, who has studied Iconography in Greece. *J is for Jesus: An Easter Alphabet and Activity Book* brings Holy Week and Easter to life through this rhyming, alphabetical journey, aimed at children 4 to 8. *Song of Talanton*, a book about Christ's call to worship. A CD with "The Hymns and Responses of the Divine Liturgy" arranged by Reverend Protopresbyter Father John Paul and sung by the Men's Hellenic Chorus is now available at the bookstore.

The DVDs of the 2007 Y'assoo are also available at the bookstore. Cost is \$15.00.



"Let me root, root, root for the hommmme team. . ." It's time to sign-up for this year's Tiger Baseball concessions project. Please sign up with your fellow parishioners to participate in this project, help the church earn extra funds to reduce our mortgage balance, get to know your fellow church members on a whole new level and take pride in your St. Nicholas community. See Dennis Cvercko or Nick Roumel in the social hall to answer questions and sign-up for a great fellowship experience. **Spring training will be held at 1:00 p.m. May 18th, in our St. Nicholas social hall!**

Help Wanted

U of M Professor is seeking a part time nanny, 2 to 3 days per week — 8 to 10 hours per day for 13 month old girl. Salary negotiable. If interested, please call Maria at 734-929-4130 or 415-624-9097.

Two Greek professors seeking help at home with either cooking or childcare or both. Our daughter, Selene, is almost one year old and is learning Greek as her first language. Days and hours are flexible. We would be happy to accommodate any schedule. Please call Barbara Koremenos' cell.: 310-613-6544 if you are interested.

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

Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

The memory of this Saint is celebrated on April 1, where her life is recorded. Since the end of the holy Forty Days is drawing nigh, it has been appointed for this day also, so that if we think it hard to practice a little abstinence forty days, we might be roused by the heroism of her who fasted in the wilderness forty-seven years; and also that the great loving-kindness of God, and His readiness to receive the repentant, might be demonstrated in very deed.

Reading Courtesy of Holy Transfiguration Monastery

Daughters of Penelope

This is the last day to order Tsoureki To order your loaves, please fill out the order form located on the table in the hallway. Loaves are \$10.00 per one pound loaf. There is no egg. Orders may be picked up on April 20th.

The Daughters are preparing a Fr. John Paul Memory Book which is a collection of favorite stories about Fr. John. We ask everyone to write a one-page narration of your favorite story or experience you would like to share will all of us. One book will be given to Pres. Eva and one will be given to the church archives. Please mail your story to the church in care of the Daughters of Penelope or e-mail your one page contribution to chris-katsikas@yahoo.com.

LOST—5 Red Sashes for the GOYA Greek Costumes. We need the sashes returned ASAP. Please call Katerina Roumanis at 665-3254. Thanks for your help.

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.

St. Nicholas Seniors Following the Divine Liturgy on Monday, April 28th, join us as we go to lunch and then travel to the Botanical Gardens. Let Diane, Joan or Penny know if you plan to come by Wednesday, April 23rd. You are responsible for your own lunch and admission to the Gardens.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To the Tsilimingras family; Vasilgia gave birth to their daughter Katerina on Mar. 19—and to the Vrahnos family; Eleni gave birth to their daughter Katerina on Apr. 10

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

April 13, 20



Orthros 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Church School
Following Communion

Epistle Reading
Heb. 9:11-14

Gospel Reading
Mark 10:32-45

Creed
English

Psaltis
Zannis Res

Choir
Teresa Stokes

Prosforo
Ioannou Family

Fellowship Hour
Christos Philippou
Family

Memorial Service
Kyriakos Philippou
3 Years

SUNDAY OF MARY OF EGYPT

UP-COMING EVENTS

Chrismation—Susan Arhangelos
Sponsor Tammy Chalogianis
1:00-2:30 p.m. H.O.P.E.

Sunday, April 13

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

Tuesday, April 15

7:00 p.m.— Senior Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m — Mandatory Ushers Meeting —Church
8:00 p.m.— Byzantine Music

Wednesday, April 16

7:00 p.m.—Physical Plant & Maintenance Meeting

Thursday, April 17

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. GOYA Dance Practice
6:00 p.m.—7:15 p.m. Game Night Grades 4-7

Friday, April 18

Saturday, April 19

Saturday of Lazarus
Orthros & Divine Liturgy — 10:00 a.m.
Church School Communion Breakfast
Palm Cross Making

Sunday, April 20

Palm Sunday
Palm Sunday Luncheon
7:30 p.m. Bridegroom Service

Submissions for the Sunday bulletin must be sent to:
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