

Saint Nicholas Choir Notes

Senior Choir Senior Choir. Our next rehearsal is June 11 at 7:00 p.m..

Men's Choir will practice on **Tuesday, June 17 at 6 p.m., Thursday, June 26, at 6 p.m.** They will be singing at the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, June 29th. If interested, please call Alex Kales.

Staff needed for Metropolis Rose City Summer Camp

These are the positions we need to fill: 4 female counselor positions for 2nd Week; 5 female counselor positions for 4th Week; Lifeguard positions for 2nd & 3rd; Health Director (LPN, RN, MD, DO, EMT) for Weeks 0, 2, 3, 5 We are not accepting staff applications for any other positions or weeks right now. If you can fill one of these positions above, and haven't applied yet for camp, please call me right away (313-418-6085). If you have already been accepted for a week or two (specifically any of our 18 year old or older female staff) , and can add another week, please also contact me right away. I really need people to step forward. This is as late as we've ever gone to fill some of these key positions. The 4th Week filled so quickly with campers that we closed it over 3 weeks ago! 3rd Week is almost closed. All the other weeks are still registering campers. The campers are coming this year.....where are you???? Most of you were campers at one point, and there were counselors then that made time in their schedules to come to camp so you could have a great time. I ask you to please look at your schedules to see if you can help fill these positions so the campers of 2008 have the same great time you did. I hope to hear from some of you, particularly our female counselor aged staff, very soon! If you know of others who can help out with Lifeguarding or who has the medical background to fill the Health Director positions, please have them contact Dean Niforos at (248) 909-MDSC or Email: gomdsc@gmail.com

Congratulations to: Anastasia Mitropoulos-Rundus and George Smyrnis who were among the 19 recipients of the A.H.E.P.A. District #10 Scholarships.

Saint Nicholas Seniors Join us Tuesday, June 17th for our 4th Annual Taverna at 4:30 p.m. Please sign up with Diane, Joan or Penny at the coffee hour this Sunday.

Fathers of the 1st Council

The heresiarch Arius was a Libyan by race and a protopresbyter of the Church of Alexandria. In 315, he began to blaspheme against the Son and Word of God, saying that He is not true God, consubstantial with the Father, but is rather a work and creation, alien to the essence and glory of the Father, and that there was a time when He was not. This blasphemy shook the faithful of Alexandria. Alexander, his Archbishop, after trying in vain to correct him through admonitions, cut him off from communion and finally in a local council deposed him in the year 321. Yet neither did the blasphemer wish to be corrected, nor did he cease sowing the deadly tares of his heretical teachings; but writing to the bishops of other cities, Arius and his followers requested that his doctrine be examined, and if it were unsound, that the correct teaching be declared to him. By this means, his heresy became universally known and won many supporters, so that the whole Church was soon in an uproar.

Therefore, moved by divine zeal, the first Christian Sovereign, Saint Constantine the Great, the equal to the Apostles, summoned the renowned First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, a city of Bithynia. It was there that the shepherds and teachers of the Church of Christ gathered from all regions in the year 325. All of them, with one mouth and one voice, declared that the Son and Word of God is one in essence with the Father, true God of true God, and they composed the holy Symbol of Faith up to the seventh article (since the remainder, beginning with "And in the Holy Spirit," was completed by the Second Ecumenical Council). Thus they anathematized the impious Arius of evil belief and those of like mind with him, and cut them off as rotten members from the whole body of the faithful.

Therefore, recognizing the divine Fathers as heralds of the Faith after the divine Apostles, the Church of Christ has appointed this present Sunday for their annual commemoration, in thanksgiving and unto the glory of God, unto their praise and honour, and unto the strengthening of the true Faith.

Reading Courtesy of Holy Transfiguration Monastery

G.O.Y.A.

Friday, June 13, Tiger's Game Outing only 9 tickets left. Tickets are \$20.00 per ticket **and a permission slip is needed. Transportation will be provided.**

Tuesday, June 17, Seniors Taverna dancing at 7:00 p.m. Church.

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

June 8, 2008

Orthros
9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy
10:00 AM

Church School
After Communion

Epistle Reading
Acts 20:16-18

Gospel Reading
John 17:1-13

Creed
English



Psaltis
Zannis Res

Choir
Teresa Stokes

Prosforo
Anna Bairactaris

Fellowship Hour
Parish Council

Memorial Service
1 Year Eugenia
Kolonelos

FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

UP-COMING EVENTS

- Tuesday, June 11** 7:30 p.m. Saint Nicholas Young Adults (Y.A.L.)
- Wednesday, June 11** Tiger Game Concession Project
6:00 p.m. Philoptochos Dinner Meeting at Webers
- Thursday, June 12** 7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting
- Friday, June 13** 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Game Night Grades 4-7
Tiger Game Concession Project
G.O.Y.A. Detroit Tiger's Baseball Game Outing
- Saturday, June 14** **Saturday of Souls**
10:00 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy
- Sunday, June 15** **Holy Pentecost & Fathers' Day**
Church School Graduation
Daughters of Penelope & Church School
Godparent Brunch

MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE: www.stnickaa.org
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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Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

June 8, 2008

Epistle Reading IN THOSE DAYS, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that Acts 20:16-18, 28-

he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory to You.

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 At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the

Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made.

"I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

Apolytikion for Fathers of the 1st Council

You are greatly glorified, O Christ our God, who established our Fathers as luminaries upon the earth, and through them led us all to the true Faith. O Most compassionate, glory to You.

Kontakion

O Christ our God, upon fulfilling Your dispensation for our sake, You ascended in Glory, uniting the earthly with the heavenly. You were never separate but remained inseparable, and cried out to those who love You, "I am with you and no one is against you."

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.

Fellowship Hour sponsor needed for Sunday June 22, July 13 and 20th..

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.

Saint Nicholas Church School

The V.B.S. summer program, "**Genesis**", is scheduled for June 16-20th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and is open to all students from Preschool to 7th grade. This year we would like to offer afternoon care (12:30 to 5 p.m.) for those interested. Let us know as soon as possible if you would consider this option so that arrangements can be made. Please pick up a registration form and return it to the office by June 1st. If you have any questions please call Maria Papaefthymiou -747-6854 or Susan Pagalos -944-0142.

Upcoming Events

Sun., June 15 Church School Graduation

Godparent Sunday

Mon., June 16-Fri., June 20 Vacation Bible School

Daughters of Penelope

On Sunday, June 15th, the Daughters of Penelope in conjunction with the Church School are hosting a brunch for Godparent Sunday. All are invited. The brunch is free but good will offerings are accepted.

To the Families of Greek School Students: If your child has a **Greek School costume** on loan, please have it **DRY CLEANED AND RETURN IT TO THE CHURCH ON SUNDAY, JUNE 15TH**, when Gail Altenburg will collect the costumes after church.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Elizabeth Cazepis who died June 1st and was buried from St. Nicholas on June 4th. Also to the family of Despina Piniatoglou, mother of Avraam Piniatoglou, who passed away in Greece. May their memories be eternal.

Philoptochos Notes

Needed Sheets and Pillowcases. We are in need of sheets for our Hospice Bed Pad Sewing and pillowcases to make dresses for little girls in Africa. Please bring your clean sheets and pillowcases to the church.

"Cell Phones for Soldiers" is our Community Care project until July 2008. We will collect old cell phones and accessories which are redeemable toward calling cards for our troops abroad. Put your cell phones in the box outside the social hall. For further information, contact Jarnis Gutierrez, 677-2581 or email jogs@umich.edu or Joan Raphael, 483-0923 or jraphael810@comcast.net.

Saint Nicholas Altar Boy Baseball Outing

Our yearly baseball outing will be July 8th Tigers v Cleveland Indians. There are 20 tickets at \$19.50 each. We'll leave from the church at 5:30 p.m. Please call Dani Nadra 586-291-2149 if you plan to come.

Saint Nicholas Seniors: The 4th Annual "Senior Taverna" is at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 17th. Please let Diane, Joan or Penny know if you can attend by Sunday, June 15th. Also, the 25 tickets for "The King & I" at the Crosswell Theatre on Thursday, July 31st are going quickly. Please call Diane, Joan or Penny if you want to go. We leave by bus at 4:45 p.m. and return 10:30 p.m.

The Saint Nicholas Bookstore Recommends

The Orthodox Study Bible, Old and New Testament. The Old Testament is a new translation from the Greek Septuagint and includes the Deuterocanon. Commentary is drawn from the early Church writers and speaks to Christians who seek a deeper experience of the roots of their faith. The Inner Kingdom, collected works by Kallistos Ware. Ware recounts his own journey to Orthodoxy and reflects on themes such as resurrection, repentance, salvation, worship, martyrdom and prayer.

"PLAYYYY..BALLL!!!" "— Tiger Baseball Concessions Project —Please sign up with your fellow parishioners to participate in this unique mortgage reduction project. We need six volunteers for Wednesday, June 25th. Grab some friends and volunteer together! See Dennis Cvercko or Nick Roumel in the social hall to answer questions and sign up for a great fellowship experience.

