

G.O.Y.A. Summer Schedule

Sunday, Aug 10 5:00 p.m. Meeting/Bible Study/Game Night at Mitropoulos-Rundus home

Sunday, Aug. 17 7:30 p.m. Bible Study & Game Night

Sunday, Aug. 24 7:30 p.m. Bible Study & Game Night

Sunday, Aug. 31 7:30 p.m. Bible Study & Game Night

Sunday, Sep. 7 G.O.Y.A. Registration and Parent Orientation after Divine Liturgy

Sunday, Sep. 14 4:00 p.m. Bible Study

5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. Parent Meeting with Rev. Father Nick

Daughters of Penelope are sponsoring a Winter Clothing Drive for the Ypsilanti Public Schools Clothes Closet. They need **gently** used winter clothing for ages infant to adult, both male and female. Baby and children clothing are most needed. Please pick up a flyer from the table in the hallway.

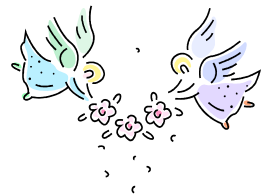
Questions, contact Joanne Savas, 734-761-2529 or Vicki Kinningham, 734-429-8127.

Rev. Father John Paul Memory Book is being prepared by the Daughters. If you have a favorite story about Fr. John., please write a one page narrative to share with us. The stories will be collected put into a book for Presvytera Eva and one for the church archives. You can either mail your contribution to the Daughters in care of the church or e-mail it to chriskatsikas@yahoo.com. Our editorial committee is Christina Vlahopoulos—734-358-0777 and Perry Katsikas—734-995-4766. Please call if you have any questions.

Vesper Visits

The YERAC committee has scheduled a series of van trips to churches celebrating Vespers. Be a "Vesper Visitor" and sign up to travel to Assumption Church in St. Clair Shores on Thursday evening August 14th. The van will depart the church parking lot at 5:15 p.m. sharp. Details on the info board at the coffee hour.

For Sale—There are a number of fresh, frozen cheese pies left over from the Ya'ssoo Festival. Anyone wishing to buy one, or more, should call the office. Pies are \$20.00 per tray.



August 6

Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Our Lord had spoken to His disciples many times not only concerning His Passion, Cross, and Death, but also concerning the coming persecutions and afflictions that they themselves would endure. Since all these evils were near at hand, but the enjoyment of good things which they hoped to receive in their stead was yet to come, our Savior desired to give them full assurance, evidently and openly, concerning that glory which is prepared for those who endure to the end. Therefore, fulfilling that which He had promised shortly before, that "there be some standing here which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in His Kingdom" (Matt. 16:28), He took His three foremost disciples and ascended Mount Tabor, where He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as the light. Suddenly, together with this dread and marvelous effulgence of light, there appeared those pinnacles of the Prophets, Moses and Elias, who spoke with the Lord Jesus concerning His saving Passion which was about to take place. Standing before Him as reverent servants, they showed that He is the Lord of both the living and the dead, for Moses came forth from Hades, having died many centuries before, and Elias, as it were from heaven, whither he had been taken up while yet alive. After a little while a radiant cloud overshadowed them and out of the cloud they heard that same voice which had been heard at the Jordan at the Baptism of Christ, testifying to the Divinity of Jesus and saying: "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well-pleased; hear ye Him" (Matt. 17: 5).

Such are the marvels, truly worthy of God, celebrated in this present feast, which is an image and prefiguring of the future state of the righteous, whose splendor the Lord spoke of, saying: "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun" (Matt. 13:43). It is because of this that the Kontakion of this Feast is said daily (when there is not a great feast) in the Service of the Typica in perpetual commemoration of the glory that will be the lot of the Saints. According to tradition, the Lord's Transfiguration came to pass forty days before His Crucifixion; this is why the Transfiguration is celebrated forty days before the Exaltation of the Cross.

Reading Courtesy of Holy Transfiguration Monastery

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

August 3, 2008



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Orthros

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM

Epistle Reading

Romans 15:1-7

Gospel Reading

Matt. 9:27-35

Creed

English

Psaltis

George Smynis

Choir Director

Dr. Jon Wardner

Prosforo

Panagioti Apostolou

Fellowship Hour

Prokos Family

UP-COMING EVENTS

Sunday, Aug 3

7:30 p.m. G.O.Y.A. Bible Study & Game Night

Monday, Aug. 4

7:30 p.m. Paraklesis

Tuesday, Aug. 5

9:30 a.m. Hospice Bed Pad Sewing

7:30 p.m. Young Adults Y.A.L

Wednesday, Aug. 6

HOLY TRANSFIGURATION

10:00 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy

7:30 p.m. Paraklesis

Friday, August 8

10:00 a.m. Paraklesis

11:00 Exercise Class (open to all)

Tiger Concession Project

6:30 p.m. Game Night

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
August 3, 2008

Epistle Reading BRETHREN, we who are strong Romans 15:1-7 ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of your Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Wisdom of the Fathers

He delivered them first from their want of faith. The affliction of the dumb man was not natural ... wherefore also he needs others to bring him. ... For this cause neither does He require faith of him, but straightway heals the disease.

St. John Chrysostom, Homily 32 on Matthew 9
4th Century

Hymns of the Feast of the Holy Transfiguration

Apolytikion

You were transfigured on the Mount, Christ God revealing Your glory to Your disciples, insofar as they could comprehend. Illuminate us sinners also with Your everlasting light, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. Giver of light, glory to You.

Kontakion

You were transfigured upon the mount, O Christ our God, and Your disciples, insofar as they could bear, beheld Your glory. Thus, when they see You crucified, they may understand Your voluntary passion, and proclaim to the world that You are truly the effulgence of the Father.

Gospel Reading At that time, as Jesus passed on Matt. 9:27-35 from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons."

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

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.

Kontakion

You were transfigured upon the mount, O Christ our God, and Your disciples, in so far as they could bear, beheld Your glory. Thus, when they see You crucified, they may understand Your voluntary passion, and proclaim to the world that You are truly the effulgence of the Father.

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 Sundays of August 10, 17, and 31.

Prosforo needed for Sunday, August 24.

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.

Did You Know that you can receive email messages from Rev. Father Nick? These messages are sent approximately every 10 days and include a variety of things such as: upcoming events and dates, special announcements and projects, spiritual messages and much more.

If you wish to be included in this list, please do the following:

1. go to the website www.stnickaa.org and go to the drop down menu
2. from the drop down menu buttons select 'Contact Us'
3. select the 'E-Mail Subscribe' option
4. enter your e-mail address

There is no cost or obligation in doing this. If you wish to unsubscribe, you may do so. It is our hope to keep you better informed, and perhaps, to save some expense for our Saint Nicholas Parish.

Saint Nicholas Church School Notes

The Church School has a lost & found table in the social hall. Any items such as clothing, books, certificates etc. left by the children during the school year can be picked up by August 16th. Unclaimed items will be donated or discarded.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Kurt & Sophia Radwanski and family on the death of Kurt's father, Leon Radwanski. May his memory be eternal.

Philoptochos Notes

We will begin making spanakopita Monday, September 15th. Many volunteers are needed this year as we plan to make the spanakopita through September 26th. Please call Margaret Yates or Pres. Eva Paul to volunteer.

Philoptochos Reminder: Do you have furniture in good condition that you no longer need or use? Please call Friends in Deed for furniture pickup at 734-484-4357. They can always use it to help their clients.

"Cell Phones for Soldiers" is an ongoing Philoptochos Community Care project. We are still collecting old cell phones and accessories which are redeemable toward calling cards for our troops abroad. Please drop off your cell phones in the box located outside the social hall. Thank you for your support.



The Saint Nicholas Bookstore recommends for summer reading books by Bishop Kallistos Ware: *The Orthodox Way*, an account of the doctrine, worship and life of Orthodox Christians; *The Illuminated Heart* makes the wealth of the Orthodox tradition accessible to today's Christians. A teacher at the University of Oxford who lectures around the world, Bishop Kallistos speaks equally to laypeople and specialists, on both timeless mysteries and urgent contemporary concerns.

Tiger Baseball Project — Throw your khakis in the washer, grab your Tiger baseball cap, sign up with your fellow parishioners to participate in this unique mortgage reduction project. We need 6 volunteers for both Friday, August 8th, and Wednesday, August 13th. Call some friends and volunteer together. Check the sign-up board for other dates. See Dennis Cvercko or Nick Roumel in the social hall to answer questions and sign-up for a great fellowship experience.

Saint Nicholas Seniors Sign up at the coffee hour for the trip to the Arab-American Museum on Thursday, August 7th and/or the performance at the Purple Rose Theatre on Thursday evening August 28th. Details are on the Senior Board at the Coffee Hour.

Thank You

Helene Reader wishes to thank everyone for making her 90th Birthday so special. The messages and cards are deeply appreciated.

