

## G.O.Y.A. Summer Schedule

**Sunday, Aug 10** 5:00 p.m. Meeting/Bible Study/Game Night

**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 Kiningham, 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. Everyone is welcome to participate. The stories will be collected for the next few months and then 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. Call if you have any questions.

### Vesper Visits

The Y.E.R.A.C. 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. Details on the info board at the coffee hour.

**Archbishop Demetrios** visited St. Paul Cathedral in Hempstead, NY on June 23rd. On an icon of St. Nicholas, a slightly fragrant liquid was observed coming from the eyes of the saint. Archbishop Demetrios said, “In the life and history of our Orthodox Church there have been at times examples of phenomena that cannot be ascribed to natural causes. The saints of our Church lead us with their example to the path of God and are asking for us the grace and blessing of God. St. Nicholas in particular is a saint who is a protector and healer and we are certain—as we venerate his holy icon—that he intercedes on our behalf to the benevolent Almighty God.”



## August 15

### The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary

Concerning the Dormition of the Theotokos, this is what the Church has received from ancient times from the tradition of the Fathers. When the time drew nigh that our Savior was well-pleased to take His Mother to Himself, He declared unto her through an Angel that three days hence, He would translate her from this temporal life to eternity and bliss. On hearing this, she went up with haste to the Mount of Olives, where she prayed continuously. Giving thanks to God, she returned to her house and prepared whatever was necessary for her burial. While these things were taking place, clouds caught up the Apostles from the ends of the earth, where each one happened to be preaching, and brought them at once to the house of the Mother of God, who informed them of the cause of their sudden gathering. As a mother, she consoled them in their affliction as was meet, and then raised her hands to Heaven and prayed for the peace of the world. She blessed the Apostles, and, reclining upon her bed with seemliness, gave up her all-holy spirit into the hands of her Son and God.

With reverence and many lights, and chanting burial hymns, the Apostles took up that God-receiving body and brought it to the sepulcher, while the Angels from Heaven chanted with them, and sent forth her who is higher than the Cherubim. But one Jew, moved by malice, audaciously stretched forth his hand upon the bed and immediately received from divine judgment the wages of his audacity. Those daring hands were severed by an invisible blow. But when he repented and asked forgiveness, his hands were restored. When they had reached the place called Gethsemane, they buried there with honor the all-immaculate body of the Theotokos, which was the source of Life. But on the third day after the burial, when they were eating together, and raised up the artos (bread) in Jesus' Name, as was their custom, the Theotokos appeared in the air, saying "Rejoice" to them. From this they learned concerning the bodily translation of the Theotokos into the Heavens.

These things has the Church received from the traditions of the Fathers, who have composed many hymns out of reverence, to the glory of the Mother of our God (see Oct. 3 and 4).

*Reading Courtesy of Holy Transfiguration Monastery*



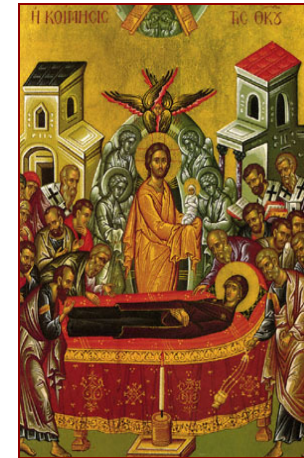
Happy Birthday! **Mrs. Mary Roopas**

celebrated her 90th birthday on August 8th.

Please stop by the “Mary” table in the hall and sign the card for her.

# THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

## August 10, 2008



### EIGHTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

#### UP-COMING EVENTS

- Sunday, Aug 10** 5:00 p.m. G.O.Y.A. Bible Study & Game Night
- Monday, Aug. 11** 7:30 p.m. Paraklesis Service
- Tuesday, Aug. 12** **7:00 p.m. Parish Council (Note Date Change)**  
7:30 p.m. Saint Nicholas Young Adults (Y.A.L.)
- Wednesday, Aug. 13** 10:00 a.m. Paraklesis  
Tiger Concession Mortgage Debt-Reduction Project
- Thursday, Aug. 14** 5:15 p.m. Vesper Service—Assumption Church—St. Clair Shores
- Friday, August 15** **DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS**  
10:00 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy  
11:00 Exercise Class (open to all)  
Tiger Concession Mortgage Debt-Reduction Project  
6:30 p.m. Game Night

#### SAVE THE DATE!!!

**The Annual Saint Nicholas Family Picnic will take place on Sunday, September 7th, 2008 at 2:00 pm here at the church.**

**Visit the website for more details: [www.stnickaa.org](http://www.stnickaa.org)**

**MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE: [www.stnickaa.org](http://www.stnickaa.org)**  
**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.**

**SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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### Orthros

9:00 AM

### Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM

### Epistle Reading

I Cor. 1:10-17

### Gospel Reading

Matt. 14:14-22

### Creed

Greek

### Psaltis

Zannis Res

### Prosforo

Rebekah M. Olechnowicz

### Fellowship Hour

Parish Council

### Memorial Service

2 Years James Demetris

*Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church*  
*August 10, 2008*

**Epistle Reading** BRETHREN, I appeal to you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius; lest any one should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

**Wisdom of the Fathers**

And another thing too we learn, the self-restraint of the disciples which they practiced in necessary things, and how little they accounted of food.

For being twelve, they had five loaves only and two fishes; so secondary to them were the things of the body: so did they cling to the things spiritual only. And not even that little did they hold fast, but gave up even it when asked.

**St. John Chrysostom**, *Homily 49 on Matthew 14*  
4th Century

**Hymns of the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos Apolytikion**

In birth, you preserved your virginity; in death, you did not abandon the world, O Theotokos. As mother of life, you departed to the source of life, delivering our souls from death by your intercessions.

**Kontakion**

Neither the grave nor death could contain the Theotokos, the unshakable hope, ever vigilant in intercession and protection. As Mother of life, He who dwelt in the ever-virginal womb transposed her to life.

**Congratulations!** To **Diana and Jeff Rooks** on the birth of their son **Andrew** on August 31st.

**Our Deepest Sympathies** to **Ester Starnal and John & Evan Kokales** on the death of their sister **Mary Tower** in Greenville, MI on August 4th. May her memory be eternal.

**Gospel Reading** At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

**Resurrectional Apolytikion**

By means of Your Cross, O Lord, You abolished death. To the robber You opened Paradise. The lamentation of the myrrh-bearing women You transformed, and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all that You had risen, O Christ our God, and granted the world Your great mercy.

**Apolytikion for the Afterfeast of the Transfiguration**

You were transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ our God, showing to Your disciples Your glory as much as they could bear. Do also in us, sinners though we be, shine Your everlasting light, through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Giver of light. 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](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.

**Fellowship Hour** sponsor needed 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](http://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 St. Nicholas Parish.

**Saint Nicholas Church School Notes—Last Call**

This is the last week to pick up items from the Church School lost & found table in the social hall. Any items left after August 16th will be donated or discarded.

**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.

"From those to whom much is given, much will be required." LUKE 12:48

**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 Parish 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 Mortgage Debt-Reduction Project**—Believe it or not, we only have three remaining Tiger games to work this season. Throw your khakis in the washer one last time and grab your Tiger baseball cap. We need two volunteers for Wednesday, August 13th and two volunteers for Friday, August 15th. Call some friends and volunteer together! See Dennis Cvercko or Nick Roumel in the social hall if you have questions and to and sign-up for a great fellowship experience.

**Saint Nicholas Seniors** Sign up at the coffee hour for the trip the performance at the Purple Rose Theatre on Thursday evening August 28th. Details are on the Senior Board at the Coffee Hour.

**Commemorative Trees** are still available to be sponsored in "memory of" or "for the health of" a loved one. If interested, please contact Michael Challis, 734.971.6186 or [mdchallis@aol.com](mailto:mdchallis@aol.com) or Christopher A. Bekiaries.