

Saint Nicholas Seniors

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall to attend our Halloween Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28th at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 if you are in costume or \$8.00 if not.

We ask that you please bring a new winter hat, mittens or gloves for an elementary school age student in Ypsilanti.

Please RSVP to Diane, Joan or Penny . We hope to see you there!



YOUTH CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

H.O.P.E.

Sunday, Oct. 12 1:00 p.m.—2:30 p.m. “Respect”

J.O.Y.

Friday, Oct.10 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Game Night

Sunday, Oct. 19 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 24 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Game Night

Friday, Oct. 31 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Game Night

G.O.Y.A.

Saturday, Oct. 11 9:30 a.m.—Dance Practice

Saturday, Oct. 18 10:00 a.m.—No-Sew Blankets

THE PROPER WAY TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION IS AS FOLLOWS:

-Prepare yourselves through righteous living, confession and fasting (speak to your spiritual father or priest about this)

-Wait for the ushers to release your section

-Approach with dignity (do not put your hands in your pockets)

-Use a napkin or handkerchief to wipe any lipstick from your lips

-Take the communion cloth in your hand and place it under your chin (don't make the altar boys do all the work for you!)

-Say your baptismal name

-Take all of the communion off of the spoon

-Return graciously to your seat

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.

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 or Christopher A. Bekiaries.



Welcoming Committee

A welcoming committee is being formed at Saint Nicholas. Our training meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 14th at 7:30 p.m. If you would like to help with this ministry, please call Penny Bekiaries—662-6606.

The Saint Nicholas Parish Bookstore recommends *Keeper of the Light, Saint Macrina the Elder: Grandmother of Saints*, the fascinating story of the grandmother of three saints, Basil the Great, Gregory of Nyssa, and St. Macrina the Younger. *Hear Me: A Prayerbook for Orthodox Teens* a book to help teens challenge their faith and find a road to making that faith their own. *Orthodoxy and Catholicism*, the chronicle of a former Roman Catholic's journey to Orthodoxy.

Prayer as an Important Aspect of Our Spiritual Life
Monk Moses *“Stand in church as if you are in heaven together with the angels, and consider yourself unworthy to be praying together with your brothers. And be vigilant not to be looking back and forth to observe the brothers and sisters, how they are standing or chanting, but observe only yourself, your chanting and your sins.”*
1999, *Holy Cross Orthodox Press, Brookline, MA*
Source: taken from the book, *Athonite Flowers From the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America Website*

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

October 12, 2008



Orthros

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM

Epistle Reading

Titus 3:8-15

Gospel Reading

Luke 8:5-15

Creed

English

Psaltis

Zannis Res

Choir

Teresa Stokes

Prosforo

Rebekah M. Olechnowicz

Fellowship Hour

Parish Council

SUNDAY OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

UP-COMING EVENTS

Sunday, Oct. 12

Blessing of the Waters & Classrooms

1:00 p.m. H.O.P.E.

5:00 p.m. G.O.Y.A. Game Night—weather permitting

5:30 p.m. Orthodox Student Dinner

Monday, Oct. 13

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

7:30 p.m. Bible Study

Tuesday, Oct. 14

7:30 p.m. Welcoming Committee Meeting

7:30 p.m. Young Adult League (Y.A.L.)

Wednesday, Oct. 15

6:30 p.m. Choir

Friday, Oct. 17

11:00 a.m. Exercise Class — Open to all

6:30 p.m. Parish Annual Fall Harvest Party

Saturday, Oct. 18

10:00 a.m. No-Sew Fleece Blankets

Sunday, Oct. 19

A.H.E.P.A. LAMB LUNCHEON

5:00 p.m. J.O.Y.

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
October 12, 2008

Epistle Reading TITUS, my son, the saying is sure. I Titus 3:8-15 desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in

God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

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.

Wisdom of the Fathers

When you see life's pleasures, beware that they might not distract you, for they conceal death's snares. Likewise a fisherman casts not his hook to no purpose. As bait for his hook, the enemy uses the delusion of sensuality to arouse desire, that he might thereby catch men's souls and subject them to himself. A soul which has been caught to serve the enemy's will then serves as a snare for other souls, for it conceals the grief of sin with its apparent delight .

St. Ephraim the Syrian, *A Spiritual Psalter no 43*, pg. 74 4th century

Gospel Reading The Lord said this parable: "A Luke 8:5-15 sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the

path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Resurrectional Apolytikion

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You.

Apolytikion for Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Most glorified art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast established our Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them didst guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory be to Thee.

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.

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

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 for Sunday, November 9 and 23.

Fellowship Hour sponsor needed for Sundays of November 2, 16 and 30.

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.

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

Need Gifts for Special Occasions or Birthdays?

Support "Shopping for Saint 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 Saint Nicholas" desk during the fellowship hour after the Divine Liturgy.

G.O.Y.A. Notes

G.O.Y.A.n's will be helping the Philoptochos with their Metropolis wide project of No-Sew Fleece Blankets. Please come to the social hall at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 18th to help with this worthy project.

We offer our deepest sympathy to:

The family of George Commings who was buried from Saint Nicholas on Thursday, October 9th. May his memory be eternal.

Kay Roopas Foster on the death of her husband Howard Foster who passed away Monday, October 6th. May his memory be eternal.

Vesper Service

The next Y.E.R.A.C. sponsored Vesper Service will be on Saturday, October 25rd, at St. Demetrios Church, Saginaw. Please sign up in the social hall if you wish to attend. Cost is \$10.00. Time to be announced.

Philoptochos Notes

Student Dinner The St. Nicholas Ladies Philoptochos invites all college students to a home cooked Greek style dinner today at 5:30 p.m. Please join us in the fellowship hall to meet new friends and enjoy a terrific dinner.

No-Sew Fleece Blankets On October 18th we invite women (and men) to come to the church at 10:00 a.m. to make no-sew fleece blankets for Mott Children's Hospital. Bring 1 1/2 yards of fabric for each blanket and a brown bag lunch. See Jarnis Gutierrez for details.

Save the Date We'll be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army on December 3rd. Please see Helen Garris for details.

Saint Nicholas Church School Notes

Today Rev. Father Nick will have the "Blessing of the Waters" and classrooms.

Reminder: families who have not registered for Church School it is not too late to do so. If you need a registration form, you may download a copy from the website, or pick one up from the main office or Church School Office. Scholarships are available, if needed. Please see Rev. Father Nick or Susan Pagalos.

Also, as part of the Church school curriculum, it is required that all children be present for the Divine Liturgy (10:00 a.m.) and attend class instruction after Communion. It is difficult for our children to follow the traditions of our faith if they do not participate and engage in all aspects of our church life.

Parish Fall Harvest Party will take place on Friday, October 17th at 6:30 p.m. All parishioners are invited to attend. There will be pumpkin carving and refreshments such as caramel apples, corn, cookies, apple cider and hot chocolate. More information to follow. If interested in helping, please call Sue Pagalos, 944-0142.

A.H.E.P.A. Lamb Luncheon

On Sunday, October 19, 2008, Ann Arbor A.H.E.P.A. Chapter #195 is sponsoring their Annual Lamb Luncheon after the Divine Liturgy in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds from this event will be used towards the reduction of the Church mortgage and the A.H.E.P.A. scholarships. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6.00 for the children. Please contact Costas Boutsikakis 604-8737 or Christos Philippou 309-3032 for details and tickets.

