

Saint Nicholas Seniors

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

We ask that you bring a new winter hat, mittens or gloves for an elementary school age student (grades 1 through 5) in Ypsilanti.

Also, please sign up for the November 5th bus trip to Turkeyville. Information is posted in the social hall.

Saint Nicholas Parish Christmas Card

Again, this year, we'll be sending out the parish Christmas card. By including your name on the card we express our kind wishes to all Parishioners as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you wish to participate please fill out the form you were sent, indicating how you want your name or family's name to appear. Please mail the form, or bring to the office, along with your \$25.00 contribution without delay. Deadline is November 17th.

Philoptochs cordially invites parishioners to attend their November 12th meeting. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. and our guest speaker, Mr. George Khoury, will begin his lecture at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Khoury will be discussing topics related to the war between the Jews and Arabs, as well as helping us gain an understanding of the Palestinians, Israelites and Palestinian Christians.

Mr. Khoury will help us discover: Who the Palestinians are; who the Israelites are; who Palestinian Christians are; why there is never ending war between the Jews and Arabs and the following questions: what is the solution?

Mr. Khoury was an eyewitness to what happened in 1948.

This should be an interesting and informative meeting and we cordially invite all parishioners to attend.

November 1

SS Cosmos & Damianos

These Saints were from Asia (that is, Asia Minor). After the death of their father, their Christ-loving mother Theodota reared them in piety and in all manner of virtue, and had them instructed in every science, especially that of medicine. This became their vocation, and they went about healing every illness and malady, bestowing healing freely on both men and beasts alike; because of this, they are called "Unmercenarys." And thus, having completed the course of their life, they reposed in peace.

G.O.Y.A. Calendar

Parents and children, email stnickaagoya@gmail.com if you are interested in receiving periodic GOYA emails.

November

Sunday, Nov. 2

8:45 am Ushering
4-5 pm Bible Study
5-7 pm Meeting & Bonfire

Thursday, Nov. 6

5-6 pm Help with Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, Nov. 9

2-4 pm Dance Practice
5-7 pm Game Night

Wednesday, Nov. 12

6:30-8:30 pm Dance Practice

Saturday, Nov. 15

St. Nicholas Dance

Sunday, Nov. 23

5-7 pm Game Night

Thursday, Nov. 27

10-12 am Volunteer at Cottage Inn for Thanksgiving meals

Sunday, Nov. 30

3-5 pm Tree Cutting & Decorating

G.O.Y.A.

All G.O.Y.A.s have been invited to the Cvercko's home, 2868 Walnut Ridge Drive, Ann Arbor, on Friday, November 7th at 7:00 p.m. for fun and fellowship. For more information, please contact Liz Cvercko at 332-0292.

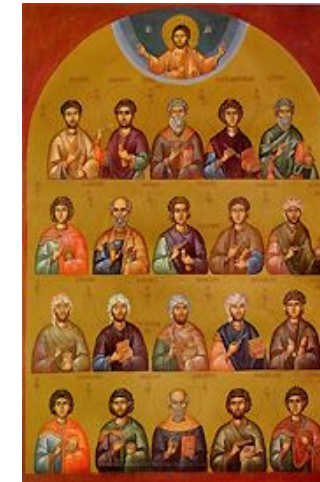
The Saint Nicholas Bookstore recommends *Keeper of the Light, Saint Macrina the Elder, Grandmother of Saints*, the fascinating story of the grandmother of three saints, Basil the Great, Gregory of Nyssa, and St. Macrina the Younger. *Hear Me: A Prayerbook for Orthodox Teens* a book to help teens challenge 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.

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. Bekiares.

Junior Choir will resume practice on the FIRST and THIRD Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. until 7:15 beginning this Wednesday, November 5th All are welcome.

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

November 2, 2008



Orthros

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM

Epistle Reading

Gal. 1:11-19

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:19-31

Creed

English

Psaltis

Zannis Res

Choir

Dr. Jon Wardner

Prosforo

Spiridon & Nicodemus

Fellowship Hour

The Stamatopoulos Family

Memorial Service

George Stamatopoulos, 8 years, Ourania Arapakis, 5 Years, Loukas Arapakis, 1 year, Mark Arapakis, 15 Years

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

UP-

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, Nov. 2

Church Hall Meeting re: Iconography
Parish Council Elections after Divine Liturgy
4:00 p.m. G.O.Y.A. Bible Study
5:00 p.m. G.O.Y.A. Meeting & Fellowship

Monday, Nov. 3

10:00 a.m. Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Bible Study

Tuesday, Nov. 4

9:30 a.m. Bed Pad Sewing for Hospice
12:30 p.m. Seniors Planning Meeting
7:00 p.m. Landscape Committee Meeting
7:30 p.m. Saint Nicholas Young Adult League (Y.A.L.)

Wednesday, Nov. 5

10:30 a.m. Seniors trip to Cornwell
6:30 p.m. Junior Choir Practice

Thursday, Nov. 6

5:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner
6:00 p.m. Greek School P.T.O.

Friday, Nov. 7

11:00 a.m. Exercise Class—Open to All
6:30 p.m. J.O.Y. Game Night

Saturday, Nov. 8

Synaxis of the Archangels
10:00 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy

Sunday, Nov. 9

12:30 p.m. H.O.P.E.
2:00 p.m. G.O.Y.A Dance Practice

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Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
November 2, 2008

Epistle Reading BRETHREN, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel.

For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Let the heavens sing for joy, and let everything on earth be glad. For with His Arm the Lord has worked power. He trampled death under foot by means of death; and He became the firstborn from the dead. From the maw of Hades He delivered us; and He granted the world His great mercy.

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 The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted

sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

Congratulations to . . . Tula (Sarotsis) and Joe Stageman on the birth of their daughter, Angelica.

We offer our deepest sympathy to . . .

Peter and Melissa Philippou (San Bernardino, CA) and Charles and Pat Philippou (Las Vegas, NV) on the death of their infant daughter and granddaughter, Nicole, who passed away on October 29th. May her memory be eternal.

Tatiana Efthyvoulou on the death of her brother, Leonidas Efthyvoulou, who passed away in Cyprus, October 30th. May his memory be eternal.

Thought for the Week "Faith without works is dead" (James 2:26). . . . True faith cannot remain without works. One who truly believes will also surely perform good works. **St. Seraphim of Sarov**, 19th 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 for Sunday, November 23, December 14 and 28.

Fellowship Hour sponsor needed for Sunday, November 16 and all the Sundays in December.

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*

November 15, 2008—6:30 p.m.

Mark your calendar now for the 2008 Saint Nicholas Dance and Silent Auction. Car Raffle, Live Band, Greek and American Music, Hors d' Oeuvres, Prime Entrée and Delicious Desserts. Dancing and fun at the Fellowship Hall until 1:00 a.m. Cost is \$60.00 for adults and \$30.00 for kids and students. For tickets or more information, please call Ioanna Boutsikakis—944-9012 or Katerina Roumanis—662-3254 or the office 332-8200.



H.O.P.E.

H.O.P.E. will meet next Sunday, Nov. 9th from **12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Please note new time.** Children from age four through second grade are welcome to join us for fun and fellowship while learning about our Orthodox Faith. Our topic will be showing kindness to others. Lunch is provided. Please bring appropriate clothing in case we are able to go outside. For more information please contact Sophia Grias-Radwanski-sgrias@mhsi.us or Vasilias Tsilimigras-vtsilimigras@yahoo.com.

Special Collection for the Patriarchate— Philoptochos special collection for the Patriarchate is today. Please be generous.



Philoptochos Notes

Fr. Nick will be blessing the 100 blankets Philoptochos, with the help of the G.O.Y.A.ns and Young Adults, made for the children at Mott Hospital. This was a Metropolitan project called "Warming the Children from Our Hearts. Thank you ladies, G.O.Y.A.ns and Young Adults for your caring spirit.

Our Annual Spaghetti Dinner is this **Thursday, November 6 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** Cost is \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 10 years old and under. Dinner includes spaghetti, sauce, salad, dessert, bread and beverage. Take out orders will be available. Proceeds to provide food certificates for those in need. For tickets or information please call Tasia Goffas 734-913-1083 or Margaret Yates 734-663-0131. Advanced ticket purchases help in planning.

Benefit Christmas Wreath Sale Orders are being taken for Christmas wreaths. **Your order must be received by November 16th and can be picked up on Sunday, December 7th.** Order forms are available on the table in the hallway by the office.



Bell Ringers Needed We are ringing the bells for the Salvation Army on Wednesday, December 3rd from 12 Noon to 9:00 p.m.

We need several more people to sign up. Please call Helen Garris if you can help—663-0270.

Saint Nicholas Church School Notes

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.

"Children's Thanksgiving Food Drive" During the month of November, the children will be involved in this program which provides meals for families in need during the holidays. More information will be sent home with your child.

Oratorical Festival It is time to start preparing for the Parish Oratorical Festival. Vicki Kiningham will distribute the 2008-09 topics to students in grades 7-12. Children in preschool-6th grade will do something in their class with topics chosen by their teacher.

Vesper Service

The next Y.E.R.A.C. sponsored Vesper Service for St. Nektarios will be on Saturday, November 8th, at Assumption in St. Clair Shores. We'll leave the church parking lot at 3:45 p.m. Please sign up in the social hall if you wish to attend. Cost is \$10.00.