

**November 9**

**Nektarios the Wonderworker, Bishop of Pentapolis**

St. Nectarius was born in Selyvria of Thrace, October 1, 1846. He put himself through school in Constantinople and in 1876 he became a monk on Chios, receiving the name of Lazarus; a year later he was ordained deacon, receiving the name of Nectarius. Under the patronage of Patriarch Sophronius of Alexandria, Nectarius went to Athens to study. He completed his theological studies in 1885, and went to Alexandria, where Patriarch Sophronius ordained him priest, March 23, 1886 in the Cathedral of St. Sabbas; in August of the same year, in the Church of St. Nicholas in Cairo, he was made Archimandrite. Archimandrite Nectarius showed much zeal both for preaching the word of God, and the beauty of God's house. He beautified the Church of St. Nicholas in Cairo. Years later, when Nectarius was in Athens, St. Nicholas appeared to him in a dream, embracing him and telling him he was going to exalt him very high.

On January 15, 1889, in the Church of St. Nicholas, Nectarius was consecrated Metropolitan of the Pentapolis in eastern Libya. Although Nectarius' swift ascent through the degrees of ecclesiastical office did not affect his modesty and childlike innocence, it aroused the envy of lesser men, who convinced the elderly Sophronius that Nectarius yearned to become Patriarch. The Patriarch was troubled by the slander. On May 3, 1890, Sophronius relieved Metropolitan Nectarius of his duties and commanded Nectarius to leave Egypt.

Without seeking to avenge or defend himself, the Metropolitan left for Athens, where he found that accusations of immorality had arrived before him. Because of this slander, he was unable to find a position worthy of a bishop. In February of 1891 he accepted the position of provincial preacher in Euboia. In 1894, he was appointed dean of the Rizarios Ecclesiastical School in Athens. His eloquent sermons and labors he was able to educate men fit for the priesthood. His generous alms giving, the holiness, meekness, and fatherly love that were manifest in him, made him a shining light and spiritual guide to many. At the request of certain pious women, in 1904 he began the building of his convent of the Holy Trinity on the island of Aegina. His presence was needed at the convent so he took up residence on Aegina in 1908 where he spent the last years of his life. He became the protector of all Aegina, delivering the island from drought, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Saint Nectarius is especially renowned for his healing of cancer for sufferers in all parts of the world.

**Saint Nicholas G.O.Y.A. Calendar**

Parents and children, email stnickaagoya@gmail.com if you are interested in receiving periodic G.O.Y.A. emails.

**November**

**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**

Saint 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

**The Saint Nicholas Parish Bookstore** recommends *Ella's Story*, biography of St. Elizabeth the New Martyr brings to life the amazing journey of Princess Elizabeth, from privileged childhood to eventual martyrdom. *Father Arseny*, the scholar of church art who became Prisoner No. 18736 in the brutal "special sector" of the Soviet prison camp system. In the darkness of systematic degradation of body and soul he shone with the light of Christ's peace and compassion. His sights set on God and his life grounded in the Church, Father Arseny lived by the injunction to "bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Gal. 6:2). This carries a universal impact certain to be felt by readers today.

Christmas items are beginning to arrive: cards, ornaments, children's books, music CDs.

**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.

**Junior Choir** will resume practice on the FIRST and THIRD Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. until 7:15. All are welcome.

**THE SUNDAY BULLETIN**

**November 9, 2008**



**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

**Orthros**

9:00 AM

**Divine Liturgy**

10:00 AM

**Epistle Reading**

Col. 2:16-20

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 8:41-56

**Creed**

English

**Psaltis**

Zannis Res

**Choir**

Dr. Jon Wardner

**Prosforo**

Anastasia Sianis & Angie Sianis-Letsos

**Fellowship Hour**

Parish Council

**UP-COMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, Nov. 9**

12:30 p.m. H.O.P.E.

2:00 p.m. G.O.Y.A. Dance Practice

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

**Monday, Nov. 10**

10:00 a.m. Weekly Bible Study

7:30 p.m. Weekly Bible Study

**Tuesday, Nov. 11**

7:00 p.m. Ya'ssoo Greek Festival Meeting

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

**Wednesday, Nov. 12**

6:30 p.m. G.O.Y.A. Dance Practice

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

7:30 p.m. Philoptochos Meeting followed by Guest Speaker

**Thursday, Nov. 13**

7:00 p.m. Parish Council

**Friday, Nov. 14**

10:00 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, Nov. 15**

**6:30 p.m. SAINT NICHOLAS DANCE**

**Sunday, Nov. 16**

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

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*Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church*  
*November 9, 2008*

**Epistle Reading** BRETHREN, you know that a man Gal. 2:16-20 is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

**Resurrectional Apolytikion**

When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and had rejected the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly: Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world.

**Apolytikion for Nektarios the Wonderworker, Bishop of Pentapolis**

O faithful, let us honor Nectarios, divine servant of Christ, offspring of Silivria and guardian of Aegina, who in these latter years was manifested as the true friend of virtue. All manner of healing wells forth for those who in piety cry out, "Glory to Christ who glorified you; glory to Him who, through you, wrought wonders; glory to Him who, through you, works healing for all."

**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.

**Wisdom from the Fathers**

He puts an end to the woman's fear ... He sets her right, in respect of her thinking to be hid ... He exhibits her faith to all, so as to provoke the rest also to emulation ...  
**Saint John Chrysostom, Homily 31 on Matthew 9**  
4th Century

**Gospel Reading** Luke 8:41-56 At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

**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.



**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.

**Prosforo** needed for Sunday, November 23, December 14 and 28.

**Fellowship Hour** sponsor needed for Sunday, November 16 and Sundays December. 14, 21 \* & 28.

**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.



**Saint Nicholas H.O.P.E.**

H.O.P.E. will meet today from **12:30 to 2:00 p.m.** Please note new time.

**Christmas Cookie Bake Sale — December 14th**

Orders are now being taken for the Christmas Cookie bake sale to be held on December 14th. All proceeds will go to the church. Please pick up an order form in the social hall after the Divine Liturgy or call Koula Pliakas at 528-0920 or Ioanna Ioannou at 996-0481 to place your order.



**Congratulations to** . . Christopher & Margarita Bekiaries on the birth of their daughter, Olga, born November 1st.

**Philoptochos Notes**

**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.

**Parishioners are cordially invited** to attend the November 12th Philoptochos 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.

He 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 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.

**Baklava baking begins November 17th.** Please come and volunteer some time to help with the bake sale. Everyone is welcome.



**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.