



Saint Nicholas Seniors

Join us for our Christmas luncheon on Tuesday, December 16th at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$8.00.

Please RSVP to Diane Geczi-747-9619; Penny Bekiaries-662-6606 or Joan Raphael -483-0923 by Sunday, December 14th.. If you need a ride please call one of the ladies above.

We look forward to seeing you there

University of Michigan—Department of Classical Studies::Modern Greek Program, in conjunction with the Kelsey Museum of Archaeology

is sponsoring the lecture “Radical Byzantium: American Archaeology in Greece between the Wars”. Presenter is Professor Kostis Kourelis, Art History Department at Connecticut College.

The presentation will be on Monday, November 17 at 3:00 p.m. in room 2175 Angell Hall.

America discovered Byzantium through the aesthetics of modernism. As a result, the American School of Classical Studies embraced post-Classical Greece in the excavations of Ancient Corinth and the Athenian Agora (ca. 1927-1940). Archaeological and artistic avant gardes met in the trenches, facilitating a fresh dialog between Greek and American intellectual traditions. This lecture traces the bohemian edges of archaeology-an other wise conservative discipline-and explores a largely unknown episode of cultural inclusiveness and cross fertilization.



Toys for Tots

The Saint Nicholas Young Adult League (Y.A.L.) is again collecting toys for the Toys for Tots program sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps. Please donate a new toy for a needy child this Christmas season. Just drop off your toy in the collection boxes that will be in the exo-narthex. You will definitely make a child's Christmas a merrier one. God Bless you!



Junior Choir will practice on Wednesday Nov. 19 at 6:30 p.m. until 7:15. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please call Anna Chapekis, 429-7181.

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. 23

5-7 pm Game Night

Thursday, Nov. 27

12-2 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.

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.



November 21

The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

According to the tradition of the Church, the Theotokos was brought to the Temple at three years of age, where she was consecrated to God and spent her days until she was fourteen or fifteen years old; and then, as a mature maiden, by the common counsel of the priests (since her parents had reposed some three years before), she was betrothed to Joseph.

Reading Courtesy of Holy Transfiguration Monastery

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

November 16, 2008

Orthros

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM

Epistle Reading

I Cor. 4:9-16

Gospel Reading

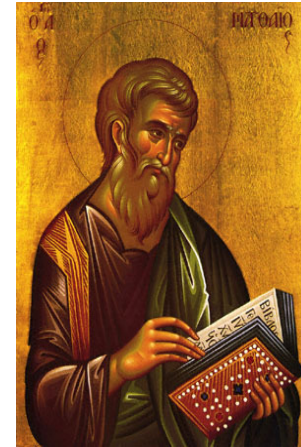
Matthew 9:9-13

Creed

Greek

Trisagion

1 Year Dorothea Morikis



Psaltis

Zannis Res

Choir

Dr. Jon Wardner

Prosforo

Diane Geczi

Fellowship Hour

Parish Council

Greeters 11/16

Diane Geczi

Demetra Mitropoulos-

Rundus

Greeters 11/23

Elizabeth Bairactaris

George Kokales

MATTHEW THE APOSTLE

UP-COMING EVENTS

Sunday, Nov. 16

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

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

Monday, Nov. 17

No Morning Bible Study

9:30 a.m. Baklava Baking

7:30 p.m. Bible Study

Tuesday, Nov. 18

9:30 a.m. Baklava Baking

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

Wednesday, Nov. 19

9:30 a.m. Baklava Baking

6:30 p.m. Junior Choir

Thursday, Nov. 20

9:30 a.m. Baklava Baking

7:00 p.m. Parish Council Physical Plant & Maintenance

Friday, Nov. 21

Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

10:00 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy

11:00 a.m. Exercise Class

12 Noon-7:00 p.m. Bake Sale Pick up

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
November 16, 2008

Epistle Reading BRETHREN, God has exhibited us I Cor. 4:9-16 apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

November 16
Matthew the Apostle & Evangelist

This Apostle, who was also called Levi, was the son of Alphaeus and had Galilee as his homeland. A publican before being called by Christ, he became one of the Twelve Apostles, and an Evangelist. While still in Palestine, he wrote his Gospel first in Hebrew, being also the first of all to write the Gospel. When he is depicted in icons, there is portrayed next to him the likeness of a man, one of the symbolic living creatures mentioned by Ezekiel (1.10), which, as Saint Irenaeus writes, is a symbol of our Saviour's Incarnation.

Reading Courtesy of Holy Transfiguration Monastery

Ancient Fathers of the Desert

"Beware, Christian, never to wrong your brother, lest your prayer become unacceptable before God. If, nevertheless, you wrong someone, your prayer is not acceptable. The sighs of the one wronged do not allow it to reach heaven. If you learn that someone is speaking ill things of you and he should come at some time to visit you, do not show him in your mannerisms that you know of all this and that you are upset with him. Appear to him cheerful, with a calm face and a sweet way, so that your prayer might be bold before God," a certain Abba advises.



Gospel Reading At that time, as Jesus passed on Matthew 9:9-13 from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

And as he sat at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. For in His goodness He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to raise up those who had died, by His glorious Resurrection.

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

Today, the most pure temple of the Savior, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of God, enters the house of the Lord, bringing the grace of the Divine Spirit. The Angels of God praise her. She is the heavenly tabernacle.

PSALM 114: 4-16

"The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the works of men's hands. They have a mouth, but they cannot speak; they have eyes, but they cannot see; they have ears, but they cannot hear; they have noses, but they cannot smell; they have hands, but they cannot handle; they have feet but they cannot walk: they cannot speak through their throat. Let those that make them become like to them, and all who trust in them.

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, December 28.

Fellowship Hour sponsor needed for Sunday, 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

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.

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.

Philoptochos Notes

Baklava baking begins tomorrow, November 17th. Please come and volunteer some time to help with the bake sale. Everyone is welcome. We will be brown bagging for lunch.

Wreath Order—Today is the last day to order your Christmas wreaths. Pick up date is Sunday, 12/7 between noon and 2 p.m.



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.

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.

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" Please have the children bring their canned food for our Thanksgiving Food Drive by Sunday, November 23rd if you have not done so already.

NO CHURCH SCHOOL NOVEMBER 23RD

Preschool—1 can of corn; K-1—1 box of Potato Flakes; 2-3—1 can of Green beans; 4-5—1 box/bag stuffing; 6-7—1 can cranberry sauce; 8-9—1 can of mixed fruit; 10-12—1 small box or bag of rice. Thanks you for your support.

Christmas Pageant is scheduled for Sunday, December 14th. Information will be available via e-mail and the teacher. Please volunteer to help

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.