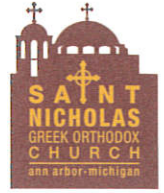




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Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The story of the woman with the issue of blood who touched the hem of Jesus' garment and was healed always forces me to pause and think (Mark 5:24-34). Amidst the mass of humanity thronging about Jesus, the people continuously pressing upon Him, I can imagine the commotion, the noise, the raucousness, the dust. Yet through it all, a relationship between Jesus and the woman burgeoned forth.

Our lives today are not so different from this scene of the Gospel. All around us is the noise and confusion of so many things which seek to displace us from our path, dull our perception, or simply distract our attention. Yet, through it all, the power of Christ, through His Holy Greek Orthodox Church, burgeons forth in our hearts.

Our St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church should always be that safe harbor, the calming touch, the soothing ointment, the place of healing, and the refreshing oasis that always connects us to our Savior.

To that end, all of us are asked to offer the best we have of our time, talents, and treasure to practice and promote our Orthodox Faith here in Ann Arbor.

On behalf of the Parish Council, I ask that you consider in prayerfulness and piety what you can offer to help the Church in all of her vital ministries through the stewardship program of St. Nicholas.

May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ continue to bless and guide His St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church of Ann Arbor and all her faithful adherents.

With Love in Christ,

Fr. Nick