

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sun. April 12	Palm Sunday Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Philoptochos Palm Sunday Luncheon Bridegroom Service 7:30 p.m.
Mon., April 13	Bridegroom Service 7:30 p.m.
Tue., April 14	Bridegroom Service 7:30 p.m.
Wed. April 15	Holy Unction 4:00 p.m. Holy Unction 7:00 p.m.
Holy Thur., Apr. 16	Divine Liturgy 8:00 a.m. 12 Gospels 7:00 p.m.
Holy Fri., Apr. 17	--Royal Hours 11:00 a.m. --Apokathelosis 2:00 p.m. --Lamentations 7:30 p.m.
Holy Sat. Apr. 18	Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Resurrection Service 11:00 p.m.
Sun. Apr. 19	Great and Holy Pascha Agape Service 11:00 a.m.

The Saint Nicholas Bookstore recommends:

The bookstore has many new arrivals for the season. **For children**, *Holy Week, J Is for Jesus: An Easter Alphabet And Activity Book*, and Demi's illustrated books on Jesus and the life of Mary, the Mother of God. **For adults** we recommend several books on holy women of the Church: *Saints and Sisterhood*, *Holy Women of God*, *The Forgotten Desert Mothers*, a resource book for anyone interested in the history of spirituality. We have heard about the desert fathers, but here is a well-documented, readable, sometimes quirky look at their female counterparts.

Lost from the Coat Room March 15th: 30" tall and very slim glass vase to hold up *baptismal and wedding candles during services*. Please return to the church office or call Kate if you know where it could be. Thank you.

Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit Summer Camp—Applications for campers and staff can be obtained on line at www.detroit.goarch.org/MDSC. Deadline for applications is April 30th.

Thought for the Week

He who goes about gossiping reveals secrets; therefore do not associate with one who speaks foolishly. *Proverbs 20:19*



Help Wanted

The Ya'ssoo Greek Festival is fast approaching and we need all the help we can get. Please contact Pericles Chiatalas by phone at 734-673-6969 or email pericles@comcast.net or George Kokales by phone 734-216-6037 or email at gjk2159@aol.com to volunteer, or sign up **today** during the coffee hour, at the **YA'SSOO WORKER SIGN UP TABLE**. Let's work together to make this year's festival even better than last year's.

The Committee is asking for your help in raising money through soliciting sponsorships for the festival. In the past, one person has done this and it is a huge undertaking for one person. Therefore, we are asking you to pitch in and help with this most crucial area. Packets are available to help you with this task. They are located in the hallway outside the social hall. **We are counting on YOU to help make this a very successful festival.**

\$10.00 Food Gift Certificates are available for purchase to give to your friends and family.

Ya'ssoo Greek Festival Raffle Tickets are available. We need your support to sell 7,000 tickets for our debt reduction. Unbelievable prizes: One week in Greece for 2 or a week in Paradise, a villa in the Cayman Islands that accommodates 6, plus \$600.00.

To buy tickets or to pick up some to sell, please see Dr. K., Andreas Stathopoulos, any Parish Council Member or Kate.

Shroud of Turin Exhibit

Saturday, April 4 through Saturday April 11, 2009 at St. Mary Catholic Church, 14200 E. Old US-12, Chelsea, Michigan. This is a non-denominational exhibit, open to the public. There is no admittance fee.

Hours: Saturday, April 4 — 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 5 — 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Monday, April 6 through Saturday, April 11—12 noon to 8 p.m.

Due to subject matter, children under the age of 15 must be accompanied by an adult.

"Rebetiki Istoria"

A not-to-be-missed cultural concert featuring the finest Rebetika musicians from Athens, GREECE. Saturday, April 25, 2009 @ 8pm at Stamps Auditorium, Walgreen Drama Center, 1226 Murfin Ave., UM North Campus. Free & Open to the Public. Sponsored by the University of Michigan Modern Greek Department

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

April 5, 2009

Orthros

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM

Church School

After Holy Communion

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 9:11-14

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:32-45

Creed

English

Greeters April 5

Dianne Geczi

Jack Fry



SUNDAY OF MARY OF EGYPT

UPCOMING EVENTS

YA'SSOO WORKER SIGN UP

Walk in the Light—G.O.Y.A. Lenten Discussion
12:30 p.m. H.O.P.E.

7:00 p.m. Landscape Committee Meeting

9:30 a.m. Bed pad sewing for Hospice
12:30 p.m. Senior Planning
7:00 p.m. Festival Meeting
7:30 p.m. Young Adult League (Y.A.L.)

6:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Philoptochos

11:00 a.m. Exercise Class
6:30 p.m. 8:30 p.m. J.O.Y. Game Night

Saturday of Lazarus

10:00 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy
Church School Communion Breakfast
Palm Cross Making

Palm Sunday Luncheon

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

April 5, 2009

Epistle Reading BRETHREN, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with

hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. For this reason were the powers of heaven crying out to You, O Life-giver: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; glory to Your eternal rule; glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves mankind.

Apolytikion for Sunday of Mary of Egypt

In thee the image was preserved with exactness, O Mother; for taking up thy cross, thou didst follow Christ, and by thy deeds thou didst teach us to overlook the flesh, for it passeth away, but to attend to the soul since it is immortal. Wherefore, O righteous Mary, thy spirit rejoiceth with the Angels.

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 At that time, Jesus taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying,

"Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Wisdom from the Fathers

Let us then become lowly, that we may be high. For most utterly doth arrogance abase. ... Abraham saith, "I am dust and ashes," and prevailed over countless barbarians, and having fallen into the midst of Egyptians, returned, bearing a trophy more glorious than the former, and, cleaving to this virtue, grew ever more high.

St. John Chrysostom, *Homily 65 on Matthew 20, 2,3,4,6. B#54, pp.399-401,403.* 4th Century

Prayer List

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Gabriella and Viroel Andrews, Ioanna Ioannou, Isabelle Lucas.

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.

Fellowship Hour sponsor needed for April 26

Greeters Needed "The Welcoming Program is in need of Greeters" for this important ministry. Greeters ensure that everyone passing through our doors and entering Christ's Church are welcomed and made to feel comfortable as being created in the image and likeness of God. As well, to get to know others in our parish we normally might not get to know—or make the time to know."

Please consider taking part in this program and volunteer by calling Penny Bekiares—662-6606 or Chris Kerry-665-6273.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP: Everyone's Responsibility! **If you have not made your pledge for 2009, please do so as soon as possible. If you need a pledge card for 2009, please call the office.**

"Let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ Our God". If not YOU...WHO? If not NOW...WHEN?

Luminaries for Good Friday

Our GOYAns will be selling Luminaries for the Good Friday Service at the entrance to the Social Hall every Sunday until Palm Sunday, April 12th. The cost is \$5.00 per bag; two loved ones' names per bag. Please place your orders soon. April 12th is the last day to order. Our GOYAns thank you very much for your kind support.

G.O.Y.A. News

Festival Dance Practices Saturdays May 2, 9 and 23 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 28 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Karen Munson and Mike Kapetan on the death of Karen's mother, Betty Jane Munson. May her memory be eternal.

Saint Nicholas Church School Notes

Children should attend the Lenten Services in order to make up for any absences they may have. We strongly encourage the families to attend these services with their children. These are the makeup dates for the students: **April 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, (4 pm & 7 pm), 16, (8 am & 7 pm), 17 (11 am, 2pm & 7:30 p.m.), 18.** Please make sure students sign the attendance book in the Narthex.

Reminders: 1. OCMC During this Lenten season please encourage to make a daily contribution to help OCMC continue their missionary work throughout the world. **2. Saturday of Lazarus Communion Breakfast-Saturday, April 11th**—For all children and their families, please attend the service. A light breakfast will be provided and stay to help make palm crosses. **3. Holy Unction Service & Retreat-Wednesday, April 15th.** Please attend the service at 4 p.m. and the retreat immediately following.

Philoptochos News

Palm Sunday Luncheon is **April 12th** following the Divine Liturgy. Tickets are available from Philoptochos members and are \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children 10 and under. Proceeds to benefit Philoptochos charities.

Philoptochos Hits the Streets May 16th. Join our 5K walkathon benefitting the HIV/AIDS care and prevention services of the International Orthodox Christian Charities and the National AIDS Fund. Further information will be available. If interested please call Christina Vlahopoulos at 734-944-0504 or Katherine Yates at 734-424-0653.

Annual Tsourekis Sale Today is the last day to order Tsourekis. Order forms are on the table in the hallway. Cost is \$10.00 for a one pound loaf. Pick up April 12th after the Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy.

Annual Food Drive

St. Nicholas Parish is beginning its Annual Food Drive to help those who are struggling in these hard economic times. Let us reach out to those who need our help. We ask that you bring only **non-perishable** food items and place them on the cart in the exo-narthex.

"For I was hungry, and ye gave me food: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in. . ." Matthew 25:35