

### ***PHILOPTOCHOS***

Our **Philoptochos Society** will be happy to provide **Artos** for the health and welfare of your loved ones. **Kolyva** is also available for **Memorials**. If you are interested, please contact **Stella Drakousis at 847-991-8751**. Join the Philoptochos - new members are always welcome! The meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month. The **Board meeting** begins at **6:30 p.m.** and the **General meeting** begins at **7:15 p.m.** There are no meetings in July and August. Contact **Kiki Korkofigas** with questions at **847-636-7051**.

# St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church

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## GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME!

**Sunday, November 29, 2009 13th Sunday of Luke**

**Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:1-7**

**Gospel: St. Luke 18:18-27**

**Hours of Services: Orthros at 8:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m.**

*"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20*

Please join us in the Great Hall following the Divine Liturgy as the **Sunday School** will host the coffee hour.

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| <b>Today</b>      | Philoptochos will have spanakopitas and tiropitas available for purchase<br>Sunday School pageant practice following the Divine Liturgy<br>SNAP tournament 1:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. |
| <b>Sacraments</b> | The daughter of <b>Efi</b> and <b>Robert Vrshek</b> will be baptized today and will be given the name of <b>Evdoxia</b> by her Godparent, <b>Evon Drakousis</b> .                |
| <b>Monday</b>     | <b>Feast Day of St. Andrew 8:30 a.m. Orthros/9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy</b><br>Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>    | The applications for the Parish Council are due by noon.<br>Greek School – 4:15 p.m.<br>Adult catechism class 5:00 p.m.<br>SNAP HS Boys basketball 7:00 p.m.                     |
| <b>Wednesday</b>  | Mommy & Me meeting 10:00 a.m.<br>Bible study 7:00 p.m.<br>Parish Council Seminar 7:00 p.m.<br>SNAP GS Boys Basketball 7:00 p.m. – 8:30   |
| <b>Thursday</b>   | Philoptochos Holiday gathering at the Meridian 6:00 p.m.<br>SNAP Girl's Basketball 6:00 p.m. - 7:30/H.S. Boys 7:30 – 10:00 p.m.  |
| <b>Friday</b>     | Greek School 4:15 p.m./Greek Dance 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.  |
| <b>Saturday</b>   | <b>Sunday School Communion 8:30 a.m. Orthros/9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/</b><br>Breakfast to follow/ Christmas pageant practice to follow  |

**The Philoptochos Society Ladies** will be selling homemade **spanakopitas** and **tiropitas** in the gymnasium following the Divine Liturgy. Each container holds a dozen frozen pitas for you to bake and serve to your guests for the holidays. The donation is **\$10.00 per container**.

## Mark your calendars & join us at these upcoming events:

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| <b>12/6</b>  | <b>Feast Day of St. Nicholas</b><br>Elections to follow the Divine Liturgy<br>Sunday School Christmas Pageant to follow the Divine Liturgy/annual Toy & PJ drive<br>YM Hot Chocolate fundraiser begins<br>St. Nectarios to play at St. Demetrios, Chicago/ GS Boys 2:15 pm/3:15 Girls/4:15 pm HS Boys |
| <b>12/7</b>  | Bible study 10:00 a.m.<br>Joy meeting 6:30 p.m.<br>Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.  |
| <b>12/8</b>  | Greek School – 4:15 p.m.<br>Adult catechism class 5:00 p.m.<br>SNAP HS Boys basketball 7:00 p.m.  |
| <b>12/9</b>  | Bible study 7:00 p.m.<br>SNAP GS Boys Basketball 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  |
| <b>12/10</b> | Nectarians Holiday gathering at Yanni's 11:30 a.m.<br>SNAP Girl's Basketball 6:00 p.m. - 7:30/H.S. Boys 7:30 – 10:00 p.m.   |
| <b>12/11</b> | Greek School 4:15 p.m./Greek Dance 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.   |
| <b>12/12</b> | <b>Feast Day of St. Spyridon 8:30 a.m. Orthros/9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy</b><br>SNAP GS Boys 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m./Girls 12:00 - 1:30 p.m./Biddies 1:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.<br>Jr. GOYA Snow Day 4:00 p.m.   |
| <b>12/13</b> | Gen Assembly following the Divine Liturgy<br>Sunday School annual Toy & PJ drive ends<br>St. Nectarios hosts St. Spyridon 2:15 pm GS Boys /3:15 Girls/4:15 pm HS Boys<br>Metropolis open house 5:00 p.m.  |
| <b>12/14</b> | Bible study 10:00 a.m.<br>Jr. Goya meeting 6:30 p.m./ Sr. Goya 7:00 p.m.<br>Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.   |
| <b>12/15</b> | Greek School – 4:15 p.m.<br>Adult catechism class 5:00 p.m.<br>SNAP HS Boys basketball 7:00 p.m.  |
| <b>12/16</b> | Mommy & Me meeting 10:00 a.m.<br>Bible study 7:00 p.m.<br>SNAP GS Boys Basketball 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.   |
| <b>12/17</b> | SNAP Girl's Basketball 6:00 p.m. - 7:30/H.S. Boys 7:30 – 10:00 p.m.<br>Parish Council meeting 7:30 p.m.   |
| <b>12/18</b> | Greek school Christmas Program 5:00 p.m./Christmas break begins   |
| <b>12/19</b> | Sr. GOYA Snow Day 4:00 p.m.   |
| <b>12/20</b> | St. Nectarios hosts St. Holy Trinity - 2:15 pm GS Boys /3:15 Girls/4:15 pm HS Boys  |
| <b>12/21</b> | Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.   |
| <b>12/22</b> | Greek School Christmas break<br>Adult catechism class 5:00 p.m.   |
| <b>12/24</b> | <b>Feast Day of St. Eugenia 8:30 a.m. Orthros and Royal hours 9:00 a.m. (Holy Communion will not be offered)</b><br><b>Christmas Eve Vesperal Liturgy for the Feast of the Birth of Christ 6:00 p.m. (Holy Communion will be offered)</b>   |

In the event of **inclement weather**, please check your email for possible cancellations of services and other activities.

The Ladies of Philoptochos will be holding their **Annual Christmas Gathering on Thursday, December 3, 2009** at the **Meridian Banquets at 1701 Algonquin Rd., in Rolling Meadows.** Fellowship is at **6:00 p.m./dinner 7:00 p.m.** Please **RSVP** to the church office by **November 25** with choice of entrée of either salmon or chicken. **The donation is \$30.00.**

The **Annual Sunday School Christmas Communion** will be on **Saturday, December 5.** The **Orthos** is at **8:30 a.m. & the Divine Liturgy** is at **9 a.m.** The **Annual Sunday School Christmas Communion Breakfast Brunch** will be held immediately following the Divine Liturgy. **St. Nicholas** will be visiting with a special treat for the children. **Everyone in the congregation is welcome to the breakfast-brunch.** A mandatory **Christmas Pageant practice** will follow after the breakfast.

The **St. Nectarios Sunday School** will again be collecting **toys & pajamas** for the underprivileged children in the Palatine area. Collections will take place on **Sunday Dec. 6th & 13th ONLY.** Please have your child bring to Sunday School a new, durable, safe & unwrapped toy that is appropriate for your child's age group plus a new pair of pj's. All sizes of pj's are needed. The donations will be delivered on **Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>.** We thank you in advance for your participation.

**Youth Ministry: On Sunday, December 6,** the **YM Hot Chocolate fundraiser** begins. On **Saturday, December 12,** the **Jr. GOYA** will have a **Snow Day** and the **Sr. GOYA** will have one on the **19<sup>th</sup>.** On **Sunday, December 13,** the **YM** will go to the **Metropolis of Chicago, "Open House"** to meet with His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos of Chicago. Vans leave the church at **4:00 p.m.** Contact **Dimitri Tobias** at [st.nectarios.layassistant@gmail.com](mailto:st.nectarios.layassistant@gmail.com) with questions.

The **Nectarians** will meet on **Thursday, December 10, 2009** at **11:30 a.m.** for their holiday luncheon at **YANNI'S,** at the northeast corner of **Algonquin and Arlington Heights Roads, in Arlington Heights.** Come join us for a delicious Grecian meal and have fun as we celebrate the end of our 7th year together. The fee is **\$20.00 for members and \$25.00 for non-members.** For further information, please call **Elayne Pappas at 847 882-6023.**

To schedule a **wedding** or **baptism,** please contact the Church office to obtain the proper paperwork and to assure the date. Please schedule **forty-day baby blessings** through the church office prior to the baptism. Also please call to schedule **memorials** or **house blessings.**

The **choir** is in need of **additional accompanysts.** Please call **Mary Zaharis at 630 887-9469.**

The **Great Hall of our new addition** is available for all types of functions. To reserve it please contact **Tammy Stergiou-Linardatos** at [tstergiou@comcast.net](mailto:tstergiou@comcast.net).

#### Other Events

**Day of Philanthropy.** On **December 9, 2009,** the **Hellenic American Leadership Council (HALC)** will be offering **pro bono** professional services to Greek-Americans and other Orthodox Christians in need at **St. Andrew's Greek Orthodox Church,** located at **5649 N. Sheridan Rd. in Chicago.** Doctors, dentists and lawyers will be offering their services. Medical services will include: dental screenings; sport injury screenings; blood pressure screenings; foot exams; and medication advice. Legal services will include: advice on property taxes; basic estate planning advice (for health care and property powers of attorney); and referrals for general legal inquiries. Referrals for home care for elderly family members will also be available. If interested, please fill out HALC's survey and pre-registration form which can be found on HALC's website at <http://www.hellenicleaders.com/humanitarian>.

**His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos of Chicago, The Metropolis Council** and the **Philoptochos Board of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago** cordially invite everyone to attend the **Annual Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** beginning at **5:00 p.m.** The address is **Forty East Burton Place, Chicago, Illinois.**

### Attention Parishioners: The Parish Council Elections will be held on Sunday, December 6, 2009.

As the year 2009 draws to a close, so does the **2008-2009 term of the Parish Council of Saint Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church.** It now becomes the responsibility of the Board of Elections of our Community to screen and accept applications for membership to the **2010-2011 Parish Council.** All interested Stewards of our Community are cordially invited to complete an application for Parish Council membership and return it with a recent photo to the Church Office by **12:00 noon, Tuesday, December 1, 2009.** **Applications have been sent out to each home** and additional applications may be picked up in the church office. If for some reason you did not receive an application contact the Parish office. Only original applications (no copies, faxes or e-mails) must be submitted properly signed by the candidate and endorsed by two (2) other parish members in good standing in a sealed envelope to the attention of: **BOARD OF ELECTIONS.**

In applying as a possible candidate to the Parish Council, please keep in mind the importance of the position and the responsibility inherent with Parish Council membership. All possible candidates must attend a seminar conducted by Fr. Peter on **Wednesday, December 2, at 7:00 p.m.** **Elections will be held on Sunday, December 6, immediately following the Divine Liturgy in the Library until 2:00 p.m.**

Please note that our **General Assembly Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, December 13,** following the Divine Liturgy. All stewards are requested to attend this important meeting. If there is no quorum, the meeting will be held on **Sunday, December 20** following the Divine Liturgy.



#### **Stewardship Notes**

Your response to our stewardship pledge drive has been outstanding. With your generosity we have achieved Part 1 of our goal --- to secure pledges in excess of **\$475,000** for **2009.** Please help us achieve the second part of our goal and fulfill the payment of your pledge by **November 30, 2009.** To date, we have **pledges** totaling **\$478,242** (85.5% of our pledged commitments have been paid). We have received **\$409,070** in cash thus far from **586 stewards.**

For those stewards who are unpaid and are not on a monthly payment plan, please complete your payment as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your support!

We have a great community thanks to all of you!

The Stewardship Team

## ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΙΚΗ ΕΠΙΣΤΟΛΗ

Προς Ἐφεσίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου το  
Ανάγνωσμα. 4:1-7

**Ἀδελφοί,** παρακαλῶ σὺν ὑμᾶς ἐγὼ ὁ  
δέσμιος ἐν κυρίῳ ἀξίως περιπατῆσαι τῆς  
κλήσεως ἧς ἐκλήθητε, μετὰ πάσης  
ταπεινοφροσύνης καὶ πραΰτητος, μετὰ  
μακροθυμίας, ἀνεχόμενοι ἀλλήλων ἐν  
ἀγάπῃ, σπουδάζοντες τηρεῖν τὴν  
ἐνότητα τοῦ πνεύματος ἐν τῷ συνδέσμῳ  
τῆς εἰρήνης· ἐν σῶμα καὶ ἐν πνεῦμα,  
καθὼς καὶ ἐκλήθητε ἐν μιᾷ ἐλπίδι τῆς  
κλήσεως ὑμῶν· εἷς θεὸς καὶ πατὴρ πάντων, ὁ  
ἐπὶ πάντων καὶ διὰ πάντων καὶ ἐν  
πάνσιν. Ἐνὶ δὲ ἑκάστῳ ἡμῶν ἐδόθη ἡ  
χάρις κατὰ τὸ μέτρον τῆς δωρεᾶς τοῦ  
Χριστοῦ.

## ΣΗΜΕΡΙΝΑ ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΑ

Ἐξ υψους κατηλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν  
κατεδεξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης  
τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ ἀναστασις ἡμῶν,  
Κυριε, δοξα σοι.

## KONTAKION

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν προαιώνιον  
Λόγον, ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἐρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν  
ἀπορρήτως. Χόρευε, ἡ οἰκουμένη,  
ἀκουτισθείσα. Δόξασον, μετὰ Ἀγγέλων  
καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι,  
παίδιον νέον, τὸν προ αἰῶνων Θεόν.

## EPISTLE READING:

**The Reading is from St. Paul's  
Letter to the Ephesians 4:1-7**

**BRETHREN,** I, a prisoner for the  
Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy  
of the calling to which you have  
been called, with all lowliness and  
meekness, with patience,  
forbearing one another in love,  
eager to maintain the unity of the  
Spirit in the bond of peace. There is  
one body and one Spirit, just as  
you were called to the one hope  
that belongs to your call, one Lord,  
one faith, one baptism, one God  
and Father of us all, who is above  
all and through all and in all. But  
grace was given to each of us  
according to the measure of Christ's  
gift.

## HYMNS OF THE DAY

O merciful One, You came from on  
high, and condescended to Your  
three-day burial to save us from  
passions. You are our life and our  
resurrection, O Lord. Glory to You.

## KONTAKION

Today the Virgin comes to the cave  
to ineffably give birth, to the  
eternal Logos. Harkening to this,  
rejoice, O universe, with the angels  
and shepherds glorify Him, the God  
before all ages, who willed to be  
beheld as a young child.

## ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΚΗ ΠΕΡΙΚΟΠΗ

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν Κεφ. ιη 18:18-27

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἄρχων τις προσῆλθε τῷ  
Ἰησοῦ λέγων, Διδάσκαλε ἀγαθέ, τί ποιήσας  
ζωὴν αἰώνιον κληρονομήσω; εἶπεν δὲ αὐτῷ  
ὁ Ἰησοῦς, Τί με λέγεις ἀγαθόν; οὐδεὶς  
ἀγαθὸς εἰ μὴ εἷς ὁ θεός. Τὰς ἐντολάς οἶδας·  
Μὴ μοιχεύσης, Μὴ φονεύσης, Μὴ κλέψης,  
Μὴ ψευδομαρτυρήσης, Τίμα τὸν πατέρα σου  
καὶ τὴν μητέρα. Ὁ δὲ εἶπεν, Ταῦτα πάντα  
ἐφύλαξα ἐκ νεότητος. Ἀκούσας δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς  
εἶπεν αὐτῷ, Ἔτι ἐν σοὶ λείπει πάντα ὅσα  
ἔχεις πώλησον καὶ διάδος πτωχοῖς, καὶ ἔξεις  
θησαυρὸν ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς, καὶ δεῦρο  
ἀκολουθεῖ μοι. Ὁ δὲ ἀκούσας ταῦτα  
περίλυπος ἐγενήθη, ἦν γὰρ πλούσιος  
σφόδρα. Ἰδὼν δὲ αὐτὸν ὁ Ἰησοῦς περίλυπον  
γενόμενον εἶπεν, Πῶς δυσκόλως οἱ τὰ  
χρήματα ἔχοντες εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ  
Θεοῦ εἰσπορεύονται· ἐυκόπωτερον γὰρ ἐστὶν  
κάμηλον διὰ τρήματος βελόνης διελθεῖν ἢ  
πλούσιον εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ  
εἰσελθεῖν. Εἶπαν δὲ οἱ ἀκούσαντες, Καὶ τίς  
δύναται σωθῆναι; ὁ δὲ εἶπεν, Τὰ ἀδύνατα  
παρὰ ἀνθρώποις δυνατὰ παρὰ τῷ θεῷ  
ἐστὶν.

## ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟΝ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΕΚΤΑΡΙΟΥ

Σηλυβρίας τὸν γόνον καὶ Αἰγίνης τὸν  
έφορον, τὸν εσχάτοις χρόνοις φανέντα,  
αρετῆς φίλον γνήσιον, Νεκτάριον  
τιμήσωμεν πιστοί, ὡς ἐνθεον θεράποντα  
Χριστοῦ. Αναβλύζει γὰρ ἰάσεις  
παντοδαπὰς, τοῖς εὐλαβῶς κραυγάζουσι.  
Δόξα τῷ σε δοξάσαντι Χριστῷ, δόξα τῷ σε  
θαυμαστώσαντι, δόξα τῷ ενεργούντι δια  
σου πασὶν ἰάματα.

## TODAY'S GOSPEL READING:

**13th Sunday of Luke  
Luke 18:18-27**

**At that time,** a ruler came to Jesus and  
asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I  
do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said  
to him, "Why do you call me good? No  
one is good but God alone. You know the  
commandments: 'Do not commit  
adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not  
bear false witness, Honor your father  
and mother.' " And he said, "All these I  
have observed from my youth." And  
when Jesus heard it, he said to him,  
"One thing you still lack. Sell all that you  
have and distribute it to the poor, and  
you will have treasure in heaven; and  
come, follow me." But when he heard  
this he became sad, for he was very rich.  
Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is  
for those who have riches to enter the  
kingdom of God! For it is easier for a  
camel to go through the eye of a needle  
than for a rich man to enter the kingdom  
of God." Those who heard it said, "Then  
who can be saved?" But he said, "What  
is impossible with men is possible with  
God."

## HYMN OF ST. NECTARIOS

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."