

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**.

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GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME!

Sunday, December 13, 2009 11th Sunday of Luke
Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:4-11
Gospel: St. Luke 14:16-24; Matthew 22:14

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

"Blessed is the soul that knows her Creator and has grown to love Him, for she has found perfect rest in Him." St. Siloan

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

Memorials Kyriakos Sourounis 3 Years Georgia K. Sourounis 7 Years

Today General Assembly following the Divine Liturgy in the Great Hall/Gymnasium
Philoptochos will have spanakopitas and tiropitas available for purchase
YM Hot Chocolate fundraiser in front of the conference room
Sunday School annual Toy & PJ drive ends
St. Nectarios hosts St. Spyridon 2:15 pm GS Boys /3:15 Girls/4:15 pm HS Boys
Metropolis Open House 5:00 p.m.

Monday Bible study 10:00 a.m.
Jr. Goya meeting 6:30 p.m./ Sr. Goya 7:00 p.m.
Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday Greek School – 4:15 p.m.
Adult catechism class 5:00 p.m.
SNAP HS Boys basketball 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Mommy & Me meeting 10:00 a.m.
Bible study 7:00 p.m.
SNAP GS Boys Basketball 7:00 p.m. – 8:30

Thursday Parish Council meeting 7:30 p.m.
SNAP Girl's Basketball 6:00 p.m. - 7:30/H.S. Boys 7:30 – 10:00 p.m.

Friday Greek school Christmas Program 5:00 p.m./Christmas break begins

Saturday Sr. GOYA Snow Day 2:30 p.m.

Sacrament The daughter of **Stefanie** and **Steve House** will be baptized today and will be given the name of **Christina** by her Godparents, **Dina** and **John Moustoukas**.

Mark your calendars & join us at these upcoming events:

12/20 Alternate date for the General Assembly meeting following the Divine Liturgy
YM Hot Chocolate fundraiser
St. Nectarios hosts St. Holy Trinity - GS Boys 2:15 pm/3:15 Girls/4:15 pm HS Boys

12/21 Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.

12/22 Greek School Christmas break
Adult catechism class 5:00 p.m.

12/24 **Feast Day of St. Eugenia 8:30 a.m. Orthros and Royal hours 9:00 a.m. (Holy Communion will not be offered)**
Christmas Eve Vesperal Liturgy for the Feast of the Birth of Christ 6:00 p.m. (Holy Communion will be offered)

12/25 **Nativity fast ends**
The Nativity of Christ 8:30 a.m. Orthros/9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
The Office is closed

12/26 **Synaxis of the Theotokos - no service**

12/27 No Sunday school classes – Family worship

12/29 Greek School Christmas break

1/1 **Circumcision of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Feast Day of St. Basil 8:30 a.m. Orthros, 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy.**

1/3 No Sunday School classes – Family worship
Parish Council Oath of Office
YM Hot Chocolate fundraiser

1/4 Joy 6:30 p.m.
Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.

1/5 **The Great Hours of Epiphany Orthros 8:30a.m./9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Agiasmos.**
Greek School – 4:15 p.m.
Adult catechism class 5:00 p.m.
SNAP HS Boys basketball 7:00 p.m.

1/6 **Feast Day of Epiphany Orthros 8:30a.m./9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy**
SNAP GS Boys basketball 7:00 8:30 p.m.

1/7 **Feast Day of St. John the Baptist 8:30 a.m. Orthros/9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy**
SNAP Girl's Basketball 6:00 p.m. - 7:30/H.S. Boys 7:30 – 10:00 p.m.

1/8 Greek School – 4:15 p.m./Greek dance to follow
Sr. Goya trip to Dave & Buster's 6:00 p.m.

1/9 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.

1/10 Sunday school resumes/ Vasilopita cutting
YM Hot Chocolate fundraiser
St. Nectarios to play at SS Constantine & Helen/GS Boys 2:15 pm/3:15 Girls/4:15 pm HS Boys

1/11 Bible study 10:00 a.m.
Jr. Goya meeting 6:30 p.m./ Sr. Goya 7:00 p.m.
Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.

1/12 Greek School – 4:15 p.m.
Adult catechism class 5:00 p.m.
Philoptochos Board meeting 6:30 p.m./General meeting 7:15 p.m.
SNAP High School Boys Basketball 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

1/13 Bible study 7:00 p.m.
SNAP GS Boys Basketball 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Christmas Donations: Please call the office and speak with Father Peter if you would like to make a donation for items needed for Christmas.

A reminder to all Orthodox Christians: Only baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christians who are in "good standing" may receive Holy Communion. Likewise, Orthodox Christians may not partake in the sacraments of any other churches.

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**.

This is the final day that the St. Nectarios Sunday School will collect **toys & pajamas** for the underprivileged children in the Palatine area. We are accepting new, durable, safe & unwrapped toys and new pajamas. All sizes of pj's are needed. The donations will be delivered on **December 14**. We thank you in advance for your participation.

Youth Ministry: The **YM Hot Chocolate fundraiser** continues. **Today**, the **YM** visits the **Metropolis of Chicago**, "**Open House**" to meet His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos of Chicago. Vans leave the church at **4:00 p.m.** On **Sat., Dec. 19**, the **Sr. GOYA** will have a **Snow Day**. Please contact **Dimitri Tobias** at st.nectarios.layassistant@gmail.com.

The St. Nectarios Greek School will present their **Christmas Program** on **Friday December 18** at **5:00 p.m.**

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 and attend the mandatory seminar. Also please call to schedule **memorials** or **house blessings**. A bowl of water with a small bunch of basil is needed for the house blessings.

The **choir** is in need of **additional accompanysts**. If you are interested please call **Mary Zaharis** at **630 887-9469**.

The **Great Hall of our new addition** is available for Birthdays, Fundraisers, Social & Holiday Celebrations, Recitals, Award Banquets, Athletic Tournaments, Theatrical Productions, Sacramental Receptions, Reunions. To reserve it please contact **Tammy Stergiou-Linardatos** at tstergiou@comcast.net.

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

Other Events

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 this evening** beginning at **5:00 p.m.** The address is **Forty East Burton Place, Chicago, Illinois**.

There will be a **benefit fundraiser** for three year old cancer patient, **Yano Pournaras**, **tonight** at the **Pickwick Theater in Park Ridge**. The comedic show, '**Greek All Over, Basile in Concert**', begins at **7:30 p.m.** For more information regarding this worthy cause please call **Dina Papas-Boufis** at **847 942-4758** or **Anesis** at **847 340-6100**.

Attention Parishioners:

Please note that our **General Assembly Meeting** will be held **today in the Great Hall/Gymnasium** 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.



A message from your Parish Council President Reflecting on 2009

As the year comes to an end, each of us will look back over the last 12 months to reflect on how the world and our lives have changed. We have seen many changes not only throughout the world this year, but also in our own home here at St. Nectarios.

During 2009, we have been very fortunate to have many stewards step forward to make a change for the better in our community. Whether that be in time, talents or treasures, there are many in our community who have helped make a positive change throughout the St. Nectarios community in 2009.

Looking back at the year, we must be thankful for all that we have achieved. We must also now begin to look to the future, and what 2010 will have in store for our beloved community.

I ask all of those that wish to get involved with our community to contact me directly or contact the church office. It is together as one community we will be able to keep the St. Nectarios community thriving past our 35th anniversary.

In His work,
Ted Pappas, Parish Council President



Marriage Prep, Chrismation and Baptismal Seminars in 2010

Father Peter will conduct a **Marriage Prep Seminar** on **February 13**.

Father Peter along with **Dimitri Tobias**, our lay assistant, will conduct a series of classes for **Chrismation**, which explain our faith to the non-orthodox. They will be held on: **February 18, 25, March 4, 11, and 18** from **7:00-8:30 p.m.**

There will be a mandatory **Baptismal Seminar** on **Thursday, January 21**, at **7:00 p.m.** for **parents and Godparents**.

To register for any of these seminars, please call the office at **847 358-5170** or e-mail **Dimitri Tobias** at st.nectarios.layassistant@gmail.com.

ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΙΚΗ ΕΠΙΣΤΟΛΗ

Προς Κολασσαεις Επιστολής Παύλου
το Ανάγνωσμα. Κεφ. Γ' 4-11

Αδελφοί, όταν ο Χριστός φανερωθη, η ζωή ημών, τότε και υμείς συν ούτω φανερωθησεσθε εν δόξη. Νεκρώσατε ουν τα μέλη υμών τα επί της γης, πορνειαν, ακαθαρσιαν, πάθος, επιθυμιαν κακήν, και την πλεονεξίαν, ήτις εστίν ειδωλατρία, δια έρχεται η οργη του Θεού επί τους υιούς της απειθειας, εν οισ και υμείς περιεπατησατε ποτε, οτε εζητε εν αυτοις νυνη δε αποθεσθε και υμείς τα πάντα, οργήν, θυμον, κακίαν, βλασφημίαν, αισχρολογίαν εκ του στόματος υμών μη ψευδεσθε εις αλλήλους, απεκδυσαμενοι τον παλαιόν ανθρωπον συν ταις πραξεσιν αυτού και ενδυσασθε τον νέον τον ανακαινουμενον εις επιγνωσιν κατ εικόνα του κτισαντος αυτόν, όπου ουκ ενι Έλλην και Ιουδαίος, περιτομή και ακροβυστία, βάρβαρος, Σκυθης, δούλος, ελεύθερος, αλλά τα πάντα και εν πασι Χριστός.

ΣΗΜΕΡΙΝΑ ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΑ

Ότε κατήλθες προς τον θάνατον, η ζωή η αθάνατος, τότε τον Άδην ενέκρωσας τη αστραπή της Θεότητος. Ότε δε και τους τεθνεώτας εκ των καταχθονίων ανέστησας, πάσαι αι δυνάμεις των επουρανίων εκραύγαζον. Ζωοδότα Χριστέ, ο Θεός ημών, δόξα σοι.

Εν πίστει τους Προπάτορας εδικαίωσας, την εξ Εθνών δι' αυτών προμνηστευσάμενος Εκκλησίαν. Καυχώνται εν δόξη οι Άγιοι, ότι εκ σπέρματος αυτών, υπάρχει καρπός ευκλεής, η ασπόρως τεκούσά σε. Ταις αυτών ικεσίαις, Χριστέ ο Θεός, σώσον τας ψυχάς ημών.

EPISTLE READING:

**Saint Paul's Letter to the
Colossians Chapter 3:4-11**

Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away; anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

HYMNS OF THE DAY

When You descended to death, O Immortal Life, then the light of Your divinity destroyed Hades. When You raised the dead from the depths of darkness, all the heavenly powers cried out, "Glory to You, O Christ our God, the Giver of Life."

By faith You justified the Forefathers and through them betrothed Yourself to the Church, taken from out of the Gentiles. The Saints boast in glory for from their seed there exists a noble crop, it is she, who without seed, has given You birth. By their intercessions, O Christ our God, save our souls.

ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΚΗ ΠΕΡΙΚΟΠΗ

Εκ του κατά Λουκάν Κεφ. ιδ' (14),
16-24, Ματθ. 22:14

Είπεν ο Κύριος την παραβολήν ταύτην. Ανθρωπός τις εποίησε δείπνον μέγα, και εκάλεσε πολλούς, και απέστειλε τον δούλον αυτού τη ώρα του δείπνου ειπείν τοις κεκλημένοις. Έρχεσθε, ότι ήδη έτοιμά εστι πάντα. Και ήρξαντο από μιας παραιτějšíαι πάντες. Ο πρώτος είπεν αυτό. Αγρόν ηγόρασα, και έχω ανάγκην εξελθειν και ιδειν αυτόν. Ερωτώ σε, έχει με παρητημένον. Και έτερος είπε. Ζεύγη βοών ηγόρασα πέντε, και πορεύομαι δοκιμάσαι αυτά. Ερωτώσε, έχει με παρητημένον. Και έτερος είπε. Γυναίκα έγημα, και δια τούτο ου δύναμαι ελθειν. Και παραγενόμενος ο δούλος εκείνος, απήγγειλε τω κυρίω αυτού ταύτα. Τότε οργισθείς ο οικοδεσπότης, είπε τω δούλω αυτού. Έξελθε ταχέως εις τας πλατείας και ρύμας της πόλεως, και τους πτωχούς και αναπήρους και χωλούς και τυφλούς εισάγαγε ώδε. Και είπεν ο δούλος. Κύριε, γέγονεν ως επέταξας, και έτι τόπος εστί. Και είπεν ο κύριος προς τον δούλον. Έξελθε εις τας οδούς και φραγμούς, και ανάγκασον εισελθειν, ίνα γεμισθή ο οίκός μου. Λέγω γαρ υμίν, ότι ουδεις των ανδρών εκείνων των κεκλημένων γεύσεται μου του δείπνου. Πολλοί γάρ εισι κλητοί, ολίγοι δε εκλεκτοί.

ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟΝ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΕΚΤΑΡΙΟΥ

Σηλυβρίας τον γόνον και Αιγίνης τον έφορον, τον εσχάτοις χρόνοις φανέντα, αρετής φίλον γνήσιον, Νεκτάριον τιμήσωμεν πιστοί, ως ένθεον θεράποντα Χριστού. Αναβλύζει γαρ ίασεις παντοδαπάς, τοις ευλαβώς κραυγάζουσι. Δόξα τω σε δοξάσαντι Χριστώ, δόξα τω σε θαυμαστώσαντι, δόξα τω ενεργούντι δια σου πασιν ίάματα.

KONTAKION

Η Παρθένος σήμερα, τον προαιώνιον Λόγον, εν Σπηλαίω έρχεται, αποτεκείν απορρήτως. Χόρρευε, η οικουμένη, ακουτισθείσα. Δόξασον, μετά Αγγέλων και των Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα εποφθηναι, παιδίον νέον, τον προ αιώνων Θεόν.

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING:

**11th Sunday of Luke - St. Luke
Chapter 14:16-24, Matthew 22:14**

The Lord said this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is not ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.'"

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."

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.