

PHILOPTOCHOS

Our **Philoptochos Society** will be happy to provide **Artoclasia** for the health and welfare of your loved ones. **Kolyva** is also available for **Memorials**. If you are interested in these services, please contact **Stella Drakousis at 847-991-8751**. Join the Philoptochos - new members are always welcome! Board Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month and General Meetings are the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are not scheduled in July and August. Contact **Bettie Siavelis** with questions at **847-977-7320**.

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GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME!

Sunday, January 24, 2010 Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee
Tridion begins today

Epistle: St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 3:10-15

Gospel: Luke 18:10-14

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

"Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with what measure you use, it will be measured back to you. And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but not consider the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck in your eye,' and look, a plank is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye." Matthew 7:1-5

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

Memorial Nicholas Vichos 26 Years

Today St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival during Sunday School
Philoptochos will have spanakopites & tiropites available for purchase.
St. Nectarios to host St. George/Schereville/GS Boys 2:15 pm/3:15 Girls/4:15 pm HS Boys

Sacrament The daughter of **Christina and Theodore Pappas** will be baptized today and will be given the name of **Athanasia** by her Godparent, **Eleni Kolliniatis**.

Monday Bible study 10:00 a.m.
Jr. Goya 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 High School Boys Basketball 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday Bible study 7:00 p.m.
SNAP GS Boys Basketball 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

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

Friday Greek School – 4:15 p.m./Greek dance to follow/ Greek Letters Celebration

Saturday **Feast Day of the Three Hierarchs 8:30 a.m. Orthros/9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy**
St. Nectarios to play at St. Nicholas - St. Demetrios Hammond/2:15 pm GS Boys vs St. Nicholas / 3:15 HS Boys vs St. D's Hammond/ 4:15 pm GS Boys vs St. D's Hammond/no girl's Biddies tournament with St. John and St. Haralambos 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sacrament The son of **Michelle and Theodosios Arvanitis** will be baptized today and will be given the name of **Loukas** by his Godparent, **Argie Smith**.

Congratulations to Presbytera Karen and her team for a very successful Godparents' Sunday Luncheon!

Last Sunday, over **\$1,800.00** was collected for the **Haiti Relief Fund**. We would like to thank everyone for their generosity.

The Philoptochos will have a **2 for 1** sale on their **spanakopitas and tiropitas today** and on **January 31**, following the Divine Liturgy. This is a great opportunity to stock up on these delicious appetizers. **Two containers for just \$10.00.**

On **Thursday, February 11, 2010**, the **Nectarians** will be going by motor coach on a romp back to the **Roaring 20's**. A costumed gangster guide will take the group back to the **Prohibition Era of Chicago**. A delicious Italian lunch at **Pompei** is included. Meet at the church at **9:00 a.m.** and the return time is **3:30 p.m.** For further information, call **Elayne Pappas at 847 882-6023.**

The **St. Nectarios 2nd Annual SNAP Awards Pancake Breakfast** will be held on **Sunday, February 21, 2010**, in the **Great Hall following the Divine Liturgy**. The donation is **\$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children, 8th grade and under**. For more information please contact **Penny Zografos at 847 934-4177 or at penzoula@aol.com.**

Upcoming Seminars and classes:

Father Peter will conduct a **Marriage Prep Seminar, Saturday, February 13, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

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 every **Thursday on: February 18, 25, March 4, 11, and 18 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** To register for the seminar or for the classes, please call the office at **847 358-5170** or e-mail **Dimitri Tobias at st.nectarios.layassistant@gmail.com.**

The **Great Hall of our new addition** is available for all types of events. To reserve it please contact **Tammy Stergiou-Linardatos at tstergiou@comcast.net.**

During inclement weather, please log on to our website at www.stnectariosgoc.org or check your e-mails for service cancellations. Thank you!

Other events

St. Demetrios in Hammond, will be celebrating a, '**Big Fat Greek Mardi Gras**'. On **Friday, January 29, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.** their GOYA invite all GOYAN's to, '**Mezethakia & Music**' for a **\$10.00 donation**. On **Saturday January 30** the Mardi Gras takes place from **noon – 8:00 p.m.**, and on **Sunday January 31, from noon- 6:00 p.m.** For information call **Georgia Karnezis at 219 923-9784.**

The **Hellenic Letters Luncheon** will be held on **Sunday, January 31st** at the **Chateau Ritz Banquets in Niles at 2:00 p.m.** The donation is **\$50.00**. For tickets and information please call the **Metropolis of Chicago at 312 337- 4130.**

The **Mission Team Chicago 2010 OCMC Benefit Banquet** will be held on **Thursday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m.** at **St. John the Baptist Church in Des Plaines**. The donation is **\$30.00**. For information call **708 533 1543.**

**A message from your Parish Council President
The Church's Youth**

Mark your calendars & join us at these upcoming events:

- 1/31** Hellenic letters luncheon at the Chateau Ritz in Niles
2/1 Bible study 10:00 a.m.
Joy 6:30 p.m.
Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
2/2 **Presentation of our Lord to the Temple 8:30 a.m. Orthros/9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy**
Greek School – 4:15 p.m.
Adult catechism class 5:00 p.m.
SNAP High School Boys Basketball 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
2/3 Mommy & Me meeting 10:00 a.m.
Bible study 7:00 p.m.
SNAP GS Boys Basketball 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
2/4 SNAP Girl's Basketball 6:00 p.m. - 7:30/H.S. Boys 7:30 – 10:00 p.m.
2/5 Greek School 4:15 p.m./Greek Dance 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
2/6 **1st Saturday of Souls 8:30 a.m. Orthros/9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy**
SNAP playoffs 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p. m.
2/7 **Meatfare Sunday**
YM Souper Bowl Sunday
2/8 Bible study 10:00 a.m.
Jr. Goya 6:30 p.m./Sr. Goya 7:00 p.m.
Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
2/9 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. – 9:00 p.m.
2/10 Bible study 7:00 p.m.
SNAP Playoffs 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
2/11 Nectarrians romp back to the Roaring 20's – meet at the church at 9:00 a.m.
SNAP Girl's Basketball 6:00 p.m. - 7:30/H.S. Boys 7:30 – 10:00 p.m.
2/12 Greek School – 4:15 p.m. Apokreatiko celebration
2/13 **2nd Saturday of Souls 8:30 a.m. Orthros/9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy**
Marriage prep seminar 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
SNAP playoffs 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p. m./biddies
2/14 **Cheesefare/Forgiveness Sunday**
SNAP playoffs at SS Constantine and Helen
2/15 **Lent begins**
The office is closed
Joy meeting 6:30 p.m.
2/16 Greek School – 4:15 p.m.
Adult catechism class 5:00 p.m.
SNAP High School Boys Basketball 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Last week we celebrated Godparent's Sunday and was another incredible Glendi event. For those of us that made it, with somewhere around 550 people attending the luncheon, we know how wonderful it was to see the smiling faces and excitement from so many of the children.

The Glendi showed once again how the church is a home to all of us, and that the children should, and do, feel comfortable in their own home.

We wanted the children to feel even more comfortable in their own home. This is why as you enter church, you now see the last few rows kindly reserved for parents with young children. In the past, just as with many churches who have cry rooms, parents stayed in these rooms with their children, even when they weren't "crying". We wanted to ensure that the very young children, along with the parents, at St. Nectarios start feeling more comfortable inside of the church, and not feel separated all of the time by a glass window. These last few rows give parents the ability to quietly leave the church and go into the cry room if necessary.

It is by looking to the youth of our church that we see our future. Today's toddlers will some day be leading our church, and what better way to start them off on the right path than to have them experience as much of the liturgy as possible.

In His work,

Ted Pappas,
Parish Council President



Stewardship News & Notes

Thank you to all of our Stewards from 2009 for an exceptional response this year to our campaign.

The 2009 Year End Status report is as follows:
Pledges Budget \$475,000 Actual \$480,457
Minus: Expenses Budget \$5,000 Actual \$705
Minus : Unpaid Pledges \$13,534
Net Stewardship \$466,218
99.2% of Budget achieved

**Due to hardships, some pledges could not be fulfilled. Others have indicated they will make an effort to fulfill their obligation in 2010.

Our first quarter campaign has already begun. Please submit your **2010 pledge by Jan. 31, 2009**. Our calling teams will again be contacting stewards in the beginning of February.

Thank you,
The Stewardship Team

ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΙΚΗ ΕΠΙΣΤΟΛΗ

Προς Β' Επιστολής Παύλου 3:10-15

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, παρηκολούθησάς μου τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ, τῇ ἀγωγῇ, τῇ προθέσει, τῇ πίστει, τῇ μακροθυμίᾳ, τῇ ἀγάπῃ, τῇ ὑπομονῇ, τοῖς διωγμοῖς, τοῖς παθήμασιν, οἷά μοι ἐγένετο ἐν Ἀντιοχείᾳ, ἐν Ἰκονίῳ, ἐν Λύστροις, οἷους διωγμοὺς ὑπήνεγκα· καὶ ἐκ πάντων με ἐρρύσατο ὁ κύριος. Καὶ πάντες δὲ οἱ θέλοντες ζῆν εὐσεβῶς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ διωχθήσονται· πονηροὶ δὲ ἄνθρωποι καὶ γόητες προκόψουσιν ἐπὶ τὸ χεῖρον, πλανῶντες καὶ πλανώμενοι. Σὺ δὲ μένε ἐν οἷς ἔμαθες καὶ ἐπιστάθης, εἰδὼς παρὰ τίνων ἔμαθες, καὶ ὅτι ἀπὸ βρέφους [τὰ] ἱερά γραμματα οἶδας, τὰ δυνάμενά σε σοφίσει εἰς σωτηρίαν διὰ πίστεως τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ.

ΣΗΜΕΡΙΝΑ ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΑ

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφήν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

KONTAKION

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν, αγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χείρας τοῦ Συμεῶν εὐλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν, ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Ἀλλ' εἰρήνευσον, ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὐς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλόανθρωπος.

ΕΠΙΣΤΟΛΗ ΕΚΘΕΣΗ:

The Reading is from St. Paul's 2nd Letter to Timothy 3:10-15

TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

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

Your birth sanctified a Virgin's womb and fittingly blessed the hands of Symeon. You have now come and saved us O Christ, our God. In troubled times, as the only loving One, give peace to Your commonwealth and strength to those in civil authority, whom You love.

ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΚΗ ΠΕΡΙΚΟΠΗ

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν Κεφ. ιη' (18), 10-14

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην. Ἄνθρωποι δύο ἀνέβησαν εἰς τὸ Ἱερὸν προσεύξασθαι. Ὁ εἰς Φαρισαῖος, καὶ ὁ ἕτερος Τελώνης. Ὁ Φαρισαῖος σταθεὶς πρὸς εαυτὸν ταῦτα προσήυχετο. Ὁ Θεός ευχαριστῶ σοι, ὅτι οὐκ εἰμί ὡσπερ οἱ λοιποὶ τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ἀρπαγες, ἀδικοὶ, μοιχοί, ἢ καὶ ὡς οὗτος ὁ Τελώνης. Νηστεύω δις τοῦ σαββάτου, ἀποδεκατῶ πάντα ὅσα κτώμαι. Καὶ ὁ Τελώνης μακρόθεν εστῶς, οὐκ ἠθέλην οὐδέ τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν ἐπάραι, ἀλλ' ἐτύπτε τὸ στήθος αὐτοῦ, λέγων. Ὁ Θεός, ἰλάσθητί μοι τῷ αμαρτωλῷ. Λέγω ὑμῖν, κατέβη οὗτος δεδικαιωμένος εἰς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ, ἢ ἐκεῖνος. Ὅτι πᾶς ὁ υψῶν εαυτὸν, ταπεινωθήσεται, ὁ δὲ ταπεινῶν εαυτὸν, υψωθήσεται.

ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟΝ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΕΚΤΑΡΙΟΥ

Σηλυβρίας τὸν γόνον καὶ Αἰγίνης τὸν ἔφορον, τὸν εσχάτοις χρόνοις φανέντα, ἀρετῆς φίλον γνήσιον, Νεκτάριον τιμήσωμεν πιστοί, ὡς ἐνθεὸν 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:

St. Luke Chapter 18:10-14
Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

The Lord said this parable:

“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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.”