

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, January 10, 2010 Sunday after Theophany

Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:7-13

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17

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

"On this day You appeared unto the whole world, and Your light, O sovereign Lord, is shined on us who sing Your praise and chant with knowledge; You have now come, You have appeared O Light unapproachable." Kontakion of the Holy Theophany of Our Lord

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

Memorial Yula Lambroplos 1 Year

Today	The Vasilopita Cutting will take place following the Divine Liturgy Sunday School classes resume Tickets to Godparent's Sunday 2010 will be available following the Divine Liturgy Philoptochos will have spanakopitas and tiropitas available for purchase YM Hot Chocolate fundraiser St. Nectarios to play at St. Constantine & Helen/GS Boys 2:15 pm/3:15 Girls/4:15 HS Boys Biddies practice 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sacrament	The son of Beth Marie and Nicholas Gatsis will be baptized today and will be given the name of Christopher by his Godparents, Gena and Demetrie Livaditis .
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. 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.
Wednesday	Bible study 7:00 p.m. SNAP GS Boys Basketball 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Thursday	Nectarians 8 th Birthday celebration 11:30 a.m. SNAP Girl's Basketball 6:00 p.m. - 7:30/H.S. Boys 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. Jr. Olympics meeting 6:30 p.m. Guild members training session 7:00 p.m.
Friday	Greek School – 4:15 p.m./Greek dance to follow
Saturday Sacrament	The daughter of Maria and Andreas Deligiannis will be baptized today and will be given the name of Vasiliki by her Godparent, Christos Bozonelos .

Mark your calendars & join us at these upcoming events:

1/17	Feast day of St. Anthony Godparent's Sunday 2010 following the Divine Liturgy
1/18	Martin Luther King Day – The office is closed JOY miniature golf 6:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
1/19	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.
1/20	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.
1/21	Baptismal seminar 7:00 p.m. SNAP Girl's Basketball 6:00 p.m. - 7:30/H.S. Boys 7:30 – 10:00 p.m.
1/22	Greek School 4:15 p.m./Greek Dance 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
1/23	Metropolis Pan GS Celebration 3:00 p.m.
1/24	Triodion begins St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival during Sunday School St. Nectarios to play at St. George/Schereville/GS Boys 2:15 pm/3:15 Girls/4:15 pm HS Boys
1/25	Bible study 10:00 a.m. Jr. Goya 6:30 p.m./Sr. Goya 7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
1/26	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.
1/27	Bible study 7:00 p.m. SNAP GS Boys Basketball 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
1/28	PC meeting 7:30 p.m. SNAP Girl's Basketball 6:00 p.m. - 7:30/H.S. Boys 7:30 – 10:00 p.m.
1/29	Greek School 4:15 p.m./Greek Dance 6:30 – 7:00 p.m./Greek Letters Celebration
1/30	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 game
1/31	YM Hot Chocolate fundraiser
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 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.

**A message from your Parish Council President
Starting the New Year off right**

Congratulations to the following newly elected parishioners who will serve on the **Parish Council for the 2010-2011 year: Chris Conglis, Walter Dipping, James S. Macnider, Gus M. Pablecas and Ted Pappas**. We also wish to congratulate **Angela DiVito, Curt Freund, and Dan Kuesis** who were voted in by the Parish Council to fill three vacant seats. We wish you all the best as you serve on the council and we know that you will do your best for your church and community. In addition, we would like to thank the wives/husbands and families of these admirable parishioners of the newly formed Parish Council for their patience and understanding and for the many hours spent away from home.

If anyone would like a **poinsettia** plant located on the **stage in the Great Hall**, please take one.

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

Philoptochos will present a lecture given by **Christine Voutiritsas** on, “**The Power of Prayer**”, at their general meeting, at **7:15 p.m.**, on **Tuesday, January 12th**. All are welcome.

On **Monday, January 18, JOY** will meet at the **Putting Edge Miniature Golf Course at 6:30 at 2535 Golf Rd. in Hoffman Estates**. The cost is **\$9.00**.

The **Nectarians** will celebrate their **8th birthday** on **Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. at the church**. If you are 60 years old or better join them for a **luncheon and Bingo**. Please call **Elayne Pappas** for **reservations at 847 882-6023**. The **2010 dues are \$20 per person** and may be paid at the meeting or to the office.

The **St. Nectarios Annual Godparents Sunday Glendi** will be held on **Sunday, January 17**, immediately following the Divine Liturgy. The St. Nectarios Greek School Dancers will perform, there will be face painting for the children, a new menu will be served and there will be great raffle prizes for all. Tickets are **\$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children under 15**. Tickets will be available following the Divine Liturgy or please reserve your seats by calling **847 359-9597**.

The **St. Nectarios 2nd SNAP Awards Pancake Breakfast** will be held on **Sunday, February 21, 2010**, in the **Great Hall following the Divine Liturgy**.

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** 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 or business blessings.

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**.

Other Events

The **Metropolis of Chicago Philoptochos** is hosting the **50th Anniversary Vasilopita Celebration, today, Sunday, January 10, 2010 to benefit St Basil Academy, at St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church at 6:00pm. The donation is \$10.00**. Please see a **Philoptochos** member during coffee for tickets.

St. Andrew’s, ‘Winter Food Fest’ will be held on **Saturday, January 23, 2010 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 p.m. and on Sunday, January 24, from noon – 5:00 p.m.** There will be Greek food, beer, wine and pastries. Orthodox books will be available and there will be a 50/50 raffle. **Admission is free. There is parking on the church grounds. For more information call: 773 334-4515.**

For many of us, the New Year is now in full swing. We have more than likely taken down all of our Christmas decorations, are back at work full time after maybe some vacation time with the family, or are getting ready to head back to college in the next week or so.

There are also many of us who are organizing many parts of their life, whether it be the kitchen drawers, the home office, or filing paper work that had built up near the end of the year.

With a New Year, we should not forget to include our duties to the church in these organizational and preparing activities. Now is the time to keep our beloved St. Nectarios community at the forefront of our thoughts and activities.

- Have we thought about volunteering some of our time and talents to the many ministries and operations of the church?
- Have we submitted our Stewardship form for 2010?
- Did we select monthly auto debit on our Stewardship to allow the church to meet its financial obligations?

As we kick off another year, I hope that everyone will keep the thoughts of the St. Nectarios community at the top of their lists. It is important to remember that it is because of the **Time, Talents & Treasurers** of all of us that we have such a beautiful spiritual home.

In His work,

Ted Pappas,
Parish Council President



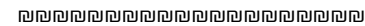
Stewardship News & Notes

We are now at the beginning of the first quarter of the new year and look forward to all of the activities our ministries have planned for us. Please help us attract more new stewards to join us in worship and enhance our outreach to those in need. The stewardship team encourages everyone to actively participate in a ministry of the church.

Your stewardship team worked diligently last year to promote the stability and growth of our community. We need a repeat performance in our 2010 stewardship pledge drive. Please make your pledge commitment now and select a payment plan that works for you. Bringing more of your friends and acquaintances to our church will help us expand our footprint and reach our goals.

To all who have made your pledge, please accept again our sincere thanks. To those who have not submitted your pledge, please help jump start our 2010 Pledge Drive.

The Stewardship Team



Marriage Prep, Chrismation and Baptismal Seminar Information

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

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.**

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 Εφεσίους Επιστολής Παύλου το Ανάγνωσμα. Κεφ. Δ' 7-13

Αδελφοί, ενί εκάστω ημών εδόθη η χάρις κατά το μέτρον της δωρεάς του Χριστού. Διό λέγει. Αναβάς εις ύψος ηχημαλώτευσεν αιχμαλωσίαν και έδωκε δόματα τοις ανθρώποις. Το δε ανέβη τί εστιν ει μη ότι και κατέβη πρώτον εις τα κατώτερα μέρη της γής; Ο καταβάς αυτός εστι και ο αναβάς υπεράνω πάντων των ουρανών, ίνα πληρώση τα πάντα. Και αυτός έδωκε τους μεν αποστόλους, τους δε προφήτας, τους δε ευαγγελιστάς, τους δε ποιμένας και διδασκάλους, προς τον καταρτισμόν των αγίων εις έργον διακονίας, εις οικοδομήν του σώματος του Χριστού, μέχρι καταντήσωμεν οι πάντες εις την ενότητα της πίστεως και της επιγνώσεως του υιού του Θεού, εις άνδρα τέλειον, εις μέτρον ηλικίας του πληρώματος του Χριστού.

ΣΗΜΕΡΙΝΑ ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΑ

Αγγελικαι δυναμεις επι το μνημα σου, και οι φυλασσοντες απενεκρωθησαν και ιστατο Μαρια εν τω ταφω, ζητουσα το αχραντον σου σωμα. Εσκυλευσας τον Αδην μη πειρασθεις υπ αυτου, υπηνησας τη Παρθενω δωρουμενος την ζωην. Ο αναστας εκ των νεκρων, Κυριε, δοξα σοι.

Εν Ιορδάνη βαπτιζομένου σου Κύριε, η της Τριάδος εφανερώθη προσκύνησις, του γαρ Γεννήτορος η φωνή προσεμαρτύρει σοι, αγαπητόν σε Υιόν ονομάζουσα, και το Πνεύμα εν είδει περιστεράς, εβεβαίου του λόγου το ασφαλές, Ο επιφανείς Χριστέ ο Θεός, και τον κόσμον φωτίσας δόξα σοι.

ΕPISTLE READING:

Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:7-13

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (in saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

HYMNS OF THE DAY

O Christ, the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the guards were as dead, and Mary stood by the grave, seeking Your sacred body. You destroyed Hades, yet remained untouched by it. You encountered the Virgin and, through her, bestowed Life. "Glory to You who have risen from the dead!"

Lord, when You were baptized in the Jordan, the veneration of the trinity was revealed. For the voice of the Father gave witness to You, calling You beloved, and the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the certainty of His words. Glory to You, Christ our God, who appeared and enlightened the world.

ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΚΗ ΠΕΡΙΚΟΠΗ

Εκ του κατά Ματθαίον Κεφ. δ' (4), 12-17

Τω καιρω εκείνω, ακούσας ο Ιησούς ότι Ιωάννης παρεδόθη, ανεχώρησεν εις την Γαλιλαίαν, και καταλιπών την Ναζαρέτ, ελθών κατώκησεν εις Καπερναούμ την παραθαλασσίαν, εν ορίοις Ζαβουλών και Νεφθαλείμ, ίνα πληρωθή το ρηθέν διά Ησαΐου του προφήτου, λέγοντος. Γη Ζαβουλών και γη Νεφθαλείμ, οδόν θαλάσσης πέραν του Ιορδάνου, Γαλιλαία των εθνών, ο λαός ο καθημένος εν σκότει είδε φως μέγα, και τοις καθημένοις εν χώρα και σκιά θανάτου, φως ανέτειλεν αυτοίς. Από τότε ήρξατο ο Ιησούς κηρύσσειν, και λέγειν. Μετανοείτε, ήγγικε γαρ η βασιλεία των ουρανών.

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

Επεφάνης σήμερον, τη οικουμένη, και το φώς σου, Κύριε εσημειώθη εφ' ημάς, εν επιγνώσει υμνούντάς σε. Ήλθες εφάνης, το φώς το απρόσιτον.

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 4:12-17
Sunday after Epiphany

At that time, Jesus heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth He went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

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 You appeared to the world, and Your light, O lord, has left its mark upon us a in fuller understanding we sing to You: "You came, You were made manifest, the unapproachable light."