

## 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** will begin at **6:30 p.m.** and the **General meeting** will begin at **7:15 p.m.** Meetings are not scheduled 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, February 28, 2010 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent St. Gregory Palamas**

**Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Hebrews 1:10-14; 2-1-3**

**Gospel: Mark 2:1-12**

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

*“Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.” 1 Timothy 6:12*

Please join us in the Great Hall after the Divine Liturgy as the **Sunday School** will host the Coffee Hour

**Memorials Pauline Chronos 40 Days Stavros Selas 3 Months**  
**George C. Bacos 4 Years Frieda Bacos 5 Years**

<b>Today</b>	JOY bowling outing 5:00 p.m. Celebration of Books at Holy Apostles Church begins
<b>Sacrament</b>	The son of <b>Michael and Nicoleta Dayiantis-Pringle</b> will be baptized today and will be given the name of <b>George</b> by his Godparent, <b>Dean Straub</b> .
<b>Monday</b>	Bible study 10:00 a.m. Joy 6:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b>	Greek School – 4:15 p.m. Adult catechism class 5:00 p.m. SNAP High School Boys basketball 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 p.m.</b> , The Lenten meal will be sponsored by the <b>Parish Council</b> and a lecture on <b>“The Holy Cross and the Sacred call to Abolish the Death Penalty”</b> , will be given by, <b>His Grace Bishop Demetrios of Mokissos</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Chrismation class 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. SNAP Girl's basketball 6:00 p.m. - 7:30/H.S. Boys 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. YM Club Nectarios 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>3rd Salutations to the Theotokos 7:00 p.m.</b> Greek School 4:15 p.m./Greek Dance 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.

**In preparation for Lent and Pascha**, please consider making a donation for any of the following: Flowers to decorate the icon of Panagia for Friday Heretismis; daffodils for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent; Altar Candles; Palms; Easter Lilies; flowers and candles for the Kouvouklion and miscellaneous items that can be donated in memory of, or to the health of a loved one. **Please see Father Peter if you are able to make a donation.**

Mark your calendars & join us at these upcoming events:

<b>3/7</b>	<b>Stavroproskiniseos Adoration of the Cross</b>
<b>3/8</b>	Bible study 10:00 a.m. Jr. Goya 6:30 p.m./Sr. Goya 7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
<b>3/9</b>	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. Greek Fest meeting 7:00 p.m. SNAP High School Boys basketball 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
<b>3/10</b>	<b>Presanctified Liturgy, 6:00 p.m.</b> , Lenten meal and lecture to follow
<b>3/11</b>	Chrismation class 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. SNAP Girl's basketball 6:00 p.m. - 7:30/H.S. Boys 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
<b>3/12</b>	Greek School Independence Day Program 5:00 p.m. <b>4<sup>th</sup> Salutations to the Theotokos 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>3/13</b>	SNAP Biddies 1:00 p.m.- 2:30 p.m./GS Boys 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
<b>3/14</b>	JOY to go rollerskating 5:00 p.m.
<b>3/15</b>	Bible study 10:00 a.m. Joy 6:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
<b>3/16</b>	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.
<b>3/17</b>	Mommy & Me meeting 10:00 a.m. <b>Presanctified Liturgy</b> , Lenten meal and lecture to follow
<b>3/18</b>	Nectarrians to make Palm crosses 9:30 a.m. YM Club Nectarios 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. SNAP Girl's basketball 6:00 p.m. - 7:30/H.S. Boys 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
<b>3/19</b>	Greek School 4:15 p.m./Greek Dance 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. <b>Akathist Hymn 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>3/20</b>	SNAP Biddies 1:00 p.m.- 2:30 p.m./GS Boys 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
<b>3/21</b>	Sunday School St. John Chrysostom oratorical festival <b>Forgiveness Sunday Vespers at 7:00 p.m., His Eminence to attend/reception</b>
<b>3/22</b>	Bible study 10:00 a.m. Jr. Goya 6:30 p.m./Sr. Goya 7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
<b>3/23</b>	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.
<b>3/24</b>	Presanctified Liturgy at Annunciation
<b>3/25</b>	<b>Annunciation 8:30 a.m. Orthros/9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy</b> Parish Council meeting 7:30 p.m.
<b>3/26</b>	Greek School 4:15 p.m./Greek Dance 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
<b>3/27</b>	<b>Saturday of Lazarus Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m. Communion/Communion Breakfast to follow/Lenten retreat to follow</b>

**Save the date!** The **“Center of Unity”** in Chicago's Greek Community and the **46<sup>th</sup> annual Chicago Greek Independence Day Parade** will take place at **2:30 p.m., Sunday April 25, on Halsted Street. For info regarding the commemorative album sponsorships please visit [chicagogreekparade.org](http://chicagogreekparade.org) or call Georgia Karas at 773 775-4949.**

**Please register early!** This year's **Family Lenten Retreat** will take place on the **Saturday of Lazarus, March 27**, immediately following **Divine Liturgy and the Annual Communion Breakfast**. In addition to learning about different aspects of **Holy Week and Pascha**, we have a number of hands-on activities planned which will be of interest to each age group from 3 years old up to and including adults. **Registration forms are due by March 14** and are available **on our website, in the office, through the Sunday school or through Mr. Tobias**.

**Youth Ministries: JOY** will go **bowling today** at the **Brunswick Zone, 21080 N. Rand Rd., in Lake Zurich, at 5:00 p.m.** They will go **roller skating on March 14**, at the **Orbit Skate Center at 615 S. Consumers Ave. in Palatine at 1:00 p.m.**

On **April 1<sup>st</sup>** the **GOYA** will attend a lock-in in the Church which is named, **“The Vigil of the Cross,”** to follow the **Passion Service on Holy Thursday**.

**YM’s, ‘Club Nectaros’** is geared to help with homework and to socialize. Meetings are every **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**, in the, **“Ministries Room”** for a **\$2.00 fee**. For all **YM functions** please contact **Dimitri Tobias** at **[st.nectaros.layassistant@gmail.com](mailto:st.nectaros.layassistant@gmail.com)**.

The **Wednesday evening, Presanctified services** will be on **March 3, 10 & 17 at 6:00 p.m.** Each service will be followed by a Lenten meal and a presentation. Our guest speaker on **March 3 will be His Grace Bishop DEMETRIOS of Mokissos** speaking on **‘The Holy Cross and the Scared Call to Abolish the Death Penalty’**, **March 10 – Dr. Helen Theodoropoulos** speaking on **Mother Skobstova**, **March 17 - Dr. Perry Hamalis** speaking on **St. Mary of Egypt**. For info visit our website.

**Father Peter** and our lay assistant, **Dimitri Tobias**, will continue the series of classes for **Chrismation**, which explain our faith to the non-orthodox on **Thursday, March 4, 11 and 18 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** To **register** please call **847 358-5170** or **e-mail Dimitri Tobias** at **[st.nectaros.layassistant@gmail.com](mailto:st.nectaros.layassistant@gmail.com)**.

On **Thursday, March 18, at 9:30 a.m.**, the **Nectarians** and all of the members of the **St. Nectaros Community** are invited to help make the **Palm Crosses** that will be distributed on Palm Sunday. Coffee "and" will be served. Please call **Elayne Pappas at 847882-6023** if you are able to join us for this very important annual event.

**St. Nectaros** will host the **6<sup>th</sup> and final, Forgiveness Sunday Vespers on March 21, at 7:00 p.m. and will be attended by Metropolitian Iakovos**. A reception given by the **Philoptochos** will follow.

On **Holy Thursday evening, April 1**, immediately following the service, the women of our parish will remain in church to adorn the **Kouvouklion**. If you would like to be a part of this meaningful and beautiful tradition, please contact **Elaine Kepraios at 847-934-5759**.

**Young ladies between the ages of 6 to 11** are needed to be **Myrrh Bearers** for the procession on **Good Friday**. If you would like to participate, contact **Maria Garcia at [mariag100@aim.com](mailto:mariag100@aim.com)**. We need **ten (10) young ladies ages 10 to 11 and twenty (20) young ladies ages 6-10**. There will be a **mandatory rehearsal following the Divine Liturgy on Palm Sunday**.

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](mailto:tstergiou@comcast.net)**.

The **Institute of the Greek Language and Culture** offers classes for beginning, intermediate and advanced levels. Contact **Dr. Anthony Xidis at [axidis@learninggreek.org](mailto:axidis@learninggreek.org) or 773 677-3785**.

**During inclement weather, please log on to our website at [www.stnectariosgoc.org](http://www.stnectariosgoc.org) or check your e-mails for service cancellations. Thank you!**

**Thousands of Orthodox books** will be on display for all to browse and purchase for their library. The **Celebration of Books** is sponsored by the **Metropolis of Chicago Religious Department**. It will be held daily from **February 28 – March 7**, from **10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at **Holy Apostles Church, 2501 S. Wolf Rd., Westchester, IL., 708 562-2744, [www.holyapostleschurch.com](http://www.holyapostleschurch.com)**.

## A message from your Parish Council President

### Looking Forward

Looking outside with the cold temperatures and plowed snow piled up, most of are looking forward to the warmer weather and the summer months. And while many of us are hoping for the warm weather and thinking about spring break or even summer vacation, there is already a group of individuals preparing for Greek Fest 2010 this June.

Believe it or not, the first Greek Fest committee meeting was recently held. This goes to show just how much planning and effort goes into this event.

Just as it is not too early to think about plans for summer vacation, it is not too early to volunteer for Greek Fest. There are many opportunities for everyone to get involved in from many different aspects.

We must remember that Greek Fest is an event that we as an entire community host, not just a few people. I encourage everyone to see what areas of Greek Fest you can assist in. You can contact me at, **[ttpappas@gmail.com](mailto:ttpappas@gmail.com)** and I will be more than happy to see what areas of Greek Fest you would be a good fit for.

It is with everyone’s efforts that we will ensure we reach our goals as one community.

In His work,  
Ted Pappas, Parish Council President



### 2010 Stewardship Goals and Progress

- A big thank you goes to our 288 stewards who have already turned in their 2010 stewardship pledge.
- Of our 288 pledged stewards, we welcome 32 new stewards. Please welcome our new faces. We challenge everyone to bring in one new steward like you into our community this year.
- By March 31, the goal is to have all of our 2009 stewards fully pledged, and either paid in full or on a monthly/quarterly payment or credit card plan.
- If you have not yet made your pledge, you can do so by completing a pledge card and dropping it off in the office OR you can submit your pledge directly through the Church’s website at **[www.stnectariosgoc.org](http://www.stnectariosgoc.org)**.
- Our Church offers many ministries for adults and youth for spiritual enrichment – all are welcome to participate.

2010 total stewardship target	\$485,000
2010 pledges to date	\$254,078 (52% of target)
2010 stewardship cash to date	\$127,825

We look forward to a blessed and successful year.

The Stewardship Team

## ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΙΚΗ ΕΠΙΣΤΟΛΗ

Προς Εβραίους Επιστολής Παύλου το  
Ανάγνωσμα. Κεφ. Α' 10-14, Β' 1-3

Ἀδελφοί, Κατ' ἀρχάς, κύριε, τὴν γῆν ἐθεμελίωσας, καὶ ἔργα τῶν χειρῶν σου εἰσιν οἱ οὐρανοί· αὐτοὶ ἀπολοῦνται, σὺ δὲ διαμένεις· καὶ πάντες ὡς ἱμάτιον παλαιωθήσονται, καὶ ὡσεὶ περιβόλαιον ἐλίξεις αὐτούς, ὡς ἱμάτιον καὶ ἀλλαγῆσονται· σὺ δὲ ὁ αὐτὸς εἶ καὶ τὰ ἔτη σου οὐκ ἐκλείψουσιν. Πρὸς τίνα δὲ τῶν ἀγγέλων εἶρηκέν ποτε, Κάθου ἐκ δεξιῶν μου ἕως ἂν θῶ τοὺς ἐχθρούς σου ὑποπόδιον τῶν ποδῶν σου; οὐχὶ πάντες εἰσὶν λειτουργικὰ πνεύματα εἰς διακονίαν ἀποστελλόμενα διὰ τοὺς μέλλοντας κληρονομεῖν σωτηρίαν; Διὰ τοῦτο δεῖ περισσοτέρως προσέχειν ἡμᾶς τοῖς ἀκουσθεῖσιν, μήποτε παραρῶμεν. Εἰ γὰρ ὁ δι' ἀγγέλων λαληθεὶς λόγος ἐγένετο βέβαιος, καὶ πᾶσα παράβασις καὶ παρακοή ἔλαβεν ἔνδικον μισθαποδοσίαν, πῶς ἡμεῖς ἐκφευξόμεθα τηλικαύτης ἀμελήσαντες σωτηρίας; ἥτις, ἀρχὴν λαβοῦσα λαλεῖσθαι διὰ τοῦ κυρίου, ὑπὸ τῶν ἀκουσάντων εἰς ἡμᾶς ἐβεβαιώθη.

### ΣΗΜΕΡΙΝΑ ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΑ

Τον συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρί και Πνεύματι, τον εκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εις σωτηρίαν ημών, ανυμνήσωμεν πιστοί, και προσκυνήσωμεν, ότι ηυδόκησε σαρκί, ανελθείν εν τω Σταυρώ και θάνατον υπομείναι, και εγείραι τους τεθνεώτας, εν τη ενδόξω αναστάσει αυτού.

Ορθοδοξίας ο φωστήρ, Εκκλησίας το στήριγμα και διδάσκαλε, των μοναστών η καλλονή, των θεολόγων υπέρμαχος απροσμάχητος, Γρηγόριε θαυματουργέ, Θεσσαλονίκης το καύχημα, κήρυξ της χάριτος, κέτευε δια παντός, σωθήναι τας ψυχάς ημών.

### 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 θαυμασώσαντι, δόξα τω ενεργούντι δια σου πασιν ίάματα.

## TODAY'S EPISTLE

St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews  
1:10-14; 2:1-3

"**IN THE BEGINNING**, you O Lord, didst found the earth, and the heavens are the work of thy hands; they will perish, but thou remainest; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle thou wilt roll them up, and they will be changed. But thou art the same, and thy years will never end." But to what angel has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand, till I make thy enemies a stool for thy feet?" Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation? Therefore we must pay closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him.

### HYMNS OF THE DAY

O Faithful, let us sing a hymn of praise and worship to the Logos who is co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, who was born of the Virgin for our salvation. Of His own will, He went upon the Cross in the flesh and suffered death, to raise the dead through His glorious Resurrection.

O Gregory the Miracle Worker, light of Orthodoxy, support and teacher of the Church, comeliness of monastics, invincible defender of theologians, the pride of Thessalonica, and preacher of grace, intercede forever that our souls may be saved.

## ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΚΗ ΠΕΡΙΚΟΠΗ

Εκ του κατά Μάρκον Κεφ. β' (2), 1-12

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, εἰσηλθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς Καφαρναοῦμ καὶ ἠκούσθη ὅτι εἰς οἶκον ἔστι. Καὶ συνήχθησαν πολλοὶ ὥστε μηκέτι χωρεῖν μηδὲ τὰ πρὸς τὴν θύραν, καὶ ἐλάλει αὐτοῖς τὸν λόγον. Καὶ ἔρχονται φέροντες πρὸς αὐτὸν παραλυτικὸν αἰρόμενον ὑπὸ τεσσάρων. Καὶ μὴ δυνάμενοι προσενέγκαι αὐτῷ διὰ τὸν ὄχλον ἀπεστέγασαν τὴν στέγην ὅπου ἦν, καὶ ἐξορύξαντες χαλῶσι τὸν κράβαττον ὅπου ὁ παραλυτικὸς κατέκειτο. Καὶ ἰδὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὴν πίστιν αὐτῶν λέγει τῷ παραλυτικῷ, Τέκνον, ἀφίενταί σου αἱ ἁμαρτίαι. Ἦσαν δὲ τινες τῶν γραμματέων ἐκεῖ καθήμενοι καὶ διαλογιζόμενοι ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις αὐτῶν, Τί οὗτος οὕτως λαλεῖ; βλασφημεῖ τίς δύναται ἀφιέναι ἁμαρτίας εἰ μὴ εἷς ὁ θεός; καὶ εὐθὺς ἐπιγνοὺς ὁ Ἰησοῦς τῷ πνεύματι αὐτοῦ ὅτι οὕτως διαλογίζονται ἐν ἑαυτοῖς λέγει αὐτοῖς, Τί ταῦτα διαλογίζεσθε ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ὑμῶν; τί ἔστιν εὐκοπώτερον, εἰπεῖν τῷ παραλυτικῷ, Αφίενταί σου αἱ ἁμαρτίαι, ἢ εἰπεῖν, Ἐγειρε καὶ ἄρον τὸν κράβαττόν σου καὶ περιπάτει; ἵνα δὲ εἰδῆτε ὅτι ἐξουσίαν ἔχει ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἀφιέναι ἁμαρτίας ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς λέγει τῷ παραλυτικῷ, Σοὶ λέγω, ἔγειρε ἄρον τὸν κράβαττόν σου καὶ ὑπάγε εἰς τὸν οἶκόν σου. Καὶ ἠγέρθη καὶ εὐθὺς ἄρας τὸν κράβαττον ἐξῆλθεν ἔμπροσθεν πάντων, ὥστε ἐξίστασθαι πάντα καὶ δοξάζειν τὸν θεὸν λέγοντας ὅτι Οὕτως οὐδέποτε εἶδομεν.

### KONTAKION

Τη υπερμάχω στρατηγῷ τα νικητήρια, ως λυτρωθείσα των δεινῶν ευχαριστήρια, αναγράφω σοι η πόλις σου Θεοτόκε. Αλλ' ως έχουσα το κράτος απροσμάχητον, εκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ελυθέρωσον, ἵνα κράζω σοι. Χαίρε, Νύμφη ανύμφευτε.

## TODAY'S GOSPEL

The Reading is from Mark 2:1-12

**At that time**, Jesus entered Capernaum and it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? It is a blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"-he said to the paralytic-"I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

### KONTAKION

To you, Theotokos, invincible Defender, having been delivered from peril, I, your city, dedicate the victory festival as a thank offering. In your irresistible might, keep me safe from all trials, that I may call out to you: "Hail, unwedded bride!"