

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 17, 2010 15th Sunday of Luke Feast day of St. Anthony

Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 13:17-21

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

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

"The Gospel is addressed to all people, and therefore the work of the church remains incomplete as long as it is restricted to certain geographical areas or social classes. Its field of action is universal and is active in both sectors that welcome the good tidings and those which at first may reject them. Mission was not the duty of only the first generation of Christians. It is the duty of Christians of all ages." Archbishop Anastasios of Tiranna Dures and All Albania

Memorials Theodora Spatoulas 40 Days

Constance "Connie" Mathias 3 Years

The Artoclassia is being offered today by the Ted Arvanitis Family

Welcome all Godparents to Godparents' Sunday 2010!

The **Glendi** will be held immediately following the Divine Liturgy in the Great Hall.

We are sure that this will be a special day for everyone!

Today	Tickets for the Glendi, will be available at the door.
Monday	Martin Luther King Day – The office is closed JOY miniature golf 6:30 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	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.
Thursday	SNAP Girl's Basketball 6:00 p.m. - 7:30/H.S. Boys 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. Baptismal seminar 7:00 p.m.
Friday	Greek School – 4:15 p.m./Greek dance to follow
Saturday	Metropolis Pan GS Celebration 3:00 p.m.
Sacrament	The daughter of Anastasia and Alexander Kulubis will be baptized today and will be given the name of Georgia by her Godparent, Angela Perizes .

Mark your calendars & join us at these upcoming events:

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
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	Nectarians 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 SNAP GS Boys 10:30 a.m./Girls 12:00 p.m./Biddies 1:30 p.m.

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

The **St. Nectarios Annual Godparents' Sunday Glendi** will be held today, following the Divine Liturgy. Tickets are **\$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children under 15.**

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.**

On behalf of his **Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos of Chicago, all the Greek Schools of the Chicagoland** area are invited every year to participate in a program in celebration of the **Greek Letters.** This year the program will be held at **St. Nectarios** on **Saturday, January 23, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.** All parishioners are invited to attend.

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 around 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.**

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.

The **Philoptochos** will have a **2 for 1 sale** on their **spanakopitas and tiropitas** on **January 24 and 31** following the Divine Liturgy. This is a great opportunity to stock up on these delicious appetizers. **Two containers for just \$10.00.**

Other Events

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. For more information call: 773 334-4515.**

A message from your Parish Council President Community

Today we are fortunate to see what a great community we have here at St. Nectarios as we come together to celebrate Godparent's Sunday at the Glendi. It is appropriately titled this year, "Under the Big Top".

This celebration is an event we can all enjoy and really serves as the launching pad for many of the other stewardship events throughout the year.

Living in such a busy, hectic, and often times intimidating world, it is so comforting to know that we as Greek Orthodox Christians have such incredible events to bring us together as stewards. And just like anything in life, this event today, and all of the events throughout the year do not come easy. They come together because of plenty of hard work and effort by individuals throughout our community.

I ask that everyone who sees how wonderful the Glendi is today to consider donating his or her time to the church to help out in future events. This community is our home, and we must all contribute in order for it to be a spiritual and loving 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, 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 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 Εβραίους Επιστολής Παύλου το
Ανάγνωσμα 13:17-21

Ἀδελφοί, πείθεσθε τοῖς ἡγουμένοις ὑμῶν καὶ ὑπέικετε, αὐτοὶ γὰρ ἀγρυπνοῦσιν ὑπὲρ τῶν ψυχῶν ὑμῶν ὡς λόγον ἀποδώσοντες, ἵνα μετὰ χαρᾶς τοῦτο ποιῶσιν καὶ μὴ στεναζόντες, ἀλυσιτελὲς γὰρ ὑμῖν τοῦτο. Προσεύχεσθε περὶ ἡμῶν, πειθόμεθα γὰρ ὅτι καλὴν συνείδησιν ἔχομεν, ἐν πᾶσιν καλῶς θέλοντες ἀναστρέφεσθαι. Περισσότερως δὲ παρακαλῶ τοῦτο ποιῆσαι ἵνα τάχιον ἀποκατασταθῶ ὑμῖν. Ὁ δὲ θεὸς τῆς εἰρήνης, ὁ ἀναγαγὼν ἐκ νεκρῶν τὸν ποιμένα τῶν προβάτων τὸν μέγαν ἐν αἵματι διαθήκης αἰωνίου, τὸν κύριον ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦν, καταρτίσαι ὑμᾶς ἐν παντὶ ἀγαθῷ εἰς τὸ ποιῆσαι τὸ θέλημα αὐτοῦ, ποιῶν ἐν ἡμῖν τὸ εὐάρεστον ἐνώπιον αὐτοῦ διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, ᾧ ἡ δόξα εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας [τῶν αἰώνων]· ἀμήν.

ΣΗΜΕΡΙΝΑ ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΑ

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέωξας τῷ Ληστή τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρήνον μετέβαλες καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Αποστόλοις κηρύττειν επέταξας, ὅτι ἀνέστης, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Τὸν ζηλωτὴν Ἡλιαν τοῖς τροποῖς μιμοθμενος, τῷ Βαπτιστῇ ευθείας ταῖς τριβοῖς επομενος, Πατερ Ἀντώνιε, τῆς ερημοῦ γεγονας οικιστής, καὶ τῇ οἰκουμένην εσθριξας ευχαις σου διο πρεσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ σωθῆναι τας ψυχας ημων.

ΚΟΝΤΑΚΙΟΝ

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν, αγιάσας τὸ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεῶν ευλογήσας ὡς ἐπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νυν, ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Ἀλλ' εἰρήνευσον, ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὖς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλόανθρωπος.

ΕΠΙΣΤΛΗ READING:

Saint Paul's Letter to the Hebrews, 13:17-21

Brethren, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMNS OF THE DAY

By Your Cross, O Christ our God, You destroyed death. You opened paradise to the thief. You transformed the lament of the Myrrh-bearing women, and You commanded the Apostles to proclaim You are risen, granting the world Your great mercy.

O Father Anthony, you imitated the zealous Elijah. You followed the straight paths of the Baptist and became a desert dweller. By prayer you confirmed the universe. Wherefore, intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

ΚΟΝΤΑΚΙΟΝ

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. ιθ' (19), 1-10.

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, διήρχετο ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὴν Ἱεριχῶ. Καὶ ἰδοὺ ἀνὴρ ὀνόματι καλούμενος Ζακχαῖος, καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν ἀρχιτελώνης καὶ αὐτὸς πλούσιος. Καὶ ἐζήτηε ἰδεῖν τὸν Ἰησοῦν τίς ἐστιν, καὶ οὐκ ἠδύνατο ἀπὸ τοῦ ὄχλου ὅτι τῇ ἡλικίᾳ μικρὸς ἦν. Καὶ προδραμῶν εἰς τὸ ἔμπροσθεν ἀνέβη ἐπὶ συκομορέαν ἵνα ἴδῃ αὐτόν, ὅτι ἐκείνης ἡμελλεν διέρχεσθαι. Καὶ ὡς ἦλθεν ἐπὶ τὸν τόπον, ἀναβλέψας ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν πρὸς αὐτόν, Ζακχαῖε, σπεύσας κατάβηθι, σήμερον γὰρ ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ σου δεῖ με μείναι. Καὶ σπεύσας κατέβη, καὶ ὑπεδέξατο αὐτόν χαίρων. Καὶ ἰδόντες πάντες διεγόγγυζον λέγοντες ὅτι Παρὰ ἀμαρτωλῷ ἀνδρὶ εἰσηλθεν καταλυῖσαι. Σταθεὶς δὲ Ζακχαῖος εἶπεν πρὸς τὸν κύριον, Ἰδοὺ τὰ ἡμίσειά μου τῶν ὑπαρχόντων, κύριε, τοῖς πτωχοῖς δίδωμι, καὶ εἴ τινός τι ἐσυκοφάντησα ἀποδίδωμι τετραπλοῦν. Εἶπεν δὲ πρὸς αὐτόν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι Σήμερον σωτηρία τῷ οἴκῳ τούτῳ ἐγένετο, καθότι καὶ αὐτὸς υἱὸς Ἀβραάμ ἐστιν· ἦλθεν γὰρ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ζητῆσαι καὶ σῶσαι τὸ ἀπολωλός.

ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟΝ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΝΕΚΤΑΡΙΟΥ

Σηλυβρίας τὸν γόνον καὶ Αἰγίνης τὸν ἔφορον, τὸν εσχάτοις χρόνοις φανέντα, ἀρετῆς φίλον γνήσιον, Νεκτάριον τιμήσωμεν πιστοί, ὡς ἐνθεον θεράποντα Χριστοῦ. Ἀναβλύζει γὰρ ἰάσεις παντοδαπὰς, τοῖς ευλαβῶς κραυγάζουσι. Δόξα τῷ σε δοξάσαντι Χριστῷ, δόξα τῷ σε θαυμαστώσαντι, δόξα τῷ ενεργούντι δια σου πασιν ἰάματα.

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING:

**15th Sunday of Luke
Luke 19:1-10**

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaios; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaios, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaios stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

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."