

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 3, 2010 Sunday before Theophany

Epistle: Saint Paul's Second Letter to Timothy, Chapter 4:5-8

Gospel: St. Mark Chapter 1:1-8

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

"Think nothing and do nothing without a purpose directed to God for to journey without direction is wasted effort." St. Mark the Ascetic

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

Memorial Stavros Selas 40 Days

Today	The Affirmation of Office will be administered by Father Peter to the Parish Council following the Divine Liturgy. No Sunday School classes – Family worship Philoptochos will have spanakopitas and tiropitas available for purchase YM Hot Chocolate fundraiser in front of the conference room
Monday	Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	The Great Hours of Epiphany Orthros 8:30a.m./9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Agiasmos Greek School – 4:15 p.m. SNAP HS Boys basketball 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Feast Day of Epiphany Orthros 8:30a.m./9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy SNAP GS Boys basketball 7:00 8:30 p.m.
Thursday	Feast Day of St. John the Baptist 8:30 a.m. Orthros/9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Happy Anniversary Father Peter for 22 Years of serving God. SNAP Girl's Basketball 6:00 p.m. - 7:30/H.S. Boys 7:30 – 10:00 p.m.
Friday	Greek School – 4:15 p.m./Greek dance to follow Sr. Goya trip to Dave & Buster's 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	St. Nectarios to host St. John's/GS Boys 2:15 pm/3:15 Girls/4:15 HS Boys/5:15 pm ``Biddies

CHRIST IS BORN GLORIFY HIM!

During inclement weather, please log on to our website at www.stnectariosgoc.org to check for service cancellations. Also please check your e-mails as we will try to contact you in that way as well. Thank you!

Mark your calendars & join us at these upcoming events:

- 1/10** Sunday school resumes/ **Vasilopita cutting**
YM Hot Chocolate fundraiser
Biddies practice 2:00 pm – 4:30 p.m.
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. – 9:00 p.m.
- 1/13** Bible study 7:00 p.m.
SNAP GS Boys Basketball 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- 1/14** Nectarians 8th 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.
Guild members training session 7:00 p.m.
- 1/15** Greek School 4:15 p.m./Greek Dance 6:30 – 7:00 p.m./upper grades nursing home visit
- 1/17** **Feast day of St. Anthony**
Godparent's Sunday Glendi 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
Sr. Goya trip to Dave & Buster 6:00 p.m.

**A message from your Parish Council President
The New Year**

The Philoptochos Society Ladies will be selling homemade **spanakopitas** and **tiropitas** following the Divine Liturgy. **Each container of 12 appetizers is \$10.00.**

Youth Ministry: On **Friday, January 8, 2010**, the **GOYA** and **Jr. GOYA** will be going to **Dave & Buster's** at **1155 N. Swift Rd. in Addison**. The cost is **\$20.00** for dinner and games. 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 and there will be face painting for the children. An all new menu will be served and there will be great raffle prizes for all. The tickets are **\$20.00 for adults** and **\$10.00 for children 15 and under**. Please reserve your seats by calling **847 359-9597** by **January 8, 2010**.

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** through the church office prior to the baptism and attend the mandatory seminar. Also please call to schedule **memorials** or **house blessings**. Anyone wishing to have their homes or businesses blessed for the **New Year** may make an appointment. 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** on **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 please call the church at: 773 334-4515.**

As we start 2010, I am extremely thankful for such a wonderful community around me here at St. Nectarios. I would like to thank everyone throughout the community who dedicated his or her time during 2009 to help our community have a successful year.

We have come together as one community throughout last year to show what stewardship is all about. There were so many great events from the Glendi early in the year, Greek Fest, the Philoptochos Fashion Show and most recently the 35th Anniversary Gala Event.

We have come together as stewards of the St. Nectarios community to show the world what a wonderful family we have here. I know that moving forward into 2010 this community's ministries will continue to grow as they have over the past 35 years.

On behalf of my entire family, I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy new year.

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 of you 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.

Wishing you health and happiness in 2010.

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 Τιμόθεον Β' Επιστολής Παύλου
το Ανάγνωσμα. Κεφ. Δ' 5 - 8

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, νήφε εν πάσι, κακοπάθησον, έργον ποιήσον ευαγγελιστού, την διακονίαν σου πληροφόρησον. Εγώ γάρ ήδη σπένδομαι, και ο καιρός της εμής αναλύσεως εφέστηκε. Τον αγώνα τον καλόν ηγώνισμαι, τον δρόμον τετέλεκα, την πίστιν τετήρηκα. Λοιπόν απόκειται μοι ο της δικαιοσύνης στέφανος, ον αποδώσει μοι ο Κύριος εν εκείνη τη ημέρα, ο δίκαιος κριτής, ου μόνον δε εμοί, αλλά και πάσι τοις ηγαπηκόσι την επιφάνειαν αυτού.

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 εγείρει τους τεθνεώτας, εν τη ενδόξω αναστάσει αυτού.

Ετοιμάζου Ζαβουλών, και ευτρεπίζου Νεφθαλείμ. Ιορδάνη ποταμέ, στήθι υπόδεξαι σκιρτών, του βαπτισθήναι ερχόμενον τον Δεσπότην. Αγάλλου ο Αδάμ συν τη Προμήτορι μη κρύπτετε εαυτούς, ως εν Παραδείσω το πριν και γαρ γυμνούς ιδών υμάς επέφανεν, ίνα ενδύση την πρώτην στολήν. Χριστός εφάνη, την πάσαν στολήν. Χριστός εφάνη, την πάσαν κτίσιν, θέλων ανακαίνισαι.

ΚΟΝΤΑΚΙΟΝ

Έν τοίς ρεΐθροις σήμερον, τού Ιορδάνου, γεγονόςς ό Κύριος, τώ Ιωάννη έκβοά. Μή δειλιάσης βαπτίσαι με σώσαι γάρ ήκω, Άδάμ τόν πρωτόπλαστον.

ΕPISTLE READING:

Saint Paul's Second Letter to Timothy, Chapter 4:5-8

Timothy, my son, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

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.

Make ready, O Zebulum; Prepare yourself, O Naphthali; cease to flow, O River Jordan; receive in joy the Master who comes to be baptized. Adam, rejoice with the first mother. Do not hide in Paradise, as before, for He came to see us, even naked, that He might clothe us as we were before. Christ has appeared to renew all creation.

ΚΟΝΤΑΚΙΟΝ

Appearing in the streams of the Jordan today, the Lord cries out to John, "Do not be afraid to Baptize Me for I have come to save Adam, the first to be created."

ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΚΗ ΠΕΡΙΚΟΠΗ

Εκ του κατά Μάρκον Κεφ.α (1),1-8

Αρχή του Ευαγγελίου Ιησού Χριστού, Υιού του Θεού, ως γέγραπται εν τοις Προφήταις. Ιδού, εγώ αποστέλλω τον Άγγελόν μου προ προσώπου σου, ος κατασκευάσει την οδόν σου έμπροσθέν σου. Φωνή βοώντος εν τη ερήμω. Ετοιμάσατε την οδόν Κυρίου, ευθείας ποιείτε τας τρίβους αυτού. Εγένετο Ιωάννης βαπτίζων εν τη ερήμω, και κηρύσσων βάπτισμα μετανοίας εις άφεσιν αμαρτιών. Και εξεπορεύετο προς αυτόν πάσα η Ιουδαία χώρα, και οι Ιεροσολυμίται και εβαπτίζοντο πάντες εν τω Ιορδάνη ποταμώ υπ' αυτού, εξομολογούμενοι τας αμαρτίας αυτών. Ην δε Ιωάννης ενδεδυμένος τρίχας καμήλου, και ζώνην δερματίνην περί την οσφύν αυτού, και εσθίων ακρίδας και μέλι άγριον. Και εκήρυσσε, λέγων. Έρχεται ο ισχυρότερός μου οπίσω μου, ου ουκ ειμί ικανός κύψας λύσαι τον ιμάντα των υποδημάτων αυτού. Εγώ μεν εβάπτισα υμάς εν ύδατι, αυτός δε βαπτίσει υμάς εν Πνεύματι Αγίω.

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.

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING:

St. Mark, Chapter 1:1-8
Sunday Before Epiphany

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight --"John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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."