

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**.

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GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME!

Sunday, January 31, 2010 Sunday of the Prodigal Son
Epistle: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 6:12-20
Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

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

"I waited patiently for the Lord; He inclined to me and heard my cry." Psalm 40:1

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

Memorial Tom Foutris 40 Days

**The Artoclasia is being offered for the health and welfare of
Alexi Giannoulis and his family.**

Today	Philoptochos will have spanakopites and tiropites available for purchase Hellenic Letters luncheon at the Chateau Ritz, in Niles 2:00 p.m.
Monday	Bible study 10:00 a.m. Joy 6:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	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.
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. YM Club Nectarinos 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Friday	Greek School 4:15 p.m./Greek Dance 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	SNAP playoffs held at St. Nectarinos GS Boys 2:15 p.m./Girls 3:15/HS Boys 4:15 p.m.
Sacraments	1st Saturday of Souls 8:30 a.m. Orthros/9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Stephanie Carenback and Daniel Jacklow will be united in Holy Matrimony. Their Koumbara will be Lena Carenback .

Mark your calendars & join us at these upcoming events:

2/7	Meatfare Sunday YM IOCC '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. Greek Fest meeting 7:00 p.m.
2/10	Bible study 7:00 p.m. SNAP Playoffs held at St. Nectarinos GS Boys 7:00 p.m./Girls 8:00/ HS Boys 9:00
2/11	Nectarinos 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 Semi Finals held at St. Nectarinos GS Boys 2:00p.m./Girls 3:00/ HS Boys 4:00 p.m.
2/14	Cheesefare/Forgiveness Sunday SNAP Championships at SS Constantine and Helen GS Boys 2:15/ Girls 3:15/HSB 4:15
2/15	Lent begins President's Day - 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.
2/17	Mommy and Me 10:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 p.m. , lenten meal and a lecture to follow
2/18	YM Club Nectarinos 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. 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 – 10:00 p.m.
2/19	1st Salutations to the Theotokos Greek School 4:15 p.m./Greek Dance 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
2/20	3rd Saturday of Souls 8:30 a.m. Orthros/9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy SNAP GS Boys 10:30 a.m./Girls noon/ Biddies 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.
2/21	Sunday of Orthodoxy – Sunday School icon procession 2nd Annual SNAP Awards Breakfast
2/22	Bible study Jr. Goya 6:30 p.m./Sr. Goya 7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
2/23	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.

Congratulations to **Alex Wirth, 1st place winner** in the **Junior Oratory Division**; and Congratulations to **Kelly Donovan, 1st place winner** in **Junior Essay Division** of the **St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival** which was held last week. They will represent the **St. Nectarios Sunday School** at the **Diocese Festival** which will be held at **Holy Trinity Church** on **April 10**. We'd also like to thank **Nick Zissimopoulos** and **Ellen Andeen**, our Parish judges.

Philoptochos will have a **2 for 1** sale on their **spanakopitas** and **tiropitas** following the Divine Liturgy. This is the **final day** to purchase two containers for just **\$10.00**.

The Youth Ministries:

The YM will serve soup following the Divine Liturgy on **February 7**, for the **“IOCC ‘Souper’ Bowl of Caring Fund”**, for **Palatine Township**. They will be **accepting cans of soup** and **financial donations** that will go toward this worthy cause.

YM will serve a **Lenten dinner** on **Wednesday, February 17**, following the **Presanctified liturgy**. A lecture on icons, given by, **Archon Commander Harold & Faye Peponis** will follow.

The **Youth Ministries** have formed a new group called, **‘Club Nectarios’**. This is a youth organized and youth funded ministry, geared to help with homework and it allows friends to hang out with one another. Beginning on **February 4th**, and on every **1st** and **3rd Thursday from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**, they will meet in the, “Ministries Room” for a **\$2.00 fee**. For **all YM functions** please contact **Dimitri Tobias** at st.nectarios.layassistant@gmail.com.

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**.

Father Peter will conduct a **Marriage Prep Seminar, Saturday, February 13, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** To register call the office at **847 358-5170** or e-mail st.nectarios.layassistant@gmail.com.

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.

Father Peter and our lay assistant, **Dimitri Tobias**, will conduct a series of classes for **Chrismation**, which explain our faith to the non-orthodox. They will be held on **Thursday, February 18, 25, March 4, 11, and 18 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** To register 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.

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

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

The **Hellenic Letters Luncheon** will be held **today**, at the **Chateau Ritz Banquets** in **Niles** at **2:00 p.m.** The donation is **\$50.00**. For information 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

Responsibility

This past Sunday, my wife and I were blessed to have our daughter Sienna baptized here at St. Nectarios. As we celebrated the day, her new Godparents were beaming with joy and expressed their love and gratitude for the opportunity to baptize her. They also told us how truly excited they are to always be there for her as she grows up in the Greek Orthodox Faith.

This sort of excitement that these new Godparents have for their Godchild, to watch over her, to protect her, to guide her, and to be there for her, is the same sort of excitement we should have for the church.

The church needs us just as a child needs his or her Godparents.

We should all think about what we can do to, “be there” for the church. There are many areas where our **Time & Talents** are needed within the church. I once again encourage everyone to consider what they give to the church in the form of **Time & Talents** to ensure that we are taking care of our church, just as Sienna’s Godparents will take care of her.

Ted Pappas,

Parish Council President



Stewardship News & Notes

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

<u>2009 Year End Status Report</u>		
	Budget	Actual
Pledge	\$475,000	\$480,457
Minus: Expenses	(\$5,000)	(\$705)
Minus : Unpaid Pledges		(\$13,534)
Net Stewardship	\$470,000	\$466,218
% of Budget achieved		99.2%
**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 **today**. Our calling teams will again be contacting stewards in the beginning of February.

Thank you,

The Stewardship Team

ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΙΚΗ ΕΠΙΣΤΟΛΗ

Προς Κορινθίους Α' Επιστολής Παύλου το Ανάγνωσμα. Κεφ. ΣΤ' 12-20.

Αδελφοί, πάντα μοι έξεστιν, αλλ' ου πάντα συμφέρει, πάντα μοι έξεστιν, αλλ' ουκ εγώ εξουσιασθήσομαι υπό τινος. Τα βρώματα τη κοιλία και η κοιλία τοις βρώμασιν, ο δε Θεός και ταύτην και ταύτα καταργήσει. Το δε σώμα ου τη πορνεία, αλλά τω Κυρίω, και ο Κύριος τω σώματι, ο δε Θεός και τον Κύριον ήγειρε και ημάς εξεγερεί διά της δυνάμεως αυτού. Ουκ οίδατε ότι τα σώματα υμών μέλη Χριστού εστιν; Άρας ουν τα μέλη του Χριστού ποιήσω πόρνης μέλη; Μη γένοιτο. Ή ουκ οίδατε ότι ο κολλώμενος τη πόρνη εν σώμά εστιν; «Έσονται» γαρ, φησίν, «οι δύο εις σάρκα μίαν». Ο δε κολλώμενος τω Κυρίω εν πνεύμά εστι. Φεύγετε την πορνείαν. Παν αμάρτημα ο εάν ποιήση άνθρωπος εκτός του σώματός εστιν, ο δε πορνεύων εις τον ίδιον σώμα αμαρτάνει. Η ουκ οίδατε ότι το σώμα υμών ναός του εν υμίν Αγίου Πνεύματός εστιν, ου έχετε από Θεού, και ουκ εστέ εαυτών; Ηγοράσθητε γαρ τιμής, δοξάσατε δη τον Θεόν εν τω σώματι υμών και εν τω πνεύματι υμών, άτίνα εστι του Θεού.

ΣΗΜΕΡΙΝΟ ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟΝ

Του λίθου σφραγισθέντος υπό των Ιουδαίων και στρατιωτών φυλασσόντων το άχραντόν σου σώμα, ανέστης τριήμερος, Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τω κόσμω την ζωήν. Δια τούτο αι δυνάμεις των ουρανών εβόων σοι, Ζωοδότα. Δόξα τη αναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τη βασιλεία σου, δοξα τη οικονομία σου, μόνη φιλόανθρωπε.

ΚΟΝΤΑΚΙΟΝ

Ο μήτραν παρθενικήν, αγιάσας τω τόκω σου, και χείρας του Συμεών ευλογήσας ως έπρεπε, προφθάσας και νυν, έσωσας ημάς Χριστέ ο Θεός. Αλλ' ειρήνευσον, εν πολέμοις το πολίτευμα, και κραταιώσον Βασιλείς ους ηγάπησας, ο μόνος φιλόανθρωπος.

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 κραυγαΐουσι. Δόξα τω σε δοξάσαντι Χριστώ, δόξα τω σε θαυμαστώσαντι, δόξα τω ενεργούντι δια σου πασιν ίάματα.

TODAY'S EPISTLE

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 6:12-20

Brethren, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" -- and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Savior, Your tomb was sealed by the Jews with a stone. Soldiers kept watch over Your sacred body. Yet, You rose on the third day, giving life to the world. Wherefore the powers of heaven cried out to You, O Giver of Life, "Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ; glory to Your Kingdom, glory to Your dispensation who alone are the Loving One."

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.

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."

ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΚΗ ΠΕΡΙΚΟΠΗ

Εκ του κατά Λουκάν Κεφ. ιε' (15), 11-32.

Είπεν ο Κύριος την παραβολήν ταύτην: Ανθρωπός τις είχε δύο υιούς, και είπεν ο νεώτερος αυτών τω πατρί, Πάτερ, δός μοι το επιβάλλον μέρος της ουσίας. Και διείλεν αυτοίς τον βίον. Και μετ' ου πολλάς ημέρας συναγαγών άπαντα ο νεώτερος υιός, απεδήμησεν εις χώραν μακράν, και εκεί διεσκόρπισε την ουσίαν αυτού, ζων ασώτως. Δαπανήσαντος δε αυτού πάντα, εγένετο λιμός ιοχυρός κατά την χώραν εκείνην, και αυτός ήρξατο υστερείσθαι. Και πορευθείς εκολλήθη ενί των πολιτών της χώρας εκείνης, και έπεμψεν αυτόν εις τους αγρούς αυτού βόσκειν χοίρους. Και επεθύμει γεμίσει την κοιλίαν αυτού από των κερατίων, αν ήσθιον οι χοίροι, και ουδείς εδίδου αυτό. Εις εαυτόν δε ελθών, είπε. Πόσοι μίσθιοι του πατρός μου περισσεύουσιν άρτων, εγώ δε λιμώ απόλλυμαι! Αναστάς πορεύομαι προς τον πατέρα μου, και ερώ αυτό. Πάτερ, ήμαρτον εις τον ουρανόν και ενώπιόν σου, και ουκέτι ειμί άξιος κληθήναι υιός σου. Ποίησόν με ως ένα των μισθίων σου. Και αναστάς ήλθε προς τον πατέρα αυτού. Έτι δε αυτού μακράν απέχοντος, είδεν αυτόν ο πατήρ αυτού, και εσπλαγχνίσθη, και δραμών επέπεσεν επί τον τράχηλον αυτού, και κατεφίλησεν αυτόν. Είπε δε αυτό ο υιός, πάτερ, ήμαρτον εις τον ουρανόν και ενώπιόν σου, και ουκέτι ειμί άξιος κληθήναι υιός σου. Είπε δε ο πατήρ προς τους δούλους αυτού. Εξενέγκατε την στολήν την πρώτην, και ενδύσατε αυτόν, και δότε δακτύλιον εις την χείρα αυτού, και υποδήματα εις τους πόδας, και ενέγκαντες τον μόσχον το σιτευτόν, θύσατε, και φαγόντες ευφρανθώμεν, ότι ούτος ο υιός μου νεκρός ην, και ανεζήσθη, και απολωλώς ην, και ευρέθη. Και ήρξαντο ευφραίνεσθαι. Ήν δε ο υιός αυτού ο πρεσβύτερος εν αγρώ, και ως ερχόμενος ήγγισε τη οικία, ήκουσε συμφωνίας και χορών. Και προσκαλεσάμενος ένα των παιδων, επυνθάνετο τί ειή ταύτα; Ο δε είπεν αυτό, ότι ο αδελφός σου ήκει, και έθυσεν ο πατήρ σου τον μόσχον τον σιτευτόν, ότι υγιαίνοντα αυτόν απέλαβεν. Ωργίσθη δε, και ουκ ήβηλεν εισελθειν. Ο ουν πατήρ αυτού εξελθών παρεκάλει αυτόν. Ο δε αποκριθείς είπε τω πατρί. Ιδού τσοσαύτα έτη δουλεύω σοι, και ουδέποτε εντολήν σου παρήλθον, και εμοί ουδέποτε έδωκας έριφον, ίνα μετά των φίλων μου ευφρανθώ, ότε δε ο υιός σου ούτος, ο καταφαγών σου τον βίον μετά πορνών, ήλθεν, έθυσας αυτόν τον μόσχον τον σιτευτόν. Ο δε είπεν αυτό. Τέκνον, συ πάντοτε μετ' εμού ει, και πάντα τα εμά, σα εστιν, ευφρανθήναι δε και χαρήναι έδει, ότι ο αδελφός σου ούτος νεκρός ην, και ανεζήσθη, και απολωλώς ην, και ευρέθη.

TODAY'S GOSPEL

Luke 15:11-32 Sunday of Prodigal Son

The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'