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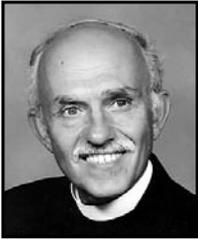
Coming together, we form an icon of God's Kingdom

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Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church 2501 S. Wolf Rd. Westchester, IL.

December 2001

From Father Bill ...



Have our lives really changed?

I will never forget it, sitting at home with Presvetera, reading the Scripture lesson of the day and enjoying a second cup of coffee. We were listening to the radio that morning, as we seldom watch television during breakfast, when the news commentator said... "I can't believe what I am seeing." He began to describe the awful scene witnessed by many. Immediately we turned the TV on to discover this horrific spectacle of smoke and debris.

Flashing across the screen were the words... "Two towers of the World Trade Center in New York." Like those who received word of Pearl Harbor or the assassination of John F. Kennedy, we will always be able to say where we were when we heard the news, and when we saw those pictures.

Prior to September 11, we focused on movies, football, and Gary Condit. Washington was still addressing subjects such as health coverage, education and taxes. Locally, politics began to go in full swing as we saw new candidates for governor and other state-held positions, and the ongoing debate between Springfield and City Hall pertaining to the future of O'Hare Airport.

Not that those issues are no longer important, it's just that now, what used to be a thirst for scandal has been replaced with a serious pledge for humanity. Today, questions are raised regarding the relief funds and whether those families of the victims will receive the support promised. How are we going to win the war? How are we going to deal with an irrational, vengeful, and elusive global enemy embedded in unknown numbers at home and abroad?

September 11, 2001 may go down as the day post-modernism began to die. The moral

This year's Christmas Pageant, popular as ever



photo by Cynthia Stathopoulos

First through third graders take part in last year's pageant. This year's Sunday School Christmas Pageant will be held Sunday, December 16th. A choir of fourth through eighth graders will be featured.

relativism and cynicism that so pervaded the spirit of the age also imploded that day, as millions of Americans realized, many for the first time, that all values are not really equal after all.

Millions of people are recognizing that evil exists. Millions are discovering that, faced with a moment of terrible crisis, their first reaction is to turn to God.

Across America, people are singing *God Bless America* without a note of sarcasm or insincerity. On that Friday, which our President declared a Day of Prayer and Remembrance, millions of schoolchildren sat in their classrooms and heard a profound word about God. It will be hard to have the same conversations about prayer in schools that existed before September 11.

I shall never forget the anxious faces and

prayerful hearts that occupied our pews in church on the first Sunday following September 11th. Personally, I experienced a moment of great dependence upon God, when I entered the pulpit. My thoughts and prayers were focused on God asking Him to put the proper words in my mouth and let my heart speak. What a wonderful confidence there is in knowing that your God is not One who merely shows up at chaotic times in your life, but One who knows the beginning from the end and has put His plan for your life in motion before the foundations of the earth. He is not surprised by your adversity. He saw it coming. He is with you throughout the trial, providing grace and mercy as needed, and He will not abandon you.

Now that the numbness of the shock has
... see Fr. Bill on p. 5

From Father Peter..



Symbolism In The Divine Liturgy Part 2

Last month I spoke about general symbols in the church and in parts of the Liturgy. Now, let me explain the Liturgy itself and some of the origins of the things we see and do in the service. One must first understand that the Divine Liturgy is really happening. We are reliving, and re-enacting some of the events of Christ's life throughout the service.

In the Sunday Liturgy, we see a focus on the Resurrection of Christ. The hymns consistently reference the event and the Gospel (which has two covers- Resurrection and Crucifixion) displays the Resurrection side to the faithful as a remembrance. In the first entrance in the Divine Liturgy, one can see that the Gospel indeed shows the Resurrection as it is being held.

It is important to note why we have entrances in the first place. There are two entrances, the small and the great. The small entrance is with the Gospel and the great entrance is with the Holy Offering that is to be consecrated Holy Communion.

The roots of these entrances go back to the Early Church when things were much different. The Gospel along with other ecclesiastical appointments or commonly called 'Altar stuff' was held in a special area that was not necessarily inside the church proper. At that time, when the Gospel was needed for the Liturgy, it was brought into the church. It was actually a way to bring the Gospel into the church.

Today, we take the Gospel off of the Altar table and replace it on the Altar table after

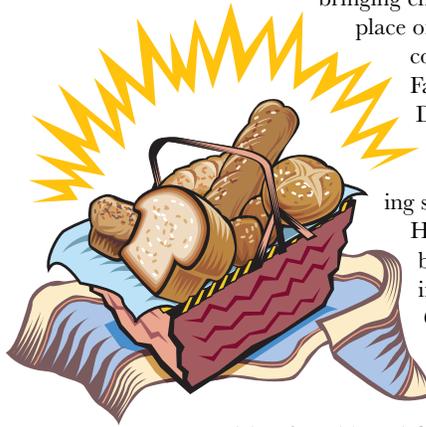


Philoptohos Christmas Party will be entertaining

The Philoptohos Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, December 18th at 7pm. Festivities include refreshments and an optional grab bag gift exchange. Musical entertainment for the evening includes a harpist and a presentation of Christmas carols by the Holy Apostles Choir. Come and share the blessings of the holiday season with us.

Philoptohos brings cheer to others

The Philoptohos Welfare Committee continues to work hard in bringing cheer to others. A monetary collection will take place on Sundays in the multi-purpose room. Our collective funds will support the Hellenic Family and Community Services and the DuPage Family Shelter Service with food baskets, toys, and gift certificates. DuPage Family Shelter provides shelter and counseling services for victims of domestic abuse. The Hellenic Family and Community Services has been helping the poor and Greek Americans in need for almost 50 years. Toys from the Communion Breakfast will also be distributed between the two organizations. Please help these worthy causes.



The Philoptohos Board extends heartfelt wishes for a blessed Christmas and a joyful holiday season with your family and friends.

the entrance. The entrance was for a practical reason in the early church, however we maintain the use of the entrance for symbolic reasons.

There was something very different in the early church too, when it came to the great entrance. Stational Liturgies were commonly practiced. The Liturgy was a travelling service that went from one place to another. It literally had stations. It was the procession throughout these stations that created the great entrance, where the Holy Gifts were being brought through the town and into the church, hence the great entrance. Now, as we all know, the entirety of the services is done within the church, with the exception of the traditions that some communities follow during Holy Week. It is interesting to note that the Roman Catholic Church still has stations. It is not quite the same as in the early church, but in many Roman Catholic shrines, one can see outdoor stations where their services go in procession.

Another point of interest is the Aer, the cloth that the priest wears around his neck during the great entrance. It is used to cover the Holy Gifts for a very practical reason. You will notice that it is a very short amount of time that Communion is left uncovered. In fact many communities keep the gifts, or at least the chalice covered until right before Communion.

If you have ever attended a Liturgy in Greece, Turkey, India, etc. you might notice that churches do not always have screens on the windows. In fact, you know from attending our yearly church picnic, the reason everything is carefully covered is... for bugs. The Aer is the largest of the covers for the gifts, and needs to accompany the gifts wherever they are. Originally, the Aer had no strings to tie it onto the deacon or priest.

Since the Presanctified Liturgy is the most ancient and earliest liturgical text that we have, the Aer is not tied but placed over the head of the priest. It symbolizes the solemnity of the service, but began to be placed on the head because there was no easy way to carry this large cloth. It now has ties and is able to be tied on like a reverseable bib. Since the Presanctified Liturgy is so ancient and is celebrated during Lent, we adhere to the ancient rubrics or instructions.

The last thing that I want to explain is Communion. In the early church, Communion was given to each person in their hand and they also drank from the chalice, just like the last supper. Deaconesses were also allowed to distribute communion in the church and in the home. At that time, people also kept communion in their home for times of need. Today, because of abuses and mishaps, Communion is given by the clergy, with a spoon.

Following Communion, the communicants receive bread before returning to their pew. Originally communicants received bread and wine following Communion. This was and is done to make sure that communion is fully swallowed. In some Orthodox churches, wine is still given with the bread following communion. We however, just give out bread.

There are so many different, interesting and practical aspects of the Liturgy and all the services. I just touched on a few throughout this series. If you ever have any other questions, please contact myself or Fr. Bill and we will do our best to answer your questions. I hope that you found these past four articles useful, informative, and interesting. May God continue to bless you this Christmas season and throughout the new year. Merry Christmas!!!!



The HARC CORNER



Do some of your Christmas shopping at HARC



This holiday season, HARC is featuring many interesting items for Christmas. Once again beautiful icon Christmas cards will be available as well as ornaments, some of which are from the Holy Lands and a selection of unusual candles. Pockets of Learning cloth, Christmas carol angels, Nativity Advent calendars, Christmas CD's, tapes, and a wonderful selection of books are also to be found. Many items are specially priced for the season.

Stop by HARC on Sunday after Liturgy or during the week. Get a head start on your Christmas shopping.

Recommended Readings in HARC

Christmas by the Hearth

Tyndale House Publishers

This book is an anthology of stories, which explore the meaning, and mysteries of Christmas. Well-known Christian authors, in addition to classic writers such as Hans Christian Andersen, O. Henry, and Harriet Beecher Stowe are featured in this wonderful volume. It's a value to be sure, for the priceless images created in the stories. A lovely book for gift giving.

Hardbound at \$20.00, now \$10.00

Daily Meditations and Prayers for the Christmas Advent Fast and Epiphany

by Presvytera Emily Harakas and Father Anthony Coniaris

Another seasonal appropriate selection is this daily meditation which covers the dates November 15th through January 7th. Each day's Epistle and Gospel readings are listed as well as a section entitled 'Liturgical Services' and 'The Mother of God'. In addition, there is a part devoted to the related prophecy and a page dedicated to pondering various introspections regarding the Birth of the Messiah. Presvytera Harakas and Father Coniaris have prepared an excellent guide to prepare our hearts and souls for the true meaning of Christmas.

Softbound \$9.00

A Christmas Story

by Brian Wildsmith

A superb and well-loved author and illustrator brings dazzling color, imagination, and enchantment once again to young readers. A little girl and baby donkey follow the path Mary and Joseph took on their way to Bethlehem. Along the way they see King Herod's palace, the shepherds, and the inn leading to their destination... the nativity. This unique story with its paintings of brilliant colors reflects the joyous miracle of Christ's birth.

Hardbound \$17.00

Only a Star

by Margery Flackman

illustrated by Nancy Carpenter

What brightens the stable to welcome the child? Only a star, a Christmas star. Readers will be interested to know that the little creatures (dragonflies, snails, doves, etc.) who help brighten the stable in this story lived in the Holy Land when Christ was born, and they live there still. An explanation and picture of each animal is given at the conclusion of the book. A beautifully illustrated and touching children's story that discloses the quiet surrounding of Jesus' birth.

Hardbound \$15.000, now \$7.50

...reviewed by Pauline Franks and Elaine Regopoulos

OCL embarks on campaign for Orthodox unity

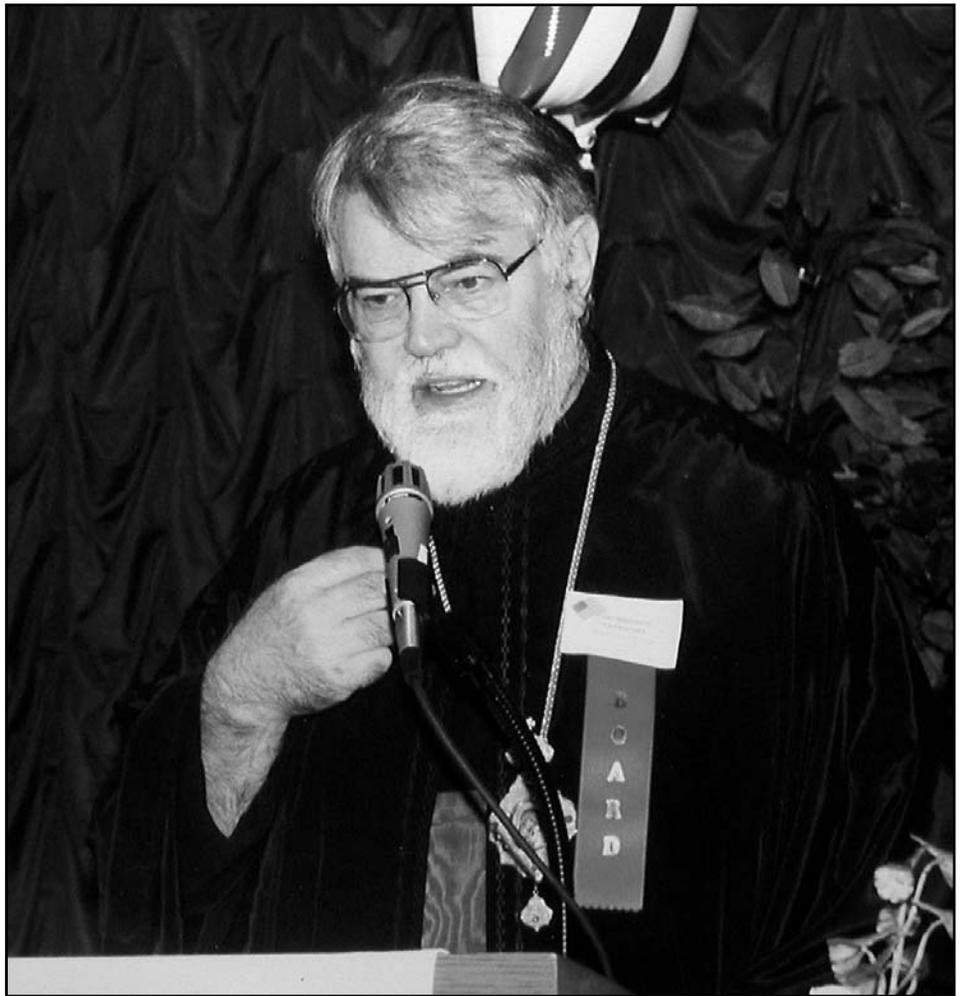
BY ELIAS P. KUSULAS

Orthodox Christian Laity (OCL) held its 14th annual national meeting at the Renaissance Hotel in Oak Brook, on Saturday, October 20th and concluded on Sunday, October 21st with celebration of a Pan Orthodox Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Chicago. The theme of the national meeting and conference was "Orthodox Christian Diversity and the Unity We Need".

The distinguished panel of speakers included Peter Marudas, former Chief-of-Staff for United States Senator Paul Sarbanes, who spoke on "Orthodox Witness, Not Orthodox Politics"; Dr. Elizabeth Prodromou, Assistant Professor at Boston University, who presented a talk on "The Politics of a New Religious America and the Implications for Orthodox Unity"; and Dr. John Erickson, Professor of Church History and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, whose talk was entitled "Is It Canonical?".

The provocative keynote address was delivered by His Eminence Archbishop Nathaniel, of the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of the Orthodox Church in America. The talk was entitled "Celebrating the First Anniversary of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church in America". The intriguing title was intended to imagine a talk that could be given sometime in the future, one year after the establishment of an Autocephalous Orthodox Church in the United States. His Eminence gave a very optimistic and forward-looking description of what such an independent self-governing Orthodox Church would look like and the synergistic benefits to be derived from the establishment of a united autocephalous church.

After the conference portion of the meeting was concluded, OCL President Alice Kopan presided over the 14th annual meeting. It was announced that earlier the OCL Board had adopted a resolution creating the "Orthodox Christian Laity Task Force on Self-Governance" which is to work toward creation of a united, autocephalous Orthodox Church in the United States. She also announced the kick-off of a \$1 million campaign to fund a national educational program to create an informed unified movement toward self-gover-



Archbishop Nathaniel, of the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of the Orthodox Church in America, speaks of a future which would include an Autocephalous

nance of the Greek Orthodox Church in America. The historic resolution was presented to the entire membership of OCL in attendance and was passed unanimously.

Well over 100 Orthodox Christians from twenty different states, including many from Holy Apostles, were in attendance at the meeting. All were moved by the eloquence of the speakers, especially the inspirational talk by

His Eminence Archbishop Nathaniel. It was clear that everyone was hoping and praying for the day that there would be a single unified autocephalous Orthodox Church in the United States.

Additional information can be found on the Orthodox Christian Laity web site at <http://www.ocl.org>.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish."

The Orthodox Christian Laity Task Force on Self-Governance presented the following objectives at the conference:

- ✚ Orthodox Christian Laity (OCL) is committed to the creation of a united, autocephalous Orthodox Church in the United States. A critical step in achieving this goal is the creation of autonomous Orthodox churches in the United States.
- ✚ Because the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese has already requested autonomy, the Orthodox Church in America (OCA) is already self-governing, and the issue will be considered at the Greek Orthodox Clergy Laity Congress in Los Angeles in summer of 2002, OCL has established a task force to support an autonomous Greek Orthodox church in the United States.
- ✚ The task force will seek broad support, participation and leadership from all Orthodox Christians of the canonical jurisdictions in the United States.
- ✚ The task force will launch a \$1 million campaign to fund a national educational program to create an informed, unified movement toward self-governance of the Greek Orthodox Church in America.
- ✚ OCL commits \$100,000 to support the effort of the task force.

New fundraising project will make Holy Apostles' long-term vision a reality

This fall a group of leaders at Holy Apostles made a bold decision, and not before more than a little passionate debate. They've decided to spearhead a campaign to raise an estimated \$3.5 million to strengthen the church as it has never been strengthened before.

They know the effort will shock, perplex, even offend some in the church who see how wonderfully Holy Apostles has provided for itself and its parishioners for years. People may wonder, and rightly so, how in the world Holy Apostles could need so much money. The answer is simple and yet calls for a deeper understanding of our church. It is clear, yet requires foresight.

"The state of the church on paper looks fine," said parish council member George Mannos Jr., one of the co-chairmen of the effort. About 875 of the parish's estimated 900 families have paid their pledges for this year. "We're paying our bills. Everything is smooth sailing."

Mannos and others have said it perhaps has become easy for all of us to view with complacency the rare place that is Holy Apostles. The church has no special assessments, no fundraising "picnics" or other large banquets held annually and designed specifically to raise funds for the church. Yet, Holy Apostles is one of the premier parishes in the region, perhaps in the country.

"It's OK to say, 'look, we've got a lot of special things here and I think we should keep them up,'" added Michael Stefanos, another co-chairman. "This is one church everybody is crazy about. We've got a great Sunday school, great sermons, great altar boy program, great choir. I'd like to celebrate that."

The hard truth is that the bricks and mor-

tar of Holy Apostles, completed in 1964, need serious improvements: a new air conditioning system and new roof, jobs that are estimated at about \$500,000. The Sunday School classrooms are overcrowded, prompting classes to meet in rooms that once were used as storage closets. "It's just like a house," Mannos said. "Either you put money into it or it's just going to decay and it'll be a lot harder to do later. We decided to be THE church of the future," Mannos added. "This is what it's going to take."

Candle to Candle, the name of the fundraising effort, signifies the passing of God's light from parishioner to parishioner, from generation to generation, said Nick Christy, who is co-chairing the campaign with Mannos and Stephanos.

The primary question on many parishioners' minds is how the money will be spent. Campaign organizers say the funds will be used in a number of ways.

In addition to the air conditioning system and roof, funds will be earmarked to build additional classrooms, acquire land, complete mosaics throughout the church, increase the parish's mission work, establish a pension fund for parish priests and other staff, perhaps even produce a television ministry.

Organizers of the campaign have not set a specific timetable for raising the funds but a tentative goal of three years is being considered. They also are considering producing a video to explain the fundraising effort.

Another idea being discussed is a parish banquet next fall. "I think it's imperative for people our ages and younger to really grasp what we're trying to accomplish here," Mannos said. "Let's not underestimate the love that people have for Holy Apostles."

Sign up for Synaxis' museum tour and dinner

Synaxis has planned a museum tour and dinner for Saturday, December 15. The artwork is the Van Gogh and Gauguin Exhibit at the Art Institute of Chicago. Over 150 works are included in this exhibition, including 130 paintings, 16 drawings, and 9 ceramic pieces.

The bus will leave the church at 11:40 a.m. The exhibit tour will be from about 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., followed by dinner in Greektown from 4

to 6 p.m. The bus will return to church by 7:00 p.m.



Liturgy or at 630-922-3326. RSVP as soon as possible, as tickets are limited.

December Registry

Baptisms

Valeria-Jean, daughter of Deborah & Stefanos Venable
Sponsor: Constantine Kaloudis

Dean George, son of Michelle & Chris Triantafillou
Sponsors: Becky & Lee Munger

Michael, son of Mara & Michael Mutz
Sponsors: Patty & Dan McKay

Elizabeth, daughter of Margaret & Joseph Xanthopoulos
Sponsor: Ary Christofidis

Rachel, daughter of Susan & George Argiris
Sponsors: Angela & Peter Tatooles

Wedding

Maria Vassol & Alex Dimitrakakos
Sponsor: Peter Rezos

Fr. Bill from p. 1

Have we changed since Sept. 11?

subsidied, the task begins for us. The question remains to be answered: have we changed? Will these changes be permanent or a passing trend? Will we "commit our whole life to Christ..." in the words of St. John Chrysostom? Will our promise for prayer and worship of God remain steadfast every Sunday? Have we learned to be patient with each other? Have we CHANGED?

One way to consider the change might be in the manner we perceive little things. St. John Chrysostom said "Faithfulness in little things is a big thing."

There will always be more to do than time or energy or commitment can provide. Count on the Lord to honor and multiply even your smallest efforts. Last time I checked He was still rewarding faithfulness.

Now the task begins as men and women of God, and church leaders from across the nation continue to speak words of truth. We need to continue to teach the lessons that were taught so well in September: that evil exists, but God is greater; that with God's help we can stand tall in the face of tragedy; that God's love is our one true hope.

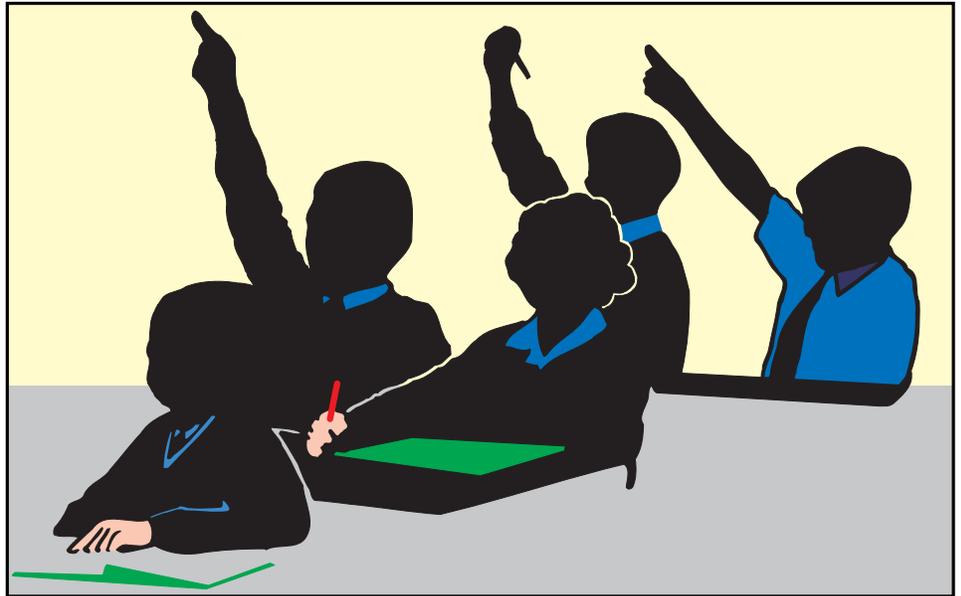
Want to know what really goes on in Sunday School?

BY JOAN BERG AND DIANE TRIVELAS

We have the pleasure of teaching three-year-olds in Sunday school. It is an exciting time to be with these children, as for most, it is their first classroom experience. The focus of the class curriculum is two-fold. First, we teach about Old Testament and New Testament stories and characters and how these stories pertain to their everyday lives. The children love to hear about David and Goliath, Noah and the Ark, and Jonah and the Whale, to name a few of the stories discussed in the first few weeks. We not only talk about the excitement inherent in each of these stories; we also try to highlight how the children can apply the lessons from these stories to their daily lives. For example, since God gave David courage, we talk about times when the children might ask God for courage themselves.

Second, we teach about some of the traditions of the Orthodox faith. We discuss the sacraments of communion and baptism, the priest's vestments, and the use of icons in worship. Through interactive teaching, the children become familiar with the sights, sounds, fragrances and feast days of the Church during the different cycles or seasons of the ecclesiastical year.

The morning begins with some playtime, incorporating Bible stories as much as possible with books, toys and coloring pages. Then, we gather for opening prayer and a lesson on making the sign of the cross (it's tough to know your right hand from your left when you're only three!), and lesson time. A craft



project follows this, related to the lesson of the day. We try to plan a craft project that can be shared with the child's family. For example, this past Spring, when talking about Holy Bread, each child mixed up a 'batch' of bread with flour, water and salt in a cup, and we helped them place the seal on the bread, to bake at home. In addition, the children assisted in preparing 20 loaves of the bread in the Church kitchen, participated in a blessing of the loaves by Fr. Peter, allowing each child to take home a loaf of the blessed bread to share with the family.

In order to instill the spirit of community within the Church, we bring the children for Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the

month. Our class actively participates in the food pantry program, allowing the children to participate in the acts of stewardship. In the quiet moments (!) we teach the children songs related to the theme of the day, and hymns such as *Save Us O Son of God* and *By the Prayers of the Theotokos*.

Parents are invited to stay in the classroom with their child if the child is having any difficulty separating from the parent. We greatly appreciate assistance with our craft projects. Twenty three-year-olds mixing bread is a sight to behold!

We love our class, and truly feel blessed to be allowed to have some time with each of the children every Sunday!

The secret meaning of *The Twelve Days Of Christmas*

People often think of *The Twelve Days of Christmas* as the days preceding the festival. Actually, Christmas is a season of the Christian year that lasts for days beginning December 25 and lasting until January 6—the Day of Epiphany—when the church celebrates the revelation of Christ as the light of the world and recalls the journey of the Magi.

From 1558 until 1829 people in England were not allowed to practice their faith openly. During this era someone wrote *The Twelve Days of Christmas* as a kind of secret catechism that could be sung in public without risk of persecution. The song has two levels of interpretation, the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of the church. Each element in the carol is a code word for a religious reality.

The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ.

The two turtledoves are the Old and New Testaments.

Three French hens stand for faith, hope and love.

The four calling birds are the four Gospels.

The five gold rings recall the Torah (Law), the first five books of the Old Testament.

The six geese a-laying stand for the six days of creation.

Seven swans a-swimming represent the sevenfold gifts of the Spirit.

The eight maids a-milking are the eight beatitudes.

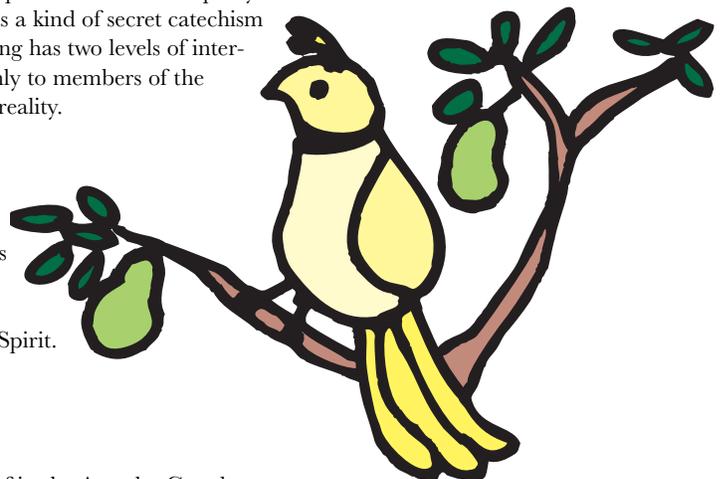
Nine ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the spirit (Gal.5).

The ten lords a-leaping are the Ten Commandments.

Eleven pipers piping stand for the eleven faithful disciples.

Twelve drummers drumming symbolize the 12 points of belief in the Apostles Creed.

There you have it, the HIDDEN meaning of *The Twelve Days of Christmas* and the secret behind the song.



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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

8:00am Orthros
9:15am Awaken To God
9:30am Divine Liturgy
Junior Choir Presentation

Adventure Theater Play
And Luncheon

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5:15pm The Way

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4:30pm Greek School
7:00pm Adult Greek School
6:30pm GOYA Christmas Party
At Schieber's Home

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10:00am TOT's Program
1:00pm Adult Christian Fellowship
And Study Group
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

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FEAST DAY OF ST. NICHOLAS
7:30am Orthros
8:30am Divine Liturgy
Christmas Prayer Brunch
To Follow
4:30pm Greek School

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12:30pm Adventure Theater
5:00pm Great Vespers

8:00am Orthros
9:00am Divine Liturgy
Communion Breakfast
5:00pm Great Vespers

8

8:00am Orthros
9:15am Awaken To God
9:30am Divine Liturgy
Greek School Kalamida
Coffee Hour

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6:30pm Sunday School
Teachers' Meeting

10

4:30pm Greek School
7:00pm Adult Greek School

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STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR
8:00am Orthros
9:00am Divine Liturgy
7:00pm YAL Christmas Dinner
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

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4:30pm Greek School

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11:40am Synaxis Tour
Of The Art Institute
And Dinner
5:00pm Great Vespers

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8:00am Orthros
9:15am Awaken To God
9:30am Divine Liturgy
Christmas Pageant
Coffee Hour
Diocese Open House

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5:15pm The Way

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4:30pm Greek School
7:00pm Adult Greek School
7:00pm Philoptothos
Christmas Party
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

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10:00am TOT's Christmas Party
1:00pm Adult Christian Fellowship
And Study Group

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4:30pm Greek School
8:00pm Parish Council Meeting

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Adventure Theater Outing
To Downtown Chicago
5:00pm Great Vespers

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8:00am Orthros
9:15am Awaken To God
9:30am Divine Liturgy
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
Coffee Hour

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CHRISTMAS EVE
9:00am Royal Hours
6:30pm Christmas Choir Concert
7:00pm Vespersal Liturgy

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CHRISTMAS DAY
9:00am Orthros
10:00am Divine Liturgy

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FEAST DAY OF ST. STEPHEN
8:00am Orthros
9:00am Divine Liturgy
NO GREEK SCHOOL

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8:00am Orthros
9:15am Awaken To God
9:30am Divine Liturgy
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
Coffee Hour

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7:00pm Vespers At St. Basil's In Chicago

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NEW YEAR'S DAY
9:00am Orthros
10:00am Divine Liturgy

January 1

The Mosaic Staff wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year!

Weekday Services

Feast Day Of St. Nicholas

Thursday December 6
7:30am Orthros
8:30am Divine Liturgy

Communion Breakfast Liturgy

Saturday December 8
8:00am Orthros
9:00am Divine Liturgy

Stephen The First Martyr

Wednesday December 12
8:00am Orthros
9:00am Divine Liturgy

Christmas Eve

Monday December 24
9:00am Royal Hours
7:00pm Vesperal Liturgy

Weekday Services

Christmas Day

Tuesday December 25
9:00am Orthros
10:00am Divine Liturgy

Feast Day Of St. Stephen

Thursday December 6
8:00am Orthros
9:00am Divine Liturgy

Vespers At St. Basil's

Monday December 31
7:00pm Vespers

Vespers

All Saturdays
5:00pm

Memorials

*William Peter Tselepis
Theodora Patsavas
Pauline Athas
James Athas
George Kapolas
Efsthathia Korkoneas
Peter Korkoneas
Theodore Bruton
Helen Sfikas
Michael Sfikas
Marika Boyaris
Thomas Chiampas
Gus Chiampas
Georgia Chiampas
Ioannis Georganas
Maria Pappas*

Funeral

William Peter Tselepis

Christmas Communion Breakfast

All children and their families are invited to attend the annual Christmas Communion Breakfast on Saturday, December 8th. The 9am Liturgy will be followed by a pancake breakfast, and a special guest from the North Pole will visit with each child. Families are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy to place under the tree in the Narthex. For reservations, please call Maria Kallis (630) 455-1688. ...by Cynthia Stathopoulos

Mosaic Deadline

The deadline for the January Mosaic is Sunday, December 9th.

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