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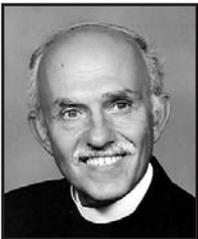
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From Father Bill...



Shhh!
Listen to
what is
being said

God makes silences in every life: the silence of sleep, the silence of sickness, the silence of sorrow, and then the last silence of death. Parents have discovered that one of the hardest things in the world is to get little children to keep still. They are in a state of perpetual activity, restless, eager, questioning, alert. As mother says to her child, "Be still," and hushes it to sleep that it may rest, so God does sooner or later with all of us. What a quiet, still place is a house where a loved one has died.

I recall as though the following occurred only yesterday. A dear friend and member of the parish had fallen victim to lung cancer. Her death was not a surprise, but it wasn't expected so soon. I was well acquainted with the family and as I drove to the house, I wondered what I could say to the husband. I recalled a verse I read that week which read: "...the Spirit helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession." That's the answer, I thought. The time has arrived for me to maintain silence. I approached the house and knocked on the door. Within minutes Peter, the husband, appeared. There was an eerie hush. We looked into each other's eyes and hugged one another. Not a word was spoken. In a moment, he led me to his backyard and sat on a bench that was near a small brook. Silence continued and we both listened to the gentle wind and the sound of water. After fifteen minutes, Peter stood and said, "Father, we have said all that was to be spoken." He spoke in Greek... "Ta eipamen Pater." Once again, the power of

...See Fr. Bill on P. 5



Anna Eriotes, left, and Niki Conforti, right watch over the gift table before the luncheon begins.

A taste of Europe here in the suburbs

Guests of the Philoptohos Luncheon Fashion Show, "The Streets of Europe" enjoyed an entertaining afternoon, with the ambiance of Europe represented throughout. Kudos to Eleni Poteres, fashion show chairman and Holy Apostles Philoptohos president, and her trusty co-chairman, Beth Fotos. Thank you also to their talented committee who executed the unique theme, which allowed everyone to feel they were somewhere special that afternoon.

The precious children of Holy Apostles opened the show, and then the models of Zzazz Productions

took off with a wide range of fashions and music. The meal and show were both superb.

The fashion show as always was a huge success. Beneficiaries are The Chicago Lighthouse and Hellenic Family and Community Services, both accepted the abundant support with much appreciation.

Thank you to the patrons and guests who year after year support this event, allowing Philoptohos to contribute to so many organizations, striving to help each worthy cause.

by Cynthia Stathopoulos

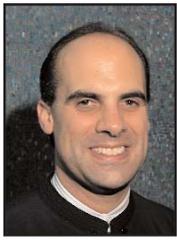


Elesa and Andrew Poteres model winter jackets on the runway.



Street mimes Sophia Loupakos and Danielle Davis sell raffle tickets.

From Father Nicholas



Overcoming Distractions

How about those Cubs! If you are a Chicago Cubs fan (like me), we have enjoyed watching the Cubs beat the Atlanta Braves and progress to the Divisional Finals. Last night the Cubs lost their first game to the Florida Marlins: 9-8. It was a suspenseful, close game and went into extra innings. In fact, the game finished late, around 10:45 PM! Many children and families were at the game. Intense fans stood in the street behind the right field fence just to hear the game. Most people stayed until the final out. They didn't worry about going to work or getting their children to school the next day, they just cheered for their beloved Cubs.

Just a few weeks earlier, football fans endured cold weather to see the Bears opener at Soldier Field. Sports fans overcome obstacles because of their great love for sports. We remember details, statistics and technicalities, things that nobody else really cares about. Sports fans have great commitment and determination. Against incredible odds, sound logic and sometimes even medical advice, we will persevere until the very end.

Seeing the intensity of Cubs fans led me to think about what would happen if people were as intense, committed and determined about their Christian faith as they are about sports or other hobbies they enjoy. I recently read an article in *Moody Monthly* which provided 11 excuses a sports fan may use for not attending sports events:

- _ Every time I went, they asked for money
- _ The people with whom I had to sit didn't seem very friendly
- _ The seats were too hard and uncomfortable
- _ The coach never came to see me
- _ The referee made a decision with which I did not agree
- _ I was sitting with some hypocrites – they only came to see what others were wearing
- _ Some games went into overtime, and I was getting home late
- _ The band played songs that I had never heard before
- _ The games are scheduled when I want to do other things
- _ My parents took me to too many games when I was growing up
- _ I don't want to take my children because I want them to choose their own favorite sport

...see Fr. Nicholas on P. 3



Gavel to Gavel



BY PETER POTERES... Parish Council Secretary

Regular Parish Council meeting Thursday, September 18

Present: George Alex, Don Alexander, John Anos, George Aravosis, James Banakis, George Chechopoulos, Terry Chiganos, Sandy Fiascone, Jim Fotopoulos, Nick Kirkeles, George Mannos Jr., Peter Poteres, Dennis Poulos, Steve Savas, Peter Tomaras, and Chris Zurales.

Finance

- + The Financial Statement dated August 31st, 2003 was reviewed. For August, there was a deficit of \$47,087.66 with a total deficit of \$56,619.97 YTD. A motion to accept the report passed unanimously.

Stewardship

- + George Mannos Jr. reported that the amount pledged YTD is \$8,100 less than 2002. As of August 31, 2003, the church has received 875 pledges (down 17 from 2002) totaling \$534,337.50 (\$455,450.25 paid for 86%) for an average pledge of \$610.68 (up \$2.56 from 2002).

Correspondence

- + A "Thank You" letter was read from Nathan & Lynette Hoppe for the church's support of missions, especially in Albania.
- + A letter was read from Saint Nectarios Greek Orthodox Mission Church in Pasco, WA requesting a donation. Dennis Poulos moved to donate \$500 to the church. The motion passed.

Meditation

- + Father Bill spoke about how well the Greek School children behaved during the Agiasmos service during school. Father Bill said that two thirds of all churches in the United States have reached their peak and are starting to deteriorate in support and stewardship. Our parish may be reflected in this fact. As we move along in our ministries, support of the church starts with grass roots to help the Archdiocese and others in need. Father Bill reiterated that the women who bring the Prosforo, the people who clean the candle-stand, etc... we must get to know them and pray for them. We must say "Thank You" to these parishioners because saying thanks is a sign of caring in a growing prosperous church and community.

Building and Grounds

- + Peter Tomaras stated three potholes needed repair by the sewers, which cost \$800.
- + Jim Fotopoulos reported that the new boiler has been installed and he is working on the maintenance contract.

- + "Frick and Frack", aka Jim Fotopoulos and Greg Vandarakis, installed a new effluent ejector sump pump for \$600 instead of accepting a quote for \$3,000.
- + The installation of two closed circuit televisions is in process. One television will be located by the downstairs classrooms, and the other television in the library.
- + George Alex reported that specs are being placed out for bids on the North/South entrance canopies.
- + Bids have been put out for tree removal and trimming of all shrubs. Jim Banakis asked about the possibility of installing a prayer garden. The landscaper will pay for all costs associated with the replacement of the broken entrance window.

Ways and Means

- + Sandy Fiascone is seeking the availability of bands for the September 11, 2004, dinner dance.
- + Don Alexander handed out a procedure for purchasing the cemetery plots. The church has ninety four plots for sale.
- + George Mannos Jr. spoke about stewardship 2004 campaign. We are presently faced with tough economic times. Goals should be ambitious but we also need to answer to a budget. The budget should remain at \$600,000 but the goal should be raised to \$625,000. The suggestion was made that a study of present stewardship vs. years past and church costs be done prior to Stewardship Sunday.

Old Business

- + Peter Poteres reported on his investigation of the Come Receive The Light Radio Program which is an Orthodox weekly radio ministry based out of Ft. Lauderdale. Currently, this service is not available in our area. We will re-evaluate this if and when the program enters the immediate Chicago area.

New Business

- + Peter Tomaras reviewed the hearing for the lot across the street that sold for \$525,000. 6 vertical style townhomes will be developed on the land.
- + Dennis Poulos reported that since approving the budget, we lost one Greek School teacher but another has been hired. 118 children have registered this year, which is up from 96 children in 2002. The cost of the Adult Greek School class was reviewed with no issue.

Personal prayer not against the law... at least not yet

This is a statement that was read over the PA system at the football game at Roane County High School, Kingston, Tennessee, by school principal, Jody McCloud:

"It has always been the custom at Roane County High School football games, to say a prayer and play the National Anthem, to honor God and country. Due to a recent ruling by the Supreme Court, I am told that saying a prayer is a violation of federal case law.

As I understand the law at this time, I can use this public facility to approve of sexual perversion and call it an alternate lifestyle, and if someone is offended that's OK.

I can use it to condone sexual promiscuity, by dispensing condoms and calling it safe sex. If someone is offended, that's OK.

I can designate a school day as 'Earth Day' and involve students in activities to worship religiously and praise the goddess Mother Earth and call it ecology.

I can use literature, videos and presenta-

tions in the classroom that depict people with strong, traditional Christian convictions as simple minded and ignorant and call it enlightenment.

However, if anyone uses this facility to honor God and to ask Him to bless this event with safety and good sportsmanship, then federal case law is violated.

This appears to be inconsistent at best, and at worst, diabolical. Apparently, we are to be tolerant of everything and anyone, except God and His Commandments.

Nevertheless, as a school principal, I frequently ask staff and students to abide by rules with which they do not necessarily agree. For me to do otherwise would be inconsistent at best, and at worst, hypocritical. I suffer from that affliction enough unintentionally. I certainly do not need to add an intentional transgression.

For this reason, I shall "Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's," and refrain

from praying at this time. However if you feel inspired to honor, praise and thank God and ask Him, in the name of Jesus, to bless this event, please feel free to do so. As far as I know, that's not against the law—yet."

One by one, the people in the stands bowed their heads, held hands with one another and began to pray. They prayed in the stands. They prayed in the team huddles. They prayed at the concession stand and they prayed in the Announcer's Box!

The only place they didn't pray was in the Supreme Court of the United States of America, the Seat of "Justice" in the "one nation, under God."

Somehow, Kinston, Tennessee remembered what so many have forgotten. We are given the Freedom OF Religion, not the Freedom FROM Religion. Praise God that His remnant remains!

Fr. Nicholas from P. 2

Make sure your faith is not a spectator sport

True sports fans will do almost anything to go to a game and to follow their team. The aforementioned eleven excuses don't distract them.

Sometimes little things can cause us to be distracted in church. Temptation comes especially when at prayer or worship. The Devil wants to distract us from our worship. We can be distracted by what people are doing around us, by concentrating on what people are wearing, by daydreaming, by thinking of possible business deals or even by being ignorant of our Orthodox Christian faith. How can we limit these distractions? Fr. Schememann said "the Liturgy is, first of all, the Paschal gathering of those who are to meet the Risen Lord and enter with Him into His kingdom." We believe that we enter the Heavenly Kingdom with all of the angels and the saints every time a divine service is celebrated. The central part of the Divine Liturgy is the descent, appearance and divine presence of our resurrected Lord. We are frequently reminded of His presence throughout the Liturgy. At one point in the Liturgy all of us say, "Christ is in our midst, He is and ever shall be." We become part of the events that we are celebrating. If we actively participate in the Divine Liturgy, we experience the Kingdom of God here on earth. We can par-

ticipate through our five senses. First, we see the icons or windows into heaven, the cross, the angels and the Holy Altar. We smell the incense which was historically a sign of God's presence in the Temple. Third, Holy Communion touches our lips, our fingers touch our bodies as we do the sign of the cross, and our lips touch the Holy Icons as we venerate them. We hear the Word of God, the hymns of praise and the sermon that applies the Bible to our daily lives. Lastly, we taste the Holy Communion or antidoron that we receive. So, we go to church not to get something out of it but to actively participate and put something into it. We come to the Liturgy to give our possessions, our whole being and ourselves to God. What we get out of the Liturgy is directly related to what we put into it. It is much more meaningful if we participate in the prayers and songs, and surrender ourselves to the Lord. If we actively participate, utilizing our five senses, we can avoid the distractions and truly worship God. Just like the avid sports fan, we the worshippers, can overcome distractions, worship and love the Lord "with all of our heart, with all of our soul, and with all of our mind." (Matthew 22:37)

The HARC CORNER

Three Faces of Jesus How Jews, Christians and Muslims see Him

By Josef Imbach

A professor of theology from Rome, Mr. Imbach lays out for us the commonalities that all three major religions share and what they have in common with the figure of Christ. It is a remarkable challenge to undertake, but with an understanding of the basis of these three monotheistic religions, a beginning of disbanding the mistrust begins.

Softbound, \$13.00

The Heart An Orthodox Christian Spiritual Guide

By Archimandrite Spyridon Logothetis

Archimandrite Logothetis explores the heart of God which dwells within the heart of man. The condition of the heart and of the soul must be kept clean and holy in order to live with God. He explores the sinful heart and thought, and gives us insight on how to cleanse it.

Softbound, \$14.00

Reviewed by Elaine Regopoulos



Nick Paloumpis directs the choir each Sunday as the Church's liturgical life is expressed in music.

Worshipping through songs of praise

Nearly 40 voices in the Holy Apostles church choir make a joyful noise! Members come from many different states in the union, and some are native Chicagoans, or even natives of Westchester. Some are original members of the Holy Apostles Church. Occasionally visitors join us when they are in town.

Wherever the choir members come from, we get together to sing prayers and responses during the Divine Liturgy. Another thing we have in common is that we like to learn new things and we enjoy learning new music through our involvement with the Choir Federation of the Midwest.

Kay Bobis is the choir's dedicated librarian, keeping the books and music in order. Nick Paloumpis is the director. Dee Chiganos is his assistant. Stephanie Lekas is the organist. Cathy Anderson is her back-up.

This well-orchestrated group meets when needed to brush up on special hymns of the day and for special services. We sing in English and in Greek so everyone can understand the prayers and responses that we are offering for all.

We have made a few recordings of our Easter and Christmas concerts, as well as The Divine Liturgy featuring the "Liturgy of Peace: music of composer Christopher

Kyros. These tapes and CDs are available in the HARC bookstore at Holy Apostles Church.



Nick Kumis, Nick Paloumpis, Helen Alex, Kay Bobis, Mary Athans, and Mona Skalkos were some the participants at the recent Choir Federation Conference.

At the recent Choir Federation Conference hosted by St. Nicholas church in Oak Lawn, our Holy Apostles choir was well represented and participated in a glorious musical weekend. The guest conductor was Christopher Kyros of Norfolk, Virginia, and the accompanist was Rosemary Cunningham, the choir director at St. Nicholas. 116 voices from 22 parishes in our Metropolis participated in the conference including the following from Holy Apostles:

Helen Alex, Mary Athans, Kay Bobis, Peter Kates, Elaine Fotopoulos, Dena Kentes, Nick Kumis, Nick Paloumpis, Mona Skalkos and Joanne Volakakis.

Highlights of the weekend included Kathy Beshilas receiving the St. Romanos certificate for her 25 years in the Senior Choir, and Nick Paloumpis' receiving a commemorative award for his 35 years as a choir member. A special treat on Friday evening was the presentation of Taso and Toulas' Wedding, produced by Tom Akouris, a Second City alumnus, and featured many Choir Federations members. All the way from Las Vegas, came Elvis the King (Nick Paloumpis), who serenaded the newlyweds with a rendition of Love Me Tender.

When the Choir Federation held their elections, Nick was re-elected president for a sixth term, and Joanne Volakakis is the new treasurer.

The Federation is finalizing plans for their Jr. Choir Conference, which will be held at Sts. Constantine and Helen in Palos Hills, on Nov. 7-9. All 3rd through 8th grade students are encouraged to participate and to take advantage of this opportunity to further their understanding of our faith. Bette Schieber, Nick Paloumpis, and volunteer parents will act as chaperones. For more information call Bette Schieber at 708-460-0356.

Fr. Bill from P. 1

Be quiet!, so you can hear God

silence succeeded to comfort a grieving soul. I knew then, words would not have sufficed. God comes, in his irresistible way, which never ceases to be a way of love, and says, "Be still, and know that I am God."

I find it exceedingly difficult to describe silence. We have all experienced the moment of entering into a crowded room only to hear the palpitation of our hearts. To speak about silence is like trying to describe the ineffable or depict the invisible. The task itself is inherently impossible. Silence can only speak for itself: not through words, but through our experience of it.

There is a very familiar little story in the alphabetical collection of traditions that have come down to us from the desert fathers of the early Christian centuries. It is said that one day Abba Theophilus, who was an archbishop, came to Scetis, a desert wasteland and spiritual paradise, where great numbers of monks carried on their unseen spiritual warfare. Archbishop Theophilus made his way to the cell of Abba Pambo, a man recognized and acclaimed for his humility and wisdom. The brethren who accompanied Theophilus said to Abba Pambo, "Say something to the archbishop, so that he may be edified." Abba Pambo replied: "If he is not edified by my silence, he will not be edified by my speech."

In the New Testament, little is said of silence as such. The people themselves are reduced to awe-filled silence as they witness Christ's ability to silence his adversaries (Lk, 20:26).

Although silence and stillness are not synonymous, they are interchangeable. Silence implies in part, an absence of ambient noise, together with an inner state or attitude which enables us to focus on the presence of God and to hear His "still, small voice". Stillness

implies a state of bodily rest coupled with the creative tension that enables a person to commune with God in the midst of a crowd. As the Apostle Paul insists, it is not we who pray, but the Spirit who prays in us (Rom. 8:26).

At various intersections of life, we all earnestly yearn for silence. After the death of our beloved Sofia, I didn't want to listen to sermons (especially my own), lectures or counsel. I just wanted to be left alone. I so desperately needed to listen to the inner voice of my soul and allow God to heal my hurt. I thought of how often Jesus would withdraw from the crowds to be alone with the Father and experienced this in my personal prayer and at the altar. Even in those final moments in the Garden of Gethsemane, He was compelled to find silence to deal with His impending suffering and death.

Father Thomas Hopko said once: "In order to pray you've got to be quiet. In order to get to know your children, you've got to be quiet. In order to know your spouse, you've got to be quiet. In order to get to know yourself, you've got to be quiet. In order to get to know God, you've got to be quiet." How few of us there are who can be still enough to hear God speak. For, before we can hear Him, we must learn to go into the closet and shut the door.

Henri Nouwen writes in his book *The Way of the Heart*: "We have to fashion our own desert where we can withdraw every day, shake off our compulsions and dwell in the gentle healing presence of our Lord. Without such a desert we will lose our own soul while preaching the Gospel to others."

The following was seen on a bumper sticker: "Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words." I say Amen to that!

Greek School sees increased enrollments and expectations

BY MANDO GOUVAS

Father Bill and Father Nicholas marked the beginning of our school year with blessings and many wishes for good progress.



The 2003-2004 school year started successfully on September 16th with great expectations and an increased number of students. Currently, there are 111 children attending pre-school through sixth grade and 14 adults for the adult evening class. The enrollment in the pre-school class necessitated the creation of two sections and an additional teacher.

We welcome the students, especially the new ones and their families to our school and

our parish. We thank you for your confidence and ask for your support in securing our tar-

gets, which are the children's educational progress and moral spiritual development. Our purpose is to teach the students the language, the history, the traditions and culture of Greece, thus creating a sense of pride for our ancestry and our faith.

On Sunday, November 23, we will have our annual Bake Sale. The funds generated will be used to sponsor various activities such as field trips, and to purchase educational materials for the school. Please support this effort.

November Registry

Baptisms

Edward, son of
Julie & Ceasar Melidis
Sponsor: Dean Georgelos

Gianna, daughter of
Erin & Valentino Colantuono
Sponsor: Jaclyn Messerges

Constantine, son of
Sofia & Thomas Bassias
Sponsors: Margo & George Markopoulos

Sophia, daughter of
Amy & Bruce Schuster
Sponsor: Niki Spartiatis

Justin, son of
Angela & Peter Tatooles
Sponsors: Stacy & Spero Kinna

Anastasia, daughter of
Gena & John Polihronidis
Sponsor: Alexander Michalakos

Chloe, daughter of
Leah & Jeffrey Kazaglis
Sponsor: Jon Kazaglis

Weddings

Constance Patsavas & Gus Romios
Sponsor: John Bouzenelos

Andrea Wilk & George Curtis
Sponsor: Lena Carroll

Maria Vlahos & Saharias Bousies
Sponsors:
Haroula & Constantine Kremmidas

Radio Disney has a good idea

BY GEORGE J. DEMETRALIS
(alias Mr. D.)

Though I am in my early 60's, I often listen to Radio Disney, 1300 AM and channel 115 on XM Satellite Radio, because many of the songs they play teach basic moral principles and contain words of encouragement for kids who have low self-confidence. It's no secret that pre-teens and kids in their early teens enjoy music. Therefore, I'd like to recommend Radio Disney for this age group.

Kids are challenged to do their best, never give up, and never forget those less fortunate. Of course, there are the romantic songs quite appropriate for kids and reminiscent of songs I enjoyed listening to at that age.

Recently, Radio Disney has been encouraging their young listeners to sign "The Family Pledge," by which they vow to spend at least an hour a week with their families. For a kids' radio station to do this is highly commendable.

On the other hand, isn't it a sad commentary on the American family when kids have to pledge an hour a week to their families? I believe Orthodox Christian families should pledge at least an hour a day to be together. This should include meals, especially the evening meal, as well as the Sunday meal after church.

In past articles, I've urged families to make Sunday a family day: that is, attend church together, then spend the rest of the day dining, relaxing, and talking as a family, minus cell phones, beepers, schedules, and appointments.

Our church, our country, and our way of life will remain strong so long as our families remain rock solid and united in Jesus Christ. Radio Disney's "Family Pledge" is an admirable challenge for us to increase family together time from at least an hour a week to an hour a day Monday through Saturday, and all day on Sunday.

Funny, but true

- ☞ Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers.
- ☞ Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited, until you try to sit in their pews!
- ☞ Forbidden fruits create many jams.
- ☞ Don't put a question mark where God put a period.
- ☞ To make a long story short, don't tell it.



November is Stewardship Month

Did you know it takes \$2,675 per day to operate Holy Apostles?

Only 60% of our revenue comes from stewardship. We would like to increase that percentage.

There are numerous means to complete a financial stewardship commitment: cash, check, credit card, donation of appreciated securities (stock).

You can pay in installments - monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or all at one time.

Gifts of stock give the donors a double-tax benefit: If your stock has lost value since you purchased it, sell your stock and take a capital loss on your tax return. Then donate the

money to Holy Apostles for a charitable deduction.

If your stock has increased in value since you purchased it, transfer your stock to Holy Apostles (do not sell it!) to avoid paying capital gains tax. The value of the stock is your charitable deduction. There is no commission charged for this transaction.

For details: Call Liz in the Church office at (708) 562-2744; or any member of the Parish Council Stewardship Committee: George Mannos, George Aravosis, Don Alexander.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Recently Overheard In Heaven...

Harry Caray to God: "Will the Cubs ever win the World Series again?"
 God to Harry Caray: "Not in MY lifetime!"

9:00am Craft And Bake Sale (till 3pm)
 4:00pm Altar Boys Meeting
5:00pm Great Vespers

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8:00am Orthros
9:15am Awaken To God
9:30am Divine Liturgy
 Bake Sale

 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

5:15pm The Way

9:45am TOTS
 4:30pm Greek School
 6:00pm GOYA Prosfora Baking

1:00pm Adult Christian Fellowship And Study Group
 7:00pm Bible Study
 7:30pm Catechism Instruction
 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

4:30pm Greek School

4:30pm Adventure Theater
 7:15pm YAL Meeting

FEAST DAY OF ST. MICHAEL
8:00am Divine Liturgy
 9:00am Prayer Breakfast

Jr. Choir Conference at SS. Constantine & Helen

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FEAST DAY OF ST. NECTARIOS
8:00am Orthros
9:15am Awaken To God
9:30am Divine Liturgy
 Fellowship Hour

4:30pm Greek School
 6:30pm Sunday School Teachers Meeting

1:00pm Adult Christian Fellowship And Study Group Singalong
 7:00pm Bible Study
 7:30pm Catechism Instruction
 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

FEAST DAY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM
8:00am Orthros
9:00am Divine Liturgy
 4:30pm Greek School

4:30pm Adventure Theater
 7:00pm Synaxis Pot Luck & Lecture

4:00pm Lamplighters
5:00pm Great Vespers

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8:00am Orthros
9:15am Awaken To God
9:30am Divine Liturgy
 Fellowship Hour

5:15pm The Way

9:45am TOTS
 4:30pm Greek School
 7:30pm GOYA Tree Trimming

1:00pm Adult Christian Fellowship And Study Group
 7:00pm Bible Study
 7:30pm Catechism Instruction
 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

4:30pm Greek School
 7:30pm Parish Council Meeting

PRESENTATION OF THE VIRGIN MARY TO THE TEMPLE
8:00am Orthros
9:00am Divine Liturgy
 4:30pm Adventure Theater

9:30am Annual Youth Christmas Retreat (till 3pm)
5:00pm Great Vespers

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8:00am Orthros
9:15am Awaken To God
9:30am Divine Liturgy
 Greek School Bake Sale
 STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY **23**

FEAST DAY OF ST. CATHERINE
8:00am Orthros
9:00am Divine Liturgy

THANKSGIVING EVE LITURGY
6:00pm Divine Liturgy

THANKSGIVING DAY

7:00pm Great Vespers At St. Andrews Church

FEAST DAY OF ST. ANDREW
8:00am Orthros
9:15am Awaken To God
9:30am Divine Liturgy
 Fellowship Hour

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Byzantine School Of Music meets every Wednesday at 7pm

Memorials

*Gigi Chelios
Sophia Chiganos
Soteri Chiganos
Yiannoula Koutsopanayou
Constance Patsavos
Harold Papageorge
John Trakaklis
Peter Valos
Amelia Svolos
Kathryne Azar
George Bockos
Bertha Balodimas
Rita Chulos
Helen Karkazis
Chris Georgaklis
Angeline Kusulas*

Funerals

none

Mosaic Deadline

The deadline for the December Mosaic is Wednesday, Nov. 5.

Mailing Help Needed

One of our largest ministries at Holy Apostles is the publication and distribution of over 90,000 Bible Guides. The office staff needs help in mailing these guides. Please call Liz at 708-562-2744, if you can spare a couple of hours in November and early December to assist her. Actual mailing dates have not been determined.

Philoptohos Welfare Programs

The Welfare Committee, under the direction of Anna Eriotes, is gearing up for the holiday season. Those who signed up to help with the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Basket Program will be called upon. This year the basket program will be organized differently, with donations being requested to purchase grocery gift certificates for needy families. This will allow the gift recipients to purchase the food items of their choice. If you did not sign up for this committee in September, and would like to donate toward the program, please call Anna Eriotes at (630) 832-7839.

The Needy Children's Fund is a multi-faceted gift-giving program. Philoptohos buys toys and delivers them to Holiday House, part of the DuPage Family Shelter Services. Mothers are able to browse and choose toys for their child's Christmas. Philoptohos is one of the largest contributors to this program. Holiday House provides shelter and counseling services for victims of domestic abuse. Toys and clothing are also sent to Hellenic Family and Community Services, whose mission is to help poor families in need. Gift certificates are sent to St. Basil's Academy. Generous parishioners buy gifts for children of individual needy families. If anyone is so moved, please call Anna Eriotes (630) 832-7839. Dolly Pantou will collect donations after church in the multi-purpose room.

There will be no November General Meeting.

Weekday Services

Great Vespers

Saturdays, November 1, 15, 22
5:00pm
Saturday, November 29 (St. Andrew's)
7:00pm

Feast Day of St. Michael

Saturday, November 8
8:00am Divine Liturgy

Feast Day of St. John Chrysostom

Thursday, November 13
8:00am Orthros
9:00am Divine Liturgy

Presentation of The Virgin Mary To The Temple

Friday, November 21
8:00am Orthros
9:00am Divine Liturgy

Feast Day of St. Catherine

Tuesday, November 25
8:00am Orthros
9:00am Divine Liturgy

Thanksgiving Eve Liturgy

Wednesday, November 26
6:00pm Divine Liturgy

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