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"Opah!" says Milton Alex after he found the coin at his table.

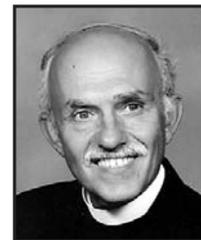
Annual Vasilopita celebration combines fun and giving

The tradition of Vasilopita stems back to St. Basil who asked the ladies of the church to bake sweet bread with coins baked into the loaves. The loaves were distributed among the needy. Annually, St. Basil Academy benefits from our local collection.



Barbara Pappas was the lucky recipient of a coin for HARC, above. At left, Fr. Bill hands a piece of vasilopita to Sophie Lekas.

From Father Bill...



*If I had
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to live over*

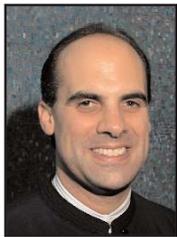
Most people with whom I have spoken feel that Christmas this year came and went very swiftly. Some suggested the reason was partly due to the late date of Thanksgiving and the busyness of the season. We scarcely had time to put away the turkey and trimmings for Thanksgiving and we were dragging out the Christmas tree, ornaments and lights and preparing for the next holiday. The Christmas season was upon us, ready or not. Before we realized how quickly time escaped us, we were challenged to get ready for the next major period on the ecclesiastical calendar, PASCHA. WOW!

As we rush forward into a new year, we must face death and resurrection, our sinfulness, and the estrangement that exists between us and God. The Great Prophet David, writes in the 51st Psalm, "I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me." For some of us it is extremely painful to look back and reflect on how things were because we know now that we can't turn back the clock!

I came across an article written by Erma Bombeck who stated what she would do differently if she had her life to live over. I know her words convict me in so many ways relative to my family and my 48 years as a priest. I put it all in perspective with the following analogies... A football player on the final play of the football game has a chance to win for his team but drops the ball in the end zone and a hush comes over the crowd and the game is over. A basketball player shoots the final shot of the game and the ball bounces off the rim while the buzzer

...See Fr. Bill on P. 5

From Father Nicholas



Valentines from Heaven

Recently I was shopping at the mall and walked by the Valentine's Day section in the card store. I saw cards of every size, shape and color. Some cards were simple and some were ornate. The store had both cheap and expensive cards. There were cards not just for sweethearts but all the people that we love. Millions of these cards will be purchased and sent to loved ones. As I observed all of the cards and the people looking at them, I thought about people that don't receive Valentine's Day cards.

The good news is that God sends all of us Valentine's Day cards. They are messages of love. Who loves us more than God? God loves each one of us. Apart from February 14th, every day is Valentine's Day with God. He showers His love upon us in so many ways every second and every day of our lives. I recently read a poem that reflects God's love so beautifully: "Take a breath. Every breath, that's a Valentine from God. Every sunrise, every sunset. Every moonlit night, every starry sky... every meal, every walk... Every hug from a friend..., Every second of our lives is filled with Valentines, with 'I Love You' from God."

Apart from the daily blessings that we experience, another source of God's Valentines (God's letters of love) to us is the Bible. We are reminded in the Book of Isaiah that "the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but My steadfast love shall not depart from you, and My covenant of peace shall not be removed." David writes many psalms about the Lord's great love for us. He reminds us that the Lord is a "God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth." St. Paul's letter to the Romans asks, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Nothing in the world is going to come between God's love and us! Family troubles can't separate us. Tragedy and heartache will not keep us from God's love. Unjust suffering cannot keep us from God. Poverty will not keep us away. Terrorist

...See Fr. Nicholas on P. 6



Gavel to Gavel



BY PETER POTERES... Parish Council Secretary

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

Finance

✦ The Financial Statement dated November 30th, 2003 was reviewed. For the month of November, the church was favorable \$13,144.06. One correction to the report was noted. The Dinner Dance line item had a \$2,000 credit when it should have been a debit. Year to date through November, the church is unfavorable \$88,544.82. Sandy Fiascone moved to approve the financial report subject to the correction. Motion passed unanimously.

Stewardship

✦ George Mannos Jr. stated that as of November 30, the church received 927 pledges for 2003 (down 14 from 2002) totaling \$568,747.50 (up \$8,490.50 from 2002) for an average pledge of \$613.53 (up \$8.14 per pledge from 2002). Amount paid YTD is \$526,573.50 (down \$278.50 from 2002).

✦ Peter Tomaras stated that he received a letter from George Aravosis that the posters for the Stewardship 2004 drive had been donated

Correspondence

✦ A request for a donation to the Saint Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine in St. Augustine, FL was received. George Mannos Jr. moved to donate \$250 to the Shrine. Motion passed unanimously.

✦ Peter Tomaras read a letter from the Metropolis of Chicago stating that there would be no increase in the 2004 Archdiocesan Stewardship Commitment.

Meditation

✦ Father Bill spoke about how Luke's account of the birth of Christ dealt with the shepherds in the field. Mathew's account dealt with the Kings' view. Father stated that he was appalled by how few attend church on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. When both days are missed, it is a tragedy.

Committee Report

✦ Don Alexander moved to approve the holiday bonuses for the church employees. Motion passed unanimously.

Building and Grounds

✦ George Alex reported that work on the North and South roof canopies will begin after Christmas.

✦ The office's current postage meter machine is 18 years old and would cost \$700-\$800 per month for maintenance to keep it operating. After extensive discussion, the Council voted to obtain a new Hasler machine for a one month trial. If the trial is successful, it will be leased for \$293/month. A majority approved the lease, with two abstentions. A Pitney Bowes machine was also considered but the cost was higher.

✦ A discussion was held about leasing a folding machine. The Pitney Bowes machine's lease is \$233 per month and the Hasler's lease is \$150 per month. Presently the church does not have a folding machine. The Parish Council asked George Alex to investigate if both Hasler machines are purchased, would the vendor provide any additional price breaks.

Ways and Means

✦ Peter Tomaras said that George Mannos Jr. and George Aravosis would manage the Macaronatha Sunday luncheon with the support of all Council members. Dr. Kinnas was asked to give a missions presentation with all contributions raised going to the church's Missions Program.

Old Business

✦ Peter Tomaras reported on the latest church employee insurance program. Several options were being considered that would still provide excellent coverage at a cost savings to the church. Any program considered would include a \$1,000 deductible for the employee.

New Business

✦ Pat Matarrese approached Nick Kirkeles on deeding some land that he owns in Texas to the church. The generous contribution is being investigated as to the church's liability.

✦ Father Bill said that 90,000 Bible Guides have been distributed already.

✦ Peter Tomaras reported the annual budget meeting would be held on Tuesday, January 6.

✦ Adult Greek School is being dropped due to a lack of enrollment and a scheduling problem.

✦ George Alex reported that the church picnic will be held on July 11 and that the permit for the date has been obtained.

✦ The annual golf outing will be July 19.

The **HARC** CORNER

Recommended readings in HARC

Unseen Warfare

Edited by Nicodemus of the Holy Mountain
Revised by Theophan The Recluse

Rich in references to the teachings of the Saints and Fathers, *Unseen Warfare* conveys insights on the spiritual combat each individual encounters on the road to perfection. The field of battle against good and evil actually exists in our own hearts and in the inner man and lasts an entire lifetime. Lest we become comfortable that we have a certain problem conquered, *Unseen Warfare* strips away any guises of misconception and points out the clearer path.

Softbound \$15.00

The Twelve Great Feasts for Children

This series is in simple, poetic verse with colorful illustrations. The easy-to-hold booklets are fun to read. For non-readers, the pictures tell the stories. Following are two of the series:

February 2: The Meeting of Our Lord
Forty days after His birth, the Ever Virgin Mary presented the Christ Child to the Temple. He is joyfully received by the righteous Anna and the prophet Simeon.

March 25: The Annunciation

A beautiful poem communicating the story of Mary receiving the message from Gabriel that she will be the Mother of God. So with a glad but trembling voice, He tells the Virgin Mary, 'Rejoice.'

Hardbound \$6.00 each

A Spiritual Psalter or Reflections on God

Excerpted by Bishop Theophan the Recluse from the works of Ephraim the Syrian

This beautiful leather bound gold leaf book offers prayers and ponderings on a wide variety of topics such as "Lament upon contemplation of the bitter fate that awaits sinners", "A cure for the soul is purchased with tears" and dozens of others.

These prayers are offered up because everyone is not always up to praying and the prescribed words of the Fathers of the Church touch on each topic and nuance that should be included.

Hardbound \$25.00

Reviewed by
**Elaine Regopoulos and
Pauline Franks**

February Registry

Baptisms

Michael, son of
Alexandra & John Rimmele
Sponsor: Peggy Tsevis

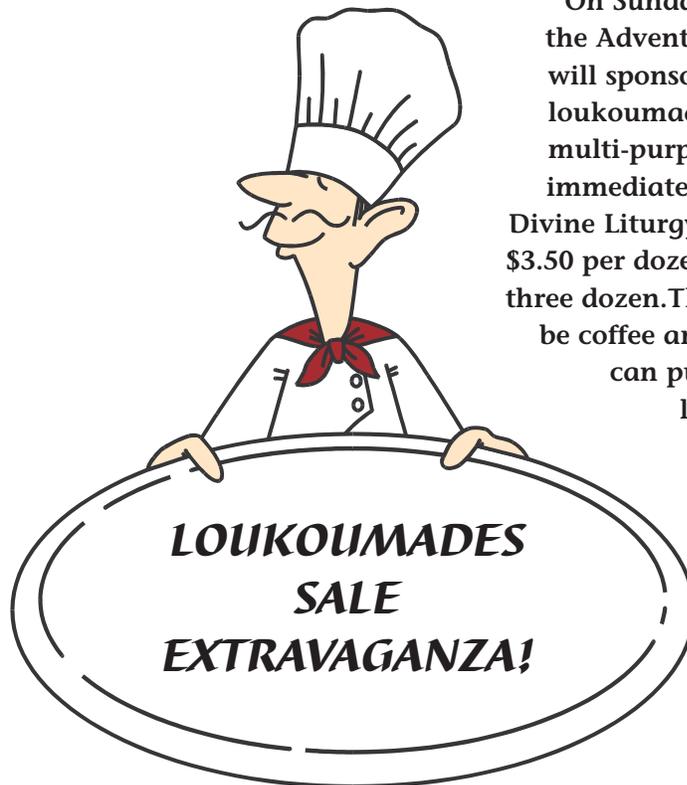
Giana, daughter of
Anastasia & Bryan Gasperini
Sponsor: Kalliope Castino

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

Weddings

Stefania Heim & Peter Pihos
Sponsor: Gregory Kuchuris

Vanessa Rollings & James Giannis
Sponsor: James Bannos



On Sunday, February 29, the Adventure Theater will sponsor an awesome loukoumades sale, in the multi-purpose room immediately following Divine Liturgy. The cost is \$3.50 per dozen or \$10.00 for three dozen. There will also be coffee and juice. You can purchase your loukoumades to go, or sit down at a table, relax, and enjoy!

Celebration of Books

Speakers from around the world will be featured this year



Dr. Maria C. Khoury



Rev. Deacon John Chryssavgis

This year's Celebration of Books, set for March 7, 9 and 11, will have as its theme "The Illumined Heart." It also will have an international theme, as two of the speakers, Rev. Deacon John Chryssavgis and Dr. Maria C. Khoury, are among two of the more well-traveled speakers to attend the Celebration over the years.

Deacon Chryssavgis is a clergyman from Australia who earned a PhD at Oxford University and has written numerous books. Deacon Chryssavgis will be speaking at 8 p.m. March 7, after the service that starts at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Khoury, a graduate of Hellenic College in Brookline, MA, who also holds a masters from Harvard and a PhD from Boston University, has been living in Israel for eight years. Maria, born in Tripoli, Greece and raised in Colorado, lives with her husband and children in Taybeh, a Palestinian village in a war torn village outside Jerusalem. Her focus during that time has been to spearhead a movement to build homes in Taybeh to help curb the number of Orthodox Christians fleeing the Holy Land. She has also written Orthodox Christian books for children. Maria's presentation is set for 8 p.m. March 9, also following the service.

The third speaker, who will make a presentation at 8 p.m. March 11, is Dr. Aristotle Papanikolaou, an instructor at Fordham University. Details about Dr. Papanikolaou's presentation were not available at press time.

This year's theme, Father Bill said, refers to "how God speaks to our heart." As always, the multi-purpose room will feature many books on Orthodoxy, Father Bill said. Through the two decades of the Celebration, the number of books has continued to increase. "Its intent was to expose us all to the wealth that we have of books and sources for spiritual growth," Father Bill said.

As the number of books presented and sold increases, the inventory of HARC, Holy Apostles' bookstore, grows. He credits Barbara Pappas and her staff at HARC, all volunteers, for giving so selflessly to spread the word of Orthodoxy. "All these books are there to assist us in our growth, and I think it's been very successful," Father Bill said. He noted that many parishes across the Chicago area have started bookstores modeled after HARC.

Holy Apostles' parishioners help feed the hungry

by Adolph Galinski

On November 2, Holy Apostles parishioners prepared and served a complete dinner consisting of honey glazed ham, mashed potatoes, bread, salad with ranch dressing, milk, a hard boiled egg, and cookies to 170 people. Sometimes, food for up to 300 people is prepared. Various parishes provide meals at about two soup kitchens per month. Funding for the program comes from the generous donations of the participating churches' parishioners.

The Feed the Hungry Outreach Program hosts meals at existing soup kitchens in the Chicagoland area. This program is directed by a steering committee comprised of individuals from various Greek Orthodox Churches. The committee assigns dates to various churches in the Metropolis.

The program was established several years ago under the guidance of the Greek Orthodox Diocese of Chicago Young Adult League. With increased awareness and participation, the program has grown beyond the YAL to a greater variety of parish members. The steering committee sought and obtained approval to move the program directly under the Metropolis of Chicago.

The committee is currently working to expand the number of soup kitchens served each year. An outreach program has also been established in which food baskets are prepared and delivered to needy Greek families within our communities. Please contact Adolph and Elena Galinski (630-215-8815) for additional information on how to get involved!

Fr. Bill from P.1

Make Lent a time for a new spiritual beginning

sounds and the game has ended. A golfer misses a three foot putt for the championship and the match is lost and the trophy eludes him.

I have thought if I had my life to live over, would I have tried to convince the building committee to build a church building that would include a larger seating capacity and more parking? Should have I excused myself from attending some of the frequent committee meetings at church in order to attend a school program for our daughter, Sofia? Perhaps I should have been more attentive to Presvetera and affairs that concerned our family. There are so many "what ifs" in life. We realize that we must not camp here and delve into the past. It is healthier to move on. I thought if you too, read the thoughts of Erma Bombeck, they might touch you and tug at your heartstrings as they did to me. The good news is that we have time for reflection and repentance before us, and time to build on our lives. Here is what Bombeck wrote: "I would have invited friends over to dinner even if the carpet was stained and the sofa faded. I would have eaten the popcorn in the "GOOD" living room and worried much less

about the dirt when someone wanted to light a fire in the fireplace. I would have taken the time to listen to my grandfather ramble about his youth. I would have sat on the lawn with my children and not have worried about grass stains.

I would never have bought anything just because it was practical, wouldn't show soil or was guaranteed to last a lifetime. Instead of wishing away nine months of pregnancy, I'd have cherished every moment realizing that the wonderment growing inside me was the only chance in life to assist God in a miracle. When my kids kissed me impetuously, I would never have said, "Later. Now go get washed up for dinner." There would have been more "I love you's" and more "I'm sorry's" but , mostly, given another shot at life, I would seize every minute...look at it and really see it...live it! And never give it back." Is there any sound of familiarity?

I am certain you could add to this list, but let's move on in life. We are no longer our own when we have given our lives to God. We may pull back on that life, trying to retrieve parts of the old self, but we will never be satisfied with

the results. Why? Because we are no longer the same person. We have taken on Christ through Baptism and Chrismation, and through the partaking of Holy Communion. No matter how far we may stray from Him, no matter what regrets we may have, He is still lodged in that deepest part of our souls.

This is why David's words in Psalm 51:1-4 tear at our hearts. "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness: according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. Against Thee, only have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight, that Thou might be justified when Thou speaks, and be clear when Thou judges." David is begging for God's mercy because his soul is suffering that vast separation sin had caused between him and his God.

You may feel far from God, when you seek worldly pleasures to satisfy your soul. It is usually because there is some area of sin we have not addressed or repented of. Confess to Him as I have, for the mistakes and time lost in your life that you can't reclaim. The cure for our despondency is not a deeper involvement in the world but a total capitulation of our will to God. We must look within ourselves for any unresolved sin and confess it. God is so good to us that He has given us an extra day this year (leap year) to utilize and to build our lives.

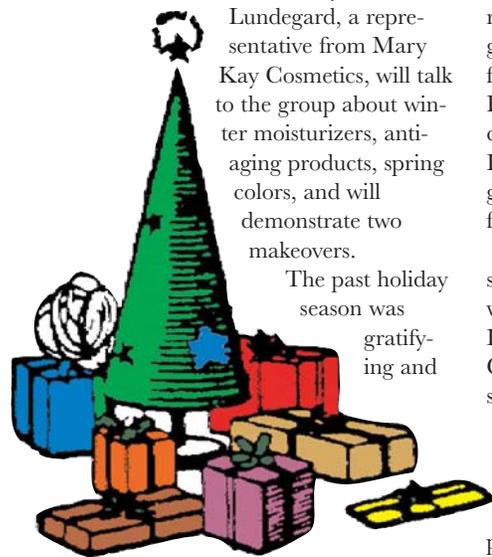
Giving up ourselves is never easy, nor is it pleasant; but it is the only way we can know the presence of God. If we are to walk with our Lord, we must give every part of our lives to Him. While that could leave us with negative feelings, the fact that Lent is just around the corner is reason enough to think and plan for new beginnings. Another chance to live a godly life. We may not be able to recapture that which has been lost, but we certainly can look back and repent and accept each new day as an opportunity to become who we should be as Orthodox Christians.

Holiday season of giving caps successful year for Philoptohos

The Philoptohos General Meeting will be held on Tuesday morning, February 17 at 10am. Mary

Lundegard, a representative from Mary Kay Cosmetics, will talk to the group about winter moisturizers, anti-aging products, spring colors, and will demonstrate two makeovers.

The past holiday season was gratifying and



successful for

the Philoptohos welfare programs. \$2000 was collected for the Needy Children's Fund to purchase gifts for the Holiday Shop of the Family Shelter Service of DuPage. This is a

shelter where abused women may choose gifts for their children. The gift basket program continued as in the past. Each needy family received a gift basket filled with sweets and goodies, and a substantial gift certificate for food at an area grocery store. Several of our Philoptohos members purchased children's clothing for needy families of the Hellenic Family Community Services. Thirty-five \$20 gift certificates to Wal-Mart stores were sent for the children of St. Basil's Academy.

This year's coat drive was one of the most successful ever. Many very gently used coats were donated and sent to the DuPage Peoples' Resource Center, the Hellenic Family Community Services, and PADS suburban shelters for the homeless.

Anna Eriotes, Welfare Chairman, directs all of our philanthropic commitments. For many years Dolly Panton, has collected for the Needy Children's Fund: delegated shopping sprees and organized the gift buying for the needy.

Thank you to those who contributed to the Needy Children's Fund and holiday gift baskets. Your gifts were much appreciated and well received.

Mosaic Deadline

The deadline for the March Mosaic is Monday, February 9.

The church could really stretch your 17¢/day

For the price of a hamburger a week, or a Starbucks coffee each month, you can help Holy Apostles meet its growing financial obligations in 2004. All we need is a 10% increase in the average pledge – that's 17 cents a day, or \$60 a year.



insurance costs have increased 30%. Its energy costs have increased 50%. Plus, the church parking lots need to be repaved at an estimated cost of \$75,000.

If every steward increased his or her 2004 pledge by a modest 10%, Holy

Apostles could meet this growing financial obligation.

Won't you please consider increasing your pledge by at least 10% over last year's offering?

...by George Aravosis

Wait a minute!

We don't know where we're going yet, but Synaxis is going out for dinner on Saturday, February 21. We'd love for you to join us, so watch the Sunday bulletins for details.

Why are you being asked to give more?

The 2004 parish budget is driven by external forces that are often beyond the church's control. In this new year, Holy Apostles'

Fr. Nicholas from P.2 God sent us the ultimate valentine... Himself

alerts will not keep us from God. Not even death can separate us! There's nothing we can do that will take our Lord's love away from us. That's God's love!

Typically, we send cards for Valentine's Day. Some of us may even buy chocolates or flowers for our loved ones. Flowers and candy remind those closest to us of the sweetness that they bring to our lives. God was not satisfied to show His love for us with just cards or gifts. Our gracious Lord, full of love, grace and forgiveness, gave us the most wondrous gift of all... Himself. Our Lord could have chosen to stay in the heavens but He became incarnate to be with us...always!

As you enjoy Valentine's Day with your loved ones, don't forget that every day is Valentine's Day for all of us that are loved by God. He does not guarantee that our lives will be painless but that He and His love, will always be with us. I recently read a poem by Annie Johnson Flint titled *God's Love*: "God hath not promised skies always blue, Flower-strewn pathways all our lives through, God hath not promised sun without rain, joy without sorrow, peace without pain. But God hath promised strength for the day, rest for the labor, light for the way, grace for the trials, help from above, unfailing sympathy, undying love." St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians contains a great passage that we can read when we need to be reminded of the Lord's love for us: We can pray "that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith; that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that we may be filled with all the fullness of God. Amen."

2004 Directory of Parish Ministries

Orthodox Bible Study	Fr. Bill & Barbara Pappas	708-562-2744
Synaxis	Cathy & Chris Zuales	630-832-9584
Fanari Camp	Fr. Bill	708-562-2744
Vacation Church School	Fr. Nicholas	708-562-2744
GOYA	Fr. Nicholas	708-562-2744
YAL	Fr. Nicholas	708-562-2744
The Way	Mr. D.	708-562-0869
Adventure Theater	Mr. D.	708-562-0869
Sunday School	Ioanna Burtzos	630-637-9410
Junior Choir	Bette Schieber & Barbara Marlas	708-460-0356
Altar Boys/Acolytes	Fr. Nicholas	708-562-2744
Coffee Hour	Chris Zuales	630-832-9584
Welcome Ministry Team	Chris Zuales	630-832-9584
Holy Apostles Resource Center	Barbara Pappas	708-562-2706
Catechism	Mr. D.	708-562-0869
Greek School	Mando Gouvras	708-383-7062
TOT's Program	Fr. Nicholas	708-562-2744
Grief Support	Fr. Bill	708-562-2744
Lending Library	Helen Geots	708-579-3154
Parish Council	Peter Tomaras	630-469-6414
Philoptohos	Eleni Poteres	630-416-8902
Amnos	Fr. Bill & Barbara Pappas	708-562-2744
Choir	Nick Paloumpis	630-539-5866
Tape Ministries	Nick Janos	708-562-4972
Adult Christian Fellowship & Bible Study	Mr. D.	708-562-0869
Parea Group (home visits)	Presbytera Effie Chiganos	708-579-0227
Seniors Social	Kay Bobis	630-512-0586
Mosaic Newsletter	Marilyn Athas	630-852-6657
Prayer Breakfast	Fr. Bill	708-562-2744
Lamplighters	Mr. D.	708-562-0869
Celebration of Books	Fr. Bill & Barbara Pappas	708-562-2744
Pre-Marriage Seminar	Fr. Bill	708-562-2744
Confession	Fr. Bill	708-562-2744
Outreach	Chris Zuales	630-832-9584
Athletic Programs	Fr. Nicholas	708-562-2744
William S. Chiganos Scholarship	Church Office	708-562-2744
Holy Apostles College Scholarship	Church Office	708-562-2744

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>8:00am Orthros 9:15am Awaken To God 9:30am Divine Liturgy Godparents Sunday Luncheon NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1</p>	<p>PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE 8:00am Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 5:15pm The Way</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2</p>	<p>9:45am TOTS 4:30pm Greek School 7:30pm GOYA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3</p>	<p>1:00pm Adult Christian Fellowship And Study Group 7:00pm Orthodox Bible Study 7:30pm Catechism Instruction 7:30pm Choir Practice</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4</p>	<p>4:30pm Greek School</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5</p>	<p>4:30pm Adventure Theater</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6</p>	<p>9:00am Religious Education Seminar At St. Haralambos (till 2pm)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7</p>
<p>8:00am Orthros 9:15am Awaken To God 9:30am Divine Liturgy Fellowship Hour</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8</p>	<p>7:00pm Vespers At St. Haralambos In Niles</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9</p>	<p>FEAST DAY OF ST. HARALAMBOS 8:00am Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 4:30pm Greek School</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10</p>	<p>12:00pm Seniors Apokreatiko Luncheon 7:00pm Orthodox Bible Study 7:30pm Catechism Instruction 7:30pm Choir Practice</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11</p>	<p>4:30pm Greek School</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12</p>	<p>4:30pm Adventure Theater</p> <p style="text-align: center;">13</p>	<p>1ST SATURDAY OF SOULS 8:00am Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Adventure Theater Retreat</p> <p style="text-align: center;">14</p>
<p>MEAT FARE SUNDAY 8:00am Orthros 9:15am Awaken To God 9:30am Divine Liturgy Fellowship Hour 5:30pm Greek School Dinner Dance</p> <p style="text-align: center;">15</p>	<p>5:15pm The Way</p> <p style="text-align: center;">16</p>	<p>9:45am TOTS 10:00am Philoptohos General Mtg 4:30pm Greek School 7:30pm GOYA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">17</p>	<p>1:00pm Adult Christian Fellowship And Study Group 7:00pm Orthodox Bible Study 7:30pm Catechism Instruction 7:30pm Choir Practice</p> <p style="text-align: center;">18</p>	<p>4:30pm Greek School 7:30pm Parish Council Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">19</p>	<p>4:30pm Adventure Theater</p> <p style="text-align: center;">20</p>	<p>2ND SATURDAY OF SOULS 8:00am Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 4:00pm Lamplighters 5:00pm Vespers Synaxis Dinner</p> <p style="text-align: center;">21</p>
<p>CHEESE FARE SUNDAY 8:00am Orthros 9:15am Awaken To God 9:30am Divine Liturgy Macaronatha Luncheon</p> <p style="text-align: center;">22</p>	<p>LENT BEGINS 12:00pm Sixth Hour 5:15pm The Way 6:00pm Holy Unction</p> <p style="text-align: center;">23</p>	<p>12:00pm Sixth Hour 4:30pm Greek School</p> <p style="text-align: center;">24</p>	<p>12:00pm Sixth Hour 1:00pm Adult Christian Fellowship And Study Group 6:00pm Presanctified Liturgy 7:30pm Catechism Instruction</p> <p style="text-align: center;">25</p>	<p>12:00pm Sixth Hour 4:30pm Greek School</p> <p style="text-align: center;">26</p>	<p>12:00pm Sixth Hour 4:30pm Adventure Theater 7:00pm 1st Heretismi 8:15pm Choir Practice</p> <p style="text-align: center;">27</p>	<p>3RD SATURDAY OF SOULS 8:00am Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy 5:00pm Vespers</p> <p style="text-align: center;">28</p>
<p>SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY 8:00am Orthros 9:15am Awaken To God 9:30am Divine Liturgy Fellowship Hour Loukoumades Sale</p> <p style="text-align: center;">29</p>	<p>Ever wonder about the abbreviation ASAP?</p> <p>Maybe if we think of this abbreviation in a different manner, we will begin to find a new way to deal with hurry and stress. There's work to do, deadlines to meet; you've got no time to spare, but as you hurry and scurry—ASAP—ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER. In the midst of family chaos, 'quality time' is rare. Do your best; let God do the rest—ASAP—ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER. God knows how stressful life is; He wants to ease our cares, and He'll respond to all your needs—ASAP—ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.</p>					

Byzantine School Of Music meets every Wednesday at 7pm

Memorials

*Mary Anestos
Margaret Collas
John Collas
Nicholas Georges
George Tscouris
George Marines
Brian Katsaros
Leonidas Papadopoulos
Perry J. Gatsos
Louis J. Kartinos
Frances Xinos*

Funerals

*Rudolph Dorner
Nicholas Tzoumas
Gregory Kafkes*

Weekday Services

Presentation of Our Lord

In The Temple

Monday, February 2
8:00am Orthros
9:00am Divine Liturgy

Vespers

Monday, February 9
7:00pm (at St. Harambalos)
Saturday, February 21
Saturday, February 28
5:00pm

Feast Day of St. Haralambos

Tuesday, February 10
8:00am Orthros
9:00am Divine Liturgy

Weekday Services

Saturday of Souls

Saturday, February 14
Saturday, February 21
Saturday, February 28
8:00am Orthros
9:00am Divine Liturgy

Holy Unction

Monday, February 23
6:00pm

Sixth Hour

Monday, February 23
Tuesday, February 24
Wednesday, February 25
Thursday, February 26
Friday, February 27
12:00pm

Orthodox Study Group

The Wednesday night Study Group will regroup on Wednesdays at 7pm through February. The presentations will focus on Living The Orthodox Christian Life. The emphasis will be directed more toward the application of the Christian life while asking some of the questions

raised regarding our Faith. Some of the themes to be discussed will be funeral customs, funeral convictions, marriage and monasticism, Great and Holy Lent, Pascha, and the life of renewal.

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