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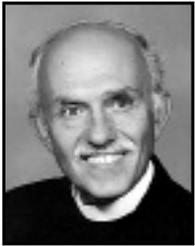
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From Father Bill



## Christmas Is For Everyone

Much that is artificial has crept into our celebration of the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Tinsel and toys and Christmas trees have come to be the trademarks of this feast day. There is an aura of sentimentality and sweetness that has seeped into every aspect of our celebration of this awesome event that has split time and calendar in two.

Just before Christmas at a special youth meeting that took place several years ago, I took a moment to test the pupils' responses to the following incomplete sentence. On the chalk board I wrote, "Christmas is...", and then I asked each pupil to complete the sentence by supplying one word. "Christmas is..." I asked, and the first response was "presents." So I wrote it on the chalkboard: p-r-e-s-e-n-c-e; presence. "That's not what I meant," the pupil explained. "Oh," I asked, "what did you mean? What's wrong?" "That's not the way to spell it," the pupil continued. "Yes it is," I replied. "P-r-e-s-e-n-c-e! Christmas is presence!" "But I meant the other," the youngster insisted. "I meant gifts." So I erased the last two letters from the word I had written; and in place of c-e I wrote t-s. Presents. P-r-e-s-e-n-t-s. Christmas is presents!

Of course, both of us were right. Christmas is gifts (presents) and Christmas is incarnation (presence). My question is, which comes first? Which has priority? Is it p-r-e-s-e-n-t-s or p-r-e-s-e-n-c-e? Whom can we ask? How about some people who were there; how about eye-witnesses? They ought to know.

At the time of the Lord's Birth, the Wise Men from the East saw a strange star in the sky and followed it in search of the new-born King. They came to Jerusalem expecting to



find Him in a palace. Instead, they found wicked King Herod there, and he inquired of their mission. They asked, "Where is He Who is born King of the Jews? We have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." The news staggered Herod, and he all but felt his throne topple beneath him. After consulting his scribes, Herod sent the Wise Men on to Bethlehem, asking them to let him know when they would find the new King. "When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy." And when they had come into the house, they saw the young child..." (Matt. 2:11).

When the Wise Men entered the cave

where Jesus was born, they found the object of their long journey. They knelt before the Child and worshipped Him. They offered their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. As they prepared for their return trip, God warned them not to go by way of Jerusalem and Herod.

Other witnesses of the Birth of Jesus reply in a similar way. There were shepherds who first heard the angels sing and received the announcement of the Birth of the Christ Child, his presence. It was noticed that the Christ child occupied space and time: "the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us"

...See Fr. Bill on P. 4

From Father Nicholas



## Light Shining in the Darkness

The Christmas season brings back many wonderful memories of my childhood. When I was in fifth grade, we went on a field trip to a famous cave in New York. It was so dark in the cave that when we put our hands an inch from our faces, we could not see them! Although you are probably not in a cave this Christmas season, you may be experiencing darkness. Maybe you are in darkness because of the loss of a dear relative or friend. Maybe someone has mistreated or hurt you. Maybe you recently learned about illness or have financial problems. All of these challenges can bring darkness in our lives.

The prophet Isaiah, who lived hundreds of years before the birth of Christ, lived in a time of darkness. He foretold the coming of a great light. We read: "The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned!"

The great light that Isaiah prophesied about centuries before is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He will come as light (Christmas) into a dark world. Darkness came into the world because of our sins and shortcomings. In the midst of this darkness, God keeps the lamp of His presence and grace burning. Throughout the entire Old Testament, God kept promising that one day the bond of darkness would be broken. He kept His promise and came down from the heavens as light, as the Son of God, Jesus! This is what we celebrate during the Christmas season. The Lord promises that whoever believes in and follows Him does not remain in darkness but has the Light of life.

In the Book of Psalms, we find three crucial parts of life in which we can count on God's light, help and grace. First, when times are uncertain. Psalm 121 begins: "I will lift up my eyes to the hills, from whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." Uncertainties in life cannot be avoided. We can face them with the assurance that God is watching over us. St. Paul's letter to the Romans reminds us: "We know that all things work together for good to those who love God." No matter what happens, it will ultimately work out for good and God's glory.

Second, when we experience pressure in our lives, verse five says: "The Lord is your

...See Fr. Nicholas on P. 6



# Gavel to Gavel



BY CHRIS ZURALES, JR.

Parish Council meeting of Thursday, October 18

Present: Fr. William Chiganos, Fr. Nicholas Georgiou, Chris Zuales, George T. Mannos Jr., Peter Poteres, Chris Banakis, Nick Kirkeles, Ted Gregory, Steve Savas, George Chechopoulos, Peter Tomaras, Jim Fotopoulos, Terry Chiganos, and Sandy Fiascone.

### Financial Report

+ George T. Mannos Jr. discussed the fact that the general account currently had approximately \$154,000 in it and that we had a CD coming due this week. He recommended that we not roll over the CD immediately, but rather put it into the general account until we have finished paying all of the remodeling bills. This would ensure that we would not come up short in the general account. This plan received unanimous approval.

### Stewardship

+ Ted Gregory reviewed the Stewardship Report dated September 30. The number of pledges for 2007 is 797, the average pledge is \$801.54, and the percentage paid is 86%.

### Meditation

+ Father Bill began the meditation by asking whether we are Sunday worshippers. Protestants typically confine worship to Sundays. We should recognize the heroes of the Faith when they are remembered by a feast day during the week. Although there is not a Liturgy every day, we should make our best efforts, especially as members of the Parish Council, to attend as many weekday services as possible. He also said that it is troubling when on Sundays we sometimes let sports and other events get in the way of our church attendance. We must stand up to the organizers of the sports programs and explain that on Sunday mornings, attending church is the priority for both us and our children.

### Building and Grounds

+ Multi-Purpose Room Renovation Update: Sandy Fiascone reported that all went well and that the room would re-open Sunday, October 21. She also reported that there were three more light fixtures coming that were backordered.

+ Nick Kirkeles asked Jim Fotopoulos to prepare a simple to read HVAC manual that would allow others to make adjustments to the system when unforeseen weather conditions make the facility either too hot or too cold. He said he would work on it.

+ Sunday School Roof: The buildings and grounds committee members will look into the Sunday School roof leaking issue to determine whether or not what appears to be a leak is new, or an old stain.

+ Multi-Purpose Room Roof: It was reported that issues of supporting the multi-purpose room roof that were raised during the remodeling project were addressed by an architect and structural engineer. Supports were added over the beams running north and south. There was no additional support required.

### New Business

+ Nick Kirkeles asked that the Long Range Planning committee work on a 2-5 year plan of updates for our facilities. The remodeling of the multi-purpose room has shown us just how much work we need to do and how much planning it takes. With a comprehensive plan we can do it in an orderly manner and budget for it appropriately. He suggested that one of the first things we may want to do is update our bathrooms.

+ Stewardship Sunday: Nick Kirkeles said that Stewardship Sunday will be November 18. As leaders of the congregation, we should plan to complete our stewardship cards and place them in the basket on that day. A discussion followed on the types of information that we wanted on the stewardship posters. It was concluded that the information we have been using was effective and should remain without significant change.

+ General Assembly Meeting: The general assembly meeting will be December 16.

+ Greek School: The Greek School has requested new kindergarten chairs because the ones currently in use are becoming unserviceable. \$600 will cover appropriate replacement chairs. George T. Mannos Jr. moved that we approve \$600 for new kindergarten chairs. The motion was passed unanimously.

+ Clergy Laity Retreat: The Clergy Laity retreat will be at St. Nectarios in November. Nick Kirkeles asked who was interested in going. A number of council members expressed that they would check their schedules.

+ 50 Year Celebration update: The 50 year Celebration will be at the Westin facility near the Yorktown shopping mall on November 15, 2009.

## In addition to lessons there's also time for fun in Greek School

In addition to learning the language, history, traditions and culture of Greece, the Holy Apostles Greek School has taken school pictures and enjoyed taffy apples during the month of October. Upcoming events during November and December include the annual bake sale and a Christmas party.

Please mark your calendars for the annual Greek School Dinner Dance to be held on Sunday, February 17. The night promises to be filled with plenty of food, dancing, and fun for everybody.

The Holy Apostles Greek School would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Taffy apple treats were a highlight of Greek School classes in October.

photo by Karen Anagnos

## Youth basketball coaches and players optimistic about this season

On Sunday, October 28, the Holy Apostles Youth basketball teams kicked off with their season openers. They faced off against St. George. Despite losing, both the High School and the Jr. High teams played well. At the High School level, the players include Elliott Danos, Justin Glavanovitz, Peter Kallis, Fotis Pappas, Alex Petrus, Steven Pierce, and Eric Thompson. These seven played their hearts out representing Holy Apostles at the High School level for the first time in over a decade. The team as whole started out a bit nervous but as the game progressed they looked like a force that will need to be dealt with in the future. The team ended up with a final score of 23-46. The two leading scorers were Fotis Pappas with 13, and Peter Kallis with 6; Elliott Danos had strong defensive effort finishing with five blocks.

The Jr. High level played well and looked much better than last year. The players for that team include Stephen Berg, Michael Bromberg, Lia Chiganos, Evangeline Danos, Penelope Danos, Peter Dimas, Jeremy Glavanovitz, Lia Kass, Peter Kass, Spiro Kass, Rigas Pappas, and Peter Savas. The team overall, seemed as if it was a completely different team compared to last year. They were all working together and it showed how hard work and dedication can come together and form a great team. The team ended up drop-

ping the nail-biting contest 20-25. The two leading scorers were Penelope Danos with 6 and Rigas Pappas with 5; Spiro Kass who seemed to be hurt early came out in the end in order to help and boost our team to a close affair after a foul and a made basket that put us within 3. Unfortunately, we were not able to pull through against the other team. We will get them next time. Coach Jim Pappas feels that this year both teams will be very successful. He is extremely excited. Until then Good luck to both levels and may God bless you.

Holy Apostles Basketball Upcoming Schedule:

- 12/2/07- @ St. Andrew
  - 12/8/07- @ St. Nicholas
  - 12/9/07- @ St. Nectarios
  - 12/23/07- @ Holy Cross
  - 1/12/08- @ St. Demetrios, Chicago
  - 1/13/08- Sts. Constantine & Helen @ Holy Apostles\*
  - 1/20/08- @ St. Spyridon
  - 1/27/08- @ St. Haralambos
  - 2/9/08- @ St. Demetrios, Hammond
  - 2/10/08- @ St. John the Baptist
- Times for all games:  
 2:15 High School, 3:15 Jr. High  
 \* Home Games Played at Butler Jr. High School in Oak Brook.

By Fotis Pappas

## This month's featured altar boy always eager to help

Andrew Maragos is a sophomore at Lyons Township High School. Andrew sees it as an honor and privilege to have served as an altar boy for 6 years. When he first began serving,



Andrew Maragos

he had the help of many friends and his oldest brother, Nick. Andrew participates in several school organizations such as Peer Leadership, Greek Club, and Choir. He has chosen to sing Bass II in the sophomore Madrigals. He also enjoys playing wide receiver on the football team in the fall and participates in gymnastics in the spring. Andrew's plans for college are still undecided, but he would like to attend engineering school and perhaps one day become an architectural engineer.

Andrew's devotion in the altar is seen each time he attends service. He is very attentive. I can see how he loves his faith. He helps the younger boys get ready and makes sure everything is in order. He loves to talk about sports and about his football team and how they did each week. He has been playing for a long time and enjoys the sport very much. Andrew's leadership skills are in use each time he is in the altar helping out with the little things. Since we have such a large group of boys, I look to others to play a bigger role, and Andrew always helps out. It is a pleasure to have Andrew in the altar, as it was with his brother, Nick.

By Michael Cotsilis

### Shop early and often, and at HARC!

Gift items for the holidays are now available in the Resource Center. Come browse our Christmas ornaments, Advent calendars, Christmas cards, bejeweled crosses, baby gifts, candles and snuffers, tea lights, Christmas CD's, icons and our wonderful selection of books.

Stop in after Liturgy on Sunday and during the week Monday-Friday.

# Fashion show highlights busy fall and winter schedule for Philoptochos

## Fashion Show Recap

This year's fashion show, "Chicago," attracted more than 500 guests and featured a record number of exciting raffle prizes and of-the-moment fashions. Chairwomen Stacy Kinnas and Eleni Poteres and their hardworking committee helped to make this year a huge success for the Women's Treatment Center and Fairygodmother Foundation.

## Philoptochos Christmas Party

The annual Philoptochos Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, December 11 at 7 pm in the multi-purpose room. Please join us for appetizers, desserts, and entertainment by the Hinsdale South Madrigal Singers. In lieu of a grab bag, we will be collecting toiletries for donation to the Family Shelter Service in Wheaton. Please bring about \$10 worth of toiletries, such as toothbrushes, flashlights, show-



**Models Michael Dörner and Noah Ernst wow the crowd!**

photo by Stacy Kinnas

er gel, booties, soap, journals, gloves, hats, etc. Everyone is welcome!

## Communion Breakfast

The Communion Breakfast will be held on

Saturday, December 8 following Liturgy. Families are invited! For reservations, call Tina Dillon at 630-832-5652.

By JoAnn Stubbings

## Fr. Bill from P. 1

# Christmas a time to realize our new management

(John 1:14). Christmas is presence. It is God in man made manifest. It is "Lo, I am with you always" (Mat. 28:20b). "It is take, eat this is My Body...drink, this is the cup of the New Testament in My Blood" (1 Cor. 11:24). Yes, Christmas certainly is presence.

However, some say that "Christmas is for children." Of course it is for them, but not for only them. Christmas is for everyone. Christ is God's Gift for everybody.

St. Paul, great Apostle of the early church, once exclaimed when he thought about Christ's Birth: "Thanks be to God for His unspeakable Gift!" Paul, a well-educated man who could express himself quite articulately, was unable to find adequate words to describe the coming of Christ. He referred to Jesus as God's "unspeakable or inexpressible" gift.

We must all open ourselves to the Spirit of Truth. Let me tell you a story of a simple, illiterate man who was converted through the work of the Salvation Army. He went regularly to the Salvation Army citadel. One day he came home rather disconsolate. His wife said, "What's the matter?" He said "I've just noticed that all the people in the Salvation Army wear red sweaters, and I don't have a red sweater."

The next Sunday after he went to the citadel, he still wasn't happy. His wife said, "What's wrong this time?" He said, "I just noticed all their red sweaters have yellow writing." They were both illiterate, but she said, "Don't worry about it. I'll embroider some writing on for you."

She had no idea what the yellow writing on the red sweater of a Salvation man said. I have learned they have a yellow circle and in it, Blood and Fire. That's their motto. The man's wife had no idea what the letters said, and she couldn't read anyway. So copying a sign from a store window opposite their home, she embroidered the words of that store sign onto his red sweater. When they came back next Sunday, the husband said they liked his sweater better than their sweaters.

What neither of them knew was that the sign on the store window she had copied read: "This Business Under New Management."

That's what it means to be renewed in our thinking and recognize the real presence of Christmas is knowing the Christ Child and the purpose for His birth.

May we all acknowledge this and recognize that Christmas is for everyone.

# Philoptochos Member Spotlight falls on Evelyn Paleothodoros

This month the spotlight is on Evelyn Paleothodoros, who has been a member of Philoptochos for three years. Evelyn's work is very much behind the scenes. She bakes for our bake sales and offers her talents in flower arranging. Evelyn is a wonderful mother with five children and she points out that she "would like to have five more."



**Evelyn Paleothodoros**

beyond her work at home with her family and children. "Everyone has talents they can offer to Philoptochos," she says. "It is an excellent organization for women of all capabilities to pool resources and help others who are less fortunate."



## If you're a senior citizen, join Holy Apostles' Seniors group and get involved

On October 25, 37 of our Seniors boarded a deluxe travel coach for a trip to the Hellenic Museum and Cultural Center. We received a personal tour of the facility which was followed by free time to look at the exhibits. Lunch was served at the Greek Islands restaurant. We returned to Holy Apostles by 3:00 pm.

Everyone had a great time and we encourage all "Seniors" to join us.

## *A Christmas Letter*

Dear Loved Ones:

As you well know, we are getting closer to My birthday. Every year there is a celebration in My honor. It is really very nice to know, that at least once a year, some people think of Me. As you know, the celebration of My birthday began many years ago. At first people seemed to understand and be thankful of all that I did for them, but in these times, no one seems to know the reason for the celebration. Family and friends get together and have a lot of fun, but they don't know the meaning of the celebration.

I remember that last year there was a great feast in My honor. The dinner table was full of delicious foods, pastries, fruits, assorted nuts and chocolates. The decorations were exquisite and there were many, many beautifully wrapped gifts. But, do you want to know something? I wasn't invited. I was the guest of honor and they didn't remember to send Me an invitation. The party was for Me, but when that great day came, I was left outside, they closed the door in My face...and I wanted to be with them and share their table.

In truth, that didn't surprise Me because in the last few years many close their doors to Me. Since I wasn't invited, I decided to enter the party without making any noise. I went in and stood in a corner. They were all drinking; there were some who were drunk and telling jokes and laughing at everything. Then this large man dressed in red wearing a long white beard entered the room with a loud Ho-Ho-Ho! All the children ran to him, say-ing: "Santa Claus, Santa Claus" as if the party were in his honor! Why did they all know this man, but had no idea who I was?

At 12 midnight all the people began to hug each other; I extended My arms waiting for someone to hug me and do you know no one hugged me. Suddenly they all began to share lavish gifts. They opened them one by one with great expectation. When all had been opened, I looked to see if, maybe, there was one for Me. What would you feel if on your birthday everybody shared gifts and you did not get one? I then understood that I was unwanted at that party and quietly left.

Every year it gets worse. People only remember to eat and drink, the gifts, the parties and nobody remembers Me. I would like this Christmas that you allow Me to enter into your life. I would like that you recognize the fact that almost two thousand years ago I came to this world to give My life for you, on the cross, to save you. Today, I only want that you believe this with all your heart.

I want to share something with you. Though many didn't invite Me to their party, I am planning My own celebration, a grandiose party that no one has ever imagined, a spectacular party. I'm still making the final arrangements. Today I am sending out many invitations and there is an invitation for you. I want to know if you wish to attend and if you do, I will make a reservation for you and write your name with golden letters in My great guest book. Only those on who respond will be admitted to the party. Those who don't answer the invitation...or answer no, will be left outside. Be prepared because when all is ready, you will be part of My great party. It will be ready before you know it.

Love,  
Jesus

Fr. Nicholas from P. 2

## Remember the light of joy at Christmas

keeper.” His presence in our lives does not mean that our problems will go away. It means that our problems will not get the best of us. We will go through trials and tribulations. Our guarantee is that God is with us through these difficult and trying times. This is what we celebrate in the Christmas season. God could have been passive and stayed in the heavens. He chose to be active and come to earth to be with us always!

Last, God is with us in our darkest hours. Verse 6 in Psalm 121 states: “The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.” The darkness of our fears, our loneliness and pain cannot overcome us. St. Paul writing 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? In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.” The Psalmist that wrote this made his journey with the assurance that even in the darkest hours of the night, God would be watching over him and guiding him. That should be our same assurance. We cannot extinguish this unwaning light! At the end of a long day, I love to stand at the back of a dark church and see the light of the candles burning. Regardless of the problems and challenges that we face during the day, the Lord is with us. The light continually shines!

## New demographics survey in the works

A new demographics survey is being prepared by the Holy Apostles Long Range Planning Committee, chaired by Terry Chiganos. When you receive the survey, please mail it back ASAP.

Following are the results of the last demographics survey done in 1993-94 which showed:

- average age 48 and dropping
- 30-year olds are the predominate group
- the dominant group is 2nd generation plus with limited Greek language skills
- 29% non-Greek and growing
- 75% interfaith marriages
- diminishing immigrant and 1st generation presence
- highest growing residence density location eleven miles west
- we continue to attract new members and grow
- we have a strong base within a 9-mile area of 737 stewards, which is 82% of total

The Book of Isaiah asks: “Who is among you that fears the Lord – that obeys the voice of His servant, that walks in darkness and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord and rely on His God.” The Lord does not guarantee us an easy life with no struggles. Instead, through His everlasting light that we experience in Christmas, we know that He is always with us. The Gospel of Matthew states: “And lo and I am with you even to the end of the age.”

During the celebration of Christ’s Nativity, we will read: “An undying light has dawned for him who was in black and darkened light. It is no longer night, but always day. Morning has dawned for him. He who fell at eventide has found release from darkness and has come to a morning which has dawned and enlightened all.” If you feel that you are in darkness, remember the angel’s words from the Gospel of Luke: “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.” In the darkness of fear and anxiety, the Light of joy still shines! We will be reminded of this as we joyously sing from the O little Town of Bethlehem Christmas carol: “The hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight.”

Christ is born!  
Glorify Him!

### December Registry

#### Baptism

Evangelia, daughter of  
Bridgette & Jerry Kyriazes  
*Sponsors: Francine & John Tsoulouhas*

#### Weddings

Karol Coleman & Timothy Martin  
*Sponsor: Deanne Marie Kordakis*

Marissa Mannos & Alexander Adams  
*Sponsor: Michael Adams*

#### Pledge Reminder

If you have not already done so, please fill in your pledge card and return it to church. And, if you haven’t fulfilled your pledge for 2007, please do so asap!

### The **HARC** CORNER

#### The Orthodox Veneration of Mary The Birthgiver of God

By St. John Maximovitch  
Translated by Fr. Seraphim Rose

This concise book is a classic exposition on how the historic Christian Church has venerated the Mother of God throughout the ages. It clearly tells why the Virgin Mary should be honored by all generations.

In a study that was both historical and theological, St. John discusses how false teachings tried to undermine or change this veneration and concluded with a summary of what the Church knows of the early life of the Mother of God. This work of Fr. John, a saint and miracle worker of modern times, was translated by renowned Church writer Fr. Seraphim Rose, with the purpose of guiding us on the safe path of salvation from the passions of the world.

Softbound, \$7.00

#### A World of Prayers

Selected by Jeremy Brooks  
Illustrated by Elena Gomez

Grown-ups often find it difficult to pray. They think special words should be said. The amazing thing about prayer is that children around the world have been praying for hundreds of years and do not have the difficulty that some adults do.

The prayers in this lovely gift-type book have been collected from every corner of the earth by Jeremy Brooks. The same universal theme of love, forgiveness and hope run through all of them.

In this beautifully illustrated book, there are prayers for night, day, graces for mealtime and blessings as well. A perfect prayer book for young children.

Hardbound, \$16.00

#### Just in Case You Ever Wondered

By Max Lucado

This compact little book contains everything you’d like to say to your children about how much you love them, and most of all how special they are to God.

*Just in Case You Ever Wondered* wraps your children in its warm message of God’s everlasting love, comfort and protection.

Hardbound, \$7.00

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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

**8:00am Orthros**  
**9:15am Awaken To God**  
**9:30am Divine Liturgy**  
 Jr. Choir Christmas Program  
 Adventure Theater Play  
 & Luncheon

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5:15pm The Way

10:00am TOIS  
 4:30pm Greek School  
 6:00pm Sunday School  
 Teachers' Meeting At  
 Greek Islands Restaurant  
 7:30pm GOYA Meeting

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1:00pm Adult Christian Fellowship  
 & Study Group  
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

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

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12:30pm Adventure Theater  
 4:00pm Altar Boys Meeting  
**5:00pm Vespers**  
 Dinner Follows Vespers

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**8:00am Orthros**  
**9:15am Awaken To God**  
**9:30am Divine Liturgy**  
 Christmas Pageant  
 Fellowship Hour  
 Metropolis Open House

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4:30pm Greek School  
 7:00pm Philoptochos Christmas Party  
 And General Meeting

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**FEAST DAY OF ST. SPYRIDON**  
**8:00am Orthros**  
**9:00am Divine Liturgy**  
 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

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12:00pm Seniors Christmas Luncheon  
 4:30pm Greek School

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7:00pm YAL Christmas  
 Philanthropy Project

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**5:00pm Vespers**  
 5:30pm FACT Christmas  
 Adventure Theater Outing

**15**

**8:00am Orthros**  
**9:15am Awaken To God**  
**9:30am Divine Liturgy**  
 Greek School Kalamia  
 Philoptochos Bake Sale  
 General Assembly Meeting

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5:15pm The Way

10:00am TOIS  
 4:30pm Greek School

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1:00pm Adult Christian Fellowship  
 & Study Group  
 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

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

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7:00pm YAL Christmas  
 Philanthropy Project

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**5:00pm Vespers**  
 5:30pm FACT Christmas  
 Adventure Theater Outing

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**8:00am Orthros**  
**9:15am Awaken To God**  
**9:30am Divine Liturgy**  
 Fellowship Hour  
 No Sunday School

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



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

**25**

**FEAST DAY OF ST. STEPHEN**  
**8:00am Orthros**  
**9:00am Divine Liturgy**  
 Greek School Recess

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

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7:00pm YAL Christmas  
 Philanthropy Project

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**5:00pm Vespers**  
 5:30pm FACT Christmas  
 Adventure Theater Outing

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**8:00am Orthros**  
**9:15am Awaken To God**  
**9:30am Divine Liturgy**  
 Fellowship Hour  
 No Sunday School

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The Mosaic Staff wishes you all a very Merry Christmas  
 and a healthy, happy, and prosperous New Year.

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## Weekday Services

### Vespers

Saturday, December 1  
Saturday, December 15  
5:00pm

### Feast Day of St. Nicholas

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

### Communion Breakfast

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

### Feast Day of St. Spyridon

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

## Weekday Services

### Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24  
9am Royal Hours  
7pm Vesperal Liturgy

### Christmas Day

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

### Feast Day of St. Stephen

Thursday, December 27  
8:00am Orthros  
9:00am Divine Liturgy

### Mosaic Deadline

The deadline for the January Mosaic is Tuesday, December 4. Please make every effort to meet this deadline.

## November & December Memorials

*Diane Limouris  
Irene Herrera  
William Salidas  
Connie Pilafas  
Demetri Vandarakis  
Eftihia Deimer  
Perry Deimer  
Anna Cotsilis  
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