



from Fr. George

Mary Kept All These Things

"But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart."

— Luke 2:19

The shepherds have come to the dark and humble cave, paid homage, and departed.

The Magi have worshipped the newborn King, offered their gifts, and returned to their far away lands.

The angels have sung their beautiful song of praise, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill among men" (Luke 2:14), and gone back up into heaven.

All is now silent. In the darkness of the cave sweet young Mary looks upon her Son, loving Him, wondering at the mystery of it all.

All words fail at this moment, and so the Evangelist tells us the only thing possible to tell us: "But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart."

As we stand before the great mystery of the Incarnation, or rather, as we humbly bow down before "the mystery hid from before the ages" (Colossians 1:26) now revealed unto us in these last days, we once again take the Ever-Virgin Mary and Theotokos as our example.

"Empowered Elegance" Powers Philanthropy

Congratulations to Holy Apostles Philoptochos Fashion Show Chairwoman, Katherine Karvelas and her tireless committees on a fabulous event, *Empowered Elegance: A Celebration of Women* on Saturday, October 18th.

Over 600 guests enjoyed a delicious lunch at Drury Lane in Oak Brook, followed by a spectacular presentation of fashions by Tracey Tarantino and Zzazz Productions.

Our event would not be possible without the loyalty and generosity of our sponsors, patrons, donors and guests who made this event extraordinary.

Through everyone's support, our profits allowed us to donate over **\$50,000 to our beneficiaries, The Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation, FAITH Endowment/Ionian Village, and will**



also enable us to continue our various philanthropic endeavors throughout the year.

Your continued love and support enables us to continue our mission of helping those in need.



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NINE INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT CHRISTMAS

Bethlehem means "house of bread" a symbol of the Eucharist

The mystery of the Nativity was first announced by the angles to a group of shepards.

Baby Jesus was born in a cave.

Two midwives were present, Zelomi and Salome
(*Virgin Mary's cousin*)

The Magi followed the Star for over two years

According to St. John Chrysostom, the Star was the Archangle Gabriel

The Magi - Caspar, Melchior, Balthazar - came from different countries

The Nativity of the Lord is described in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke

Until the fourth century, the Nativity of the Lord was celebrated together with the Epiphany



Mary Kept All These Things *(continued)*

For what else can we possibly do except fall silent before this great rescue plan of God's salvation?

What else can we possibly do except cherish these things and ponder them in our heart?

The mystery is incomprehensible to the human mind, and the paradox is unsolvable:

God becomes man.

The Son of God becomes the son of a virgin.

He who has no mother according to His Divinity has no father according to His humanity.

The timeless One enters into time.

The beginningless One has a beginning.

The fleshless One takes on flesh.

The invisible One becomes visible.

The unapproachable One becomes approachable.

The Master becomes a slave.

The Creator becomes a creature.

He who dwells in the heavens comes to earth.

He who is Light is born in darkness.

All this the God of all has accomplished for our sake, "for us men and for our salvation."

In this joyful—and busy—time of year, we should make the time to ponder these things in our heart, contemplating God's ineffable and incomprehensible plan—what we call the Divine Economy.



As one studies the icon of the Nativity, there are many beautiful things to look at, and many aspects of the divine event are depicted.

Let us, however, **take a moment to home in on the very center of the holy image, look at the divine Infant, and wonder at the contemplative face of the Panagia, keeping and pondering all these things in our heart, just as she is.**

Wishing all of you a most blessed Christmas full of the joy and peace of our Incarnate Savior,

+Fr. George



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CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

A Holy Apostles Ministry

**Tuesday, January 13
1 PM - Philoptochos Room**

Presentation:

**Allison Green, Certified Senior Advisor on
"Big Decision: at Home Care, Assisted Living,
Memory Care or Long Term Nursing Care."**

Please Join Us For Discussion & Coffee

Please contact Kathy Steffenson at gksteff@gmail.com or Val Dranias at valdranias@aol.com with any questions.

We hope that you will join us.

The Sacred Center of Our Holy Orthodox Faith Is Under Threat

The Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople (today's Istanbul) is the sacred center of our Holy Orthodox Faith.

According to ancient canons of the Ecumenical Councils that, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, articulated the principal elements of our Faith, the Ecumenical Patriarch is the first bishop of the Church, charged with responsibility for the whole Church.

Today, the Ecumenical Patriarchate is the see of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the longest-serving and one of the most consequential Ecumenical Patriarchs in the history of our Church.

However, **the Turkish government is presenting the Ecumenical Patriarchate with daily challenges and difficulties that could ultimately destroy its ability to perform its sacred global mission.** Amid those challenges and difficulties, the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate are dedicated to protecting and defending our Holy Mother Church of Constantinople.

The Ecumenical Patriarchate is under attack by the Turkish government in five key ways.

1. First and foremost, **the Ecumenical Patriarchate has no legal identity or rights in Turkey.** In the eyes of the Turkish government, the Ecumenical Patriarchate simply does not exist.

2. **The Turkish government interferes with the election of the Ecumenical Patriarch by requiring that he must be a Turkish citizen, and maintains the right to approve who is selected.** This is clearly interference with the Apostolic succession of the Church's leadership.

3. **We can no longer train our clergy in Turkey** because they closed our beloved Halki Seminary in 1971, where we had trained more than 1000 clergymen (including over 300 bishops and even a few Ecumenical Patriarchs) for 127 years. Today, Halki remains closed. As a result, those who want to become clergymen must be sent elsewhere out of the country.

The result is that we are experiencing a gradual asphyxiation of the Holy Mother Church in Turkey. **The Greek Orthodox population of Constantinople is now only 2,000 to 2,500 people, down from 300,000 at the beginning of the twentieth century.** With all of this said, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew has said that there have been recent positive discussions that could possibly lead to the opening of the seminary. We remain cautiously optimistic.

4. **The Ecumenical Patriarchate cannot own, inherit or pass along property.** The Ecumenical Patriarchate does not even own our churches in Constantinople and its environs. **In 1936, the Church owned 8,000 properties, including monasteries, churches, schools, hospitals, orphanages, homes for the aged, homes, and apartment buildings. Today, most have**



been confiscated, and we have less than 500 properties remaining.

Occasionally, the Turkish government allows the Ecumenical Patriarchate to regain control of one of these confiscated properties, but only under the most difficult of circumstances. One example is the fact that the Turkish government does not legally recognize the Girls and Boys Orphanage Foundation on the island of Prinkipos (which the Turks refer to as Buyukada), for which the Ecumenical Patriarchate has held a deed since 1902, as belonging to the Ecumenical Patriarchate. In this case, however, the European Court of Human Rights compelled the Turks to hand it over to the Ecumenical Patriarchate, but only in dilapidated condition.

The implications of this are as obvious as they are ominous. **Numerous churches have been converted to mosques — most recently Hagia Sophia, which for almost a millennium was the foremost church in the entire Christian world, and the Chora Church in Constantinople.** The remaining churches are vulnerable.

5. **The Turkish Government does not recognize the "Ecumenical" status of the Patriarch and Patriarchate.** Turkish authorities do not allow the use of the term or title "ecumenical" for any religious activity – even though this title has been used since the sixth century and recognized throughout the world. The Turkish government only refers to the Ecumenical Patriarch as the "Fener Patriarch," referring to his headquarters in Constantinople, the Phanar.

Because of the Ecumenical Patriarchate's lack of legal identity, its vulnerability to the decisions of the Turkish state is all-pervasive. If the international human rights organizations such as the European Court of Human Rights and the United

Sacred Center Under Threat *(continued)*

Nations, among others, do not manage to compel the Turkish government to grant property rights to the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the spiritual center of the world's 300 million Orthodox Christians remains essentially defenseless, and perilously close to extinction in its historical homeland.

The Ecumenical Patriarchate needs financial support, so that it is less subject to the will of the Turkish government: the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, which the Archons founded several years ago, is dedicated to providing financial stability for the Ecumenical Patriarchate

Please pray regularly for the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the Christians of Constantinople and prayerfully consider a donation to the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation.

The safety and survival of our Ecumenical Patriarchate, the sacred center of our Faith, is a priceless gift that surpasses virtually anything else we could pass on to our children and grandchildren.

CHURCH DIRECTORY TIME!

Our last Church Directory was published before COVID! It's time to be updated!

Universal Church Directories are working with us and are providing a complete professional portrait studio right here at Holy Apostles.

We have four dates from which to choose between now and the end of 2025, each with approximately 32 appointment time slots for picture-taking:

Friday	12/12	2:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Saturday	12/13	10:00 am - 4:30 pm
Monday	12/29	2:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Tuesday	12/30	2:00 pm - 8:30 pm



Appointments fill up quickly, so please schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time. There are two ways to book an appointment:

- 1) Book your photo appointment immediately after Sunday Divine Liturgy in the Multipurpose Room OR
- 2) You can also book your appointment online by following these instructions:

- Go to the Universal Church Directories website at www.ucdir.com.
- Click on the box entitled "Photography Appointment Scheduling login".
- Enter the Holy Apostles church code: il458
- Enter the Holy Apostles password: photos
- Click on the Enter button.
- Select the desired photography date.
- Click on the Reserve Time button beside the desired photography appointment time.
- Enter the appropriate information in all required fields (indicated by the asterisk)
- Click on the Schedule Appointment button at the bottom of the screen to reserve the photography appointment time in your family's name.



NOTE: If you have more than six family members being photographed, please reserve two appointments consecutively (such as 6:00 and 6:12)

- Print the next screen to use as a reminder of your family's photograph appointment

Online booking is open every day except for Sunday mornings, when you can sign up in person at church.

Please send an email to ParishFamily@holyapostleschurch.com to change or cancel your appointment.



Share the Warmth

Philoptochos "Share the Warmth" month of October coat collection was a great success!! **Thank you to Laura Pepke & Debbie Chiganos for organizing this wonderful annual event and thank you to all our parishioners for donating!**

All donated coats – 19 went to a local high school and 295 (made 3 trips!!!) went to Repeat Boutique in Wheaton, IL who welcomes people in need, referred from charitable organizations, churches,, and local government agencies. Clients with referrals can shop every three months for a year.

Philoptochos purchased 41 new kids' coats, which were donated to Warm Coats for Cool Kids – a Philanthropic organization, based in Elmhurst, IL - run by founders Garry & Debbie Vaccaro – that provides winter coats, hats, and gloves to children in need from families in the western suburbs of Chicago.

The coats are distributed through events at local schools and community organizations where kids get to shop and feel pride of ownership in their new winter ensembles.

We also participated in one of these events at the Hillside Elementary School in Hillside, IL where Philoptochos also works with through our Operation Classroom initiative. On this particular day/event, Warm Coats for Cook Kids distributed their 10,000th coat!!!!

We also purchased and donated 25 coats to Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans (MSHV) in Wheaton, IL. Their mission is "to empower at-risk veterans, and their families, to become self-sufficient, productive members of their communities."



Celebrating Our Holy Apostles Veterans on Sunday, November 9





Christmas Breakfast with Santa



Reserve your spot at the pancake Christmas
Breakfast following Liturgy and the
Christmas Pageant on

Sunday, December 14

Santa will make a special appearance in spite of his
busy schedule!

Cost will be \$10 for adults and children 5 and older.
Children 4 and under are free.

Please make reservations

NOVEMBER 5 - DECEMBER 10

ONLINE: www.tinyurl.com/haphilo2501, (or scan QR code below)

IN PERSON: After Liturgy on Sundays: (November 30 and December 7)

Contact: Nia Dillon at niamdillon@gmail.com



◀ scan to reserve space





PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OCTOBER 2023 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

October 16, 2025

PC SECRETARY: PATTY PAPPAS EDITED BY: VAL DRANIAS

The meeting was called to order by President James Maragos at 7:37 PM. Opening prayer offered by Father George Dokos. Nicole Ostendorf recited the Mission Statement. A motion to approve the September 18, 2025 Parish Council Meeting Minutes was made by Bill Leider and seconded by Nicole Voelz. Motion carried unanimously.

Patty Pappas reported on Correspondence. Hellenic College/Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology - Thank you letter for our \$1,000 donation supporting their Annual Fund Appeal Gifts - Day of Giving; Assumption Greek Orthodox Church of Chicago - Thank you letter for our \$1,000 contribution to their Centennial Fund; Hodges Loizzi - Billings summary from Vanessa Clohessy for pro bono legal services provided in August 2025. Father George Dokos gave the Ecclesiastical Report. He distributed a handout and led a group reading regarding the Holy Apostle Iakovos, Brother of the Lord. A brief group discussion followed.

Ministry Reports

Financial – Report by George Antonopoulos

For the first nine months of 2025, we achieved a profit of \$108,000, resulting in an operating account balance of \$915,000. The surplus is primarily attributed to cemetery plot sales (\$40,000), miscellaneous donations (\$40,000) and increased stewardship contributions (\$10,000). The capital account currently holds a balance of \$554,000, with \$421,000 designated for 2025 capital projects. The projected year-end capital balance is estimated at approximately \$100,000.

Stewardship – Steven Milak provided a report on stewardship pledges, attached below.

Formation of a stewardship committee, chaired by Steven Milak. The committee will establish a 12-month execution plan with milestones and engagement goals. Development of talking points and measurable objectives to adjust over time

Metric	Sep 2025 YTD	Sep 2024 YTD	% Change
Number of Pledges	660	673	-2%
Total Pledged	\$827,985	\$825,617	0%
Amount Collected	\$759,770	\$741,473	2%
Median Pledge	\$600	\$600	0%
Average Pledge	\$1,255	\$1,227	2%

Building & Grounds – Report by Chris Pepke. Main Office Remodel: Finalizing design and finish selections for review. Lighting Project: 1. Focus areas: nave, baptistry, narthex and exo-narthex. 2. Utilizing energy-efficient, color-adaptive LED lighting. 3. Currently in the design phase; multiple walkthroughs completed. 4. Once finalized, three bids will be solicited. HVAC replacement: 1. The lower level A/C unit (Sunday School and Greek School classrooms) requires full replacement due to EPA refrigerant restrictions. 2. Pricing and replacement options are under review for spring installation.

Technology - Report by Steven Milak

Exploring installation of a new security camera system. Recommendation to conduct a professional security assessment prior to implementation. Briggs Core Dynamics identified as a qualified assessor (estimated cost: \$1,500).

Additional assessment to be sought from Nicole Voelz' brother for comparative recommendations. Motion: Steven Milak moved to allocate up to \$2,000 from the technology grant for a professional security assessment. Seconded by Sandra Pihos. Motion approved unanimously.

Old Business

Metropolis Clergy/Laity Assembly Delegates - Report by James Maragos Parish to elect two delegates for the November 5-6 Metropolis Clergy/Laity Assembly. Sandra Pihos and Steven Savas have expressed interest and will be submitting their names for nomination at the Fall Parish Assembly. Notice sent to all parishioners inviting additional nominees.

Holy Apostles Hellenic Academy - Report by Nicole Ostendorf Current enrollment: 90 students. Recent ice cream social held successfully outdoors. Active PTO with approximately 12 parent volunteers. Grants received: Hellenic Foundation: \$3,382; Greek American Restaurant Association: \$10,000; Ellinomatheia Class: New Wednesday class; preparing students for the May proficiency exam (4 current enrollees); Upcoming events: PTO Bake Sale - November 23 (no coffee hour); Tuition: \$88,250 for 2025-2026; \$50,000 collected to date; Coordinating with church office for Zoom access.

Chapel Hill Cemetery Plots – Report by Patty Pappas 19 additional plots sold since last meeting. Ongoing collaboration with Chapel Hill representative Madison Underwood to finalize transfers and documentation. Chapel Hill is assembling a Holy Apostles binder to organize all plot-related records. Lou and Patty will meet with Chapel Hill once again to reach more clarity on both old and new transactions. Reconciliation of old receipts provided by Chapel Hill is required prior to any future plot sales.

Youth Worker Protection Training – Report by Patty Pappas Updated compliance spreadsheet distributed by Administrative Assistant Andrea San Luis. Several individuals currently non-compliant. Ministry leaders instructed to enforce compliance and update volunteer status lists. Follow-up emails sent emphasizing the need for immediate action.

St. Iakovos Retreat Center - Report by James Maragos Four town hall meetings held by the Metropolis of Chicago to discuss the Center's future. Metropolitan Nathanael confirmed no sale will occur for at least five years. Parishes to provide ongoing financial support.

New Business

Parish Assembly Preparation - Report by James Maragos Six Parish Council members met to plan for the Fall Parish Assembly. Steven Milak to prepare slideshow; Lou Kafkes and Alexa Kakis to prepare brochure and communications. Sandra Pihos thanked Council members for supporting the pre-Assembly coffee hour.

Parish Directory - Report by Lou Kafkes Initial plan for volunteer-led directory revised to consider professional services. Universal Church Directories proposal: Free sittings along with an 8 x 10 photo for parishioners.

Optional portrait packages averaging \$170. + No motion required to move forward as no expense is incurred.

2026 Parish Contributions to Archdiocese - a) Archdiocesan Assessment: \$9,541 per month, b) Clergy Pension Plan: \$22,500 per year, c) St. Iakovos Retreat Center ('SIRC'): \$9,541 per year, d) Metropolis Cushion Payment: \$8,014 per year, e) Delegates to inquire further about SIRC allocations., f) The 2025 Holy Apostles Budget provides for a \$5,000 payment to SIRC.

Motion: Sandra Pihos moved to donate to the St. Iakovos Retreat Center in the amount of \$5,000, with the check to be made out directly to the St. Iakovos Retreat Center and mailed to its address in Wisconsin. Seconded by Bill Leider. Motion approved with one nay.

Personnel Matter Discussion to be held in Executive Session following the regular meeting.

2026 Calendar - Report by James Maragos Spring Assembly tentatively scheduled for Sunday, May 3, 2026. Creation of a Calendar Committee to finalize all 2026 events, meetings, and Parish Council committee schedules, for approval at the December Parish Council Meeting.

Capital Campaign - Report by James Maragos Strategy meeting with Dave McGowan (Dave McGowan Consulting) on November 12 (pro bono). Discussion to include stewardship growth, capital projects, and Foundation fundraising strategy. Will evaluate potential professional fundraising support.

Employee Handbook - Report by Sandra Pihos Initiating review and update of the Employee Handbook. Council members invited to submit amendment suggestions. Sandra to coordinate with Vanessa Clohessy on revisions.

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 7:30 PM

Key Upcoming Dates:

Saturday, October 18: Philoptochos Annual Fashion Show & Luncheon

Sunday, October 19: Fall Parish Assembly (after Divine Liturgy - all Council members to attend)

Sunday, October 26: Chicago Bears Watch Party & Youth Flag Football

Wednesday–Thursday, November 5–6: Metropolis of Chicago Clergy-Laity Conference (Rolling Meadows, IL)

Thursday, November 13: Holy Cross Seminary Scholarship Dinner - Empress Banquets (Addison, IL): Guest Speaker: Dr. George Chiampas. St. Peter the Apostle Brotherhood Men's Group has purchased a table of 10 (event to be promoted)

Adjournment

Father Nicholas led the Closing Prayer. Motion to Adjourn by Steven Milak, seconded by Bill Leider. Approved unanimously. President James Maragos officially adjourned the meeting at 8:54 PM. Council dismissed to Executive Session.



*Philoptochos Christmas Party
and
General Meeting*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11
6:30 pm
Holy Apostles Multi-Purpose Room

Lenten Buffet and Sweets

ENTERTAINMENT:
Hinsdale Central High School Orchestra

*We will collect children's socks, hats, gloves and scarves
for donation to The People's Resource Center*

Please RSVP no later than 12/5 to Aleka Ernst at
630.561.1660 or alekaernst@aol.com



NATIVITY FAST

NOVEMBER 15 - DECEMBER 24

During the Nativity Fast or Advent, which is the 40 days from November 15 until Christmas, the Church encourages us to intensify our spiritual lives in order to ready our souls and bodies for the Feast of Christ's First Coming.

We do this through fasting, prayer, almsgiving, Holy Confession, and increased attention given to "preparing for His coming", to make sure we've done what we can to make a "fit dwelling place for Him" in our hearts and lives.

During this sacred period of preparation, the Divine Liturgy is offered every day.

Please take advantage of the increased amount of services to sanctify your souls and to also make sure to go to Holy Confession.

Your priests are always available to hear confessions, which is not an optional Sacrament, but necessary, for through Confession we receive God's mercy and forgiving grace.

Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church

DECEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00 am Divine Liturgy	2 Feast Day of St Porphyrios 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 4:30 pm Greek School 6:15 pm JOY	3 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Jr GOYA Meeting	4 Feast Day of St Barbara 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 1:00 pm Bible Study 4:30 pm Greek School 5:30 pm Greek Schi PTO Mtg 6:15 pm Neolea Dance Troupe 7:15 pm Women's Book Club	5 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Small Paraklesis	6 Feast Day of St Nicholas the Wonderworker 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:30 am Nativity Service Project 3:00 pm Wedding 5:00 pm Vespers 6:00 pm Vespers Potluck Dinner	
7 8:15 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy (Sunday School following Communion) 11:20 am Christmas Pageant Practice 11:30 am Fellowship Hour 1:00 pm Baptism	8 8:00 am Divine Liturgy	9 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 4:30 pm Greek School 7:00 pm GOYA Meeting	10 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am TOTS 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	11 6:45 am Brotherhood of St Peter the Apostle 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 1:00 pm Bible Study 4:30 pm Greek School 6:30 pm Philoptochos Christmas Party & General Meeting	12 Feast Day of St Spyridon the Wonderworker 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	
14 8:15 am Orthros 9:00 am Christmas Pageant Practice (Grades K-3) 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am Christmas Pageant 11:30 am Christmas Breakfast w/Santa 4:00 pm Metropolis Christmas Celebration	15 Feast Day of St Eleutherios 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	16 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 4:30 pm Greek School 6:15 pm JOY	17 Feast Day of St Dionysios of Zakynthos 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 1:00 pm Bereavement Group Meeting 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Jr GOYA Meeting	18 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 1:00 pm Bible Study 4:30 pm Greek School/Movie Night/Parent-Teacher Conferences 6:15 pm Neolea Dance Troupe 7:30 pm Parish Council Meeting 7:30 pm YAL Christmas Outing	19 8:00 am Divine Liturgy 9:00 pm Vigil for St Ignatius of Antioch	
21 8:15 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:00 am Greek School Kalanda 11:30 am Fellowship Hour	22 8:00 am Divine Liturgy	23 8:00 am Divine Liturgy	24 Office Closes at Noon - Christmas Eve 9:00 am Royal Hours of Christmas 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Liturgy & Concert	25 Christmas Office Closed 8:45 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy	26	
28 8:15 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:30 am Fellowship Hour	29	30	31 Office Closes at Noon - New Year's Eve		27 Feast Day of St Stephen 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm Vespers	

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Andrew Tomaras
Betty Tomaras
Peter Tomaras

FUNERALS

John Karavites
Konstantinos Margetis

WEDDINGS

Kayla Coggins and Anthos Baenen
Sponsor: Nikola and Ruth Kasanin

BAPTISMS

Julia, daughter of Florin Bilt and Cristina Horotan
Sponsor: Marcel Bilt

Evangeline, daughter of Jacob & Tatiana Armstrong
Sponsor: George & Alexa Kakis



Vigil in Honor of St. Ignatius of Antioch Great Vespers, Orthros & Divine Liturgy

December 19 | Beginning at 9 pm

As we continue to prepare for the Nativity of our Lord, please join us to honor St. Ignatius of Antioch. A vigil is a solemn evening service celebrating the Feasts of the Church to honor the Saints. It is comprised of Vespers and Orthros, culminating in the Divine Liturgy. Come and experience the liturgical services of the church.

"The fruit of faith should be evident in our lives, for being a Christian is more than making sound professions of faith. It should reveal itself in practical and visible ways. Indeed, it is better to keep quiet about our beliefs, and live them out, than to talk eloquently about what we believe, but fail to live by it."

~ St. Ignatius