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Hymn of Note

Joyfully and with great anticipation the Christian world will soon celebrate the feast of the Nativity of our Lord. As Orthodox faithful, we shall be summoned to the divine services in order to receive the message of peace and good will that the angels declared at the sight of the Incarnate Messiah. Among the hymnographers who reflected on the meaning of the feast, Saint Cosmas the Melodist announces the revelation of the great mystery of the Incarnation with these words which begin the Hymn of



Feast Day of our Patron Saint Spyridon

Friday, December 9th
Holy Unction — 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 11th
Hierarchical Great Vespers — 7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 12th
*Orthros & Hierarchical
Divine Liturgy — 8:00 a.m.*

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"And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

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Note for this month:

A strange and most wonderful mystery do I see; the cave is heaven; the Virgin the throne of the cherubim; the manger a room, in which Christ, the God whom nothing can contain, is laid.

Him do we praise and magnify.

It would be easier for us, in the sight of the Lord's Incarnation to keep silence. It is difficult to contemplate the eternal Word of God de-

scending among us in such a humble and vulnerable state simply for our sake. Saint Cosmas, along with all of us, is amazed at this great mystery brought about by the sacrificial love of God for every human being.

The Incarnation of our Lord is the eternal proof that human nature was not created for a fallen world. Adam and Eve were made to be the only creatures of God capable of sharing in the life of their Creator. Man was made to share in the glory of the Holy Trinity, but sin destroyed his wings and he tumbled from the heights of heaven. The devil robbed him and stole from him his God-given grace. Christ mercifully comes to clothe us in our original garment and provide us with new wings by which He can offer us back to God.

The angels who witness this mystery are pleased with the reconciliation between God and man that comes about in the presence of the Christ Child. The shepherds and the wise men were deemed worthy to recognize and witness this momentous event of a King born in a manger. More than two millennia later, we still witness through the eyes of faith and the hearing of the hymns and teachings of the gospel the same event that was praised by angels and men alike on that cold night in the small town of Bethlehem.

While we ponder all this in our minds and hearts, we can't help but give a thought to the current state of affairs in the world and feel the humble temptation to ask: What did the world really gain by the Word's Incarnation? For thousands of years, hatred and greed have governed the hearts of individuals and nations. Deceit, exploitation, and violence are the trademarks of our age. We are inundated with acts of extreme inhumanity and lack of compassion. Even as the angels declare peace on earth, the wars have never stopped and the darkness of evil has barely been replaced by the light of Bethlehem's star. So what did the world really gain by the Lord's Incarnation?

Well, the gain from this mystery is as unconventional as the matter by which it was accomplished. A King that comes in a cave in the obscurity of an enslaved little town is certainly not one who seeks to impose peace on earth by show of strength. What the world stands to gain by the Incarnation is the birth of a new possibility: Communion with God. Thanks to the Birth of Christ, every human being receives the possibility to start living in communion with God and in harmony with his



Stewardship 2011 Progress Report

As of November 30th, 2011

Pledged Stewards:	354
Average Stewardship:	\$355
Amount of Stewardship donated:	\$125,670

The Stewardship Committee thanks our 354 Stewards who have fulfilled their pledge for the 2011 year. We have exceeded our goal of 350 stewards thanks to the support of our Saint Spyridon's faithful. We wish to express our gratitude for your commitment to the Lord's work through our Church of Saint Spyridon and we encourage everyone to offer their stewardship for the good of the Church.

There is still time to pledge for 2011 and make this a record year! To you who have not yet pledged, we ask of you to commit yourself and your family to the ministry of our Church and the glory of His name.

The 2012 stewardship packets and calendars will be available by Christmas Day. Please help us save money on postage by picking up your stewardship packet in the fellowship hall or the church office before January 2nd, and let us work together to make 2012 another year of growth and renewed blessings for our beloved parish of Saint Spyridon.

ΓΙΝΕ ΚΑΛΟΣ ΟΙΚΟΝΟΜΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑΣ ΤΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΣΠΥΡΙΔΩΝΑ

Ευχαριστούμε όλους τους 354 Ενορίτες που εκπλήρωσαν την προσφορά τους για το έτος 2011. Αν δεν έχετε παραδώσει την συνδρομή σας για την Εκκλησία μας, σας παρακαλούμε να το κάνετε το συντομότερο δυνατόν. Χρειαζόμαστε την βοήθεια και την υποστήριξη όλων σας.

STEWARDS 2011 NOVEMBER 1ST-NOVEMBER 27TH

Mrs. Irene Kavouras
Ms. Angeline Mitsis
Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Pappas
Mr. & Mrs. Aristidis Berdusis
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Kotsiviras
Mr. & Mrs. Alexandros Stamatoglou
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bisbikis
Mr. & Mrs. George Aidonis
Dr. & Mrs. Alex Alemis
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Sakellaris
Ms. Stella Parhas
Mr. & Mrs. Kostas Mastoras
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Les

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brothers and sisters in Christ. It is a possibility that had not existed since the fall of Adam. The Incarnate Lord reconciles God and His creation; the subsequent Cross and Resurrection washes away our sins and transforms the reality of death into the gate of eternal life. Through becoming man, the Word of God opens the path to the cherished homeland of the heavens at the very moment in which we repent and recognize the mystery of the Christ Child. As we celebrate once again the Nativity of Christ, let us move from being just amazed at the mystery to actually living the mystery with great resolve and renewed effort. Most likely, the world in which we live will continue to marginalize the presence of the Incarnate Christ behind the veil of apathy and greed. We, in turn, imitate the shepherds and wise men, quietly living in gratitude for the honor and gift to recognize God with us and among us and within us, born onto us as a Child and Savior for all eternity. Amen.

Fr. Tilemahos Alikakos

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

On Saturday, November 5th, over fifty parishioners and friends participated in the walk for the IOCC at Swallow Cliffs Woods, in Palos Park. Two representatives from the IOCC came to greet the group of supporters. Many thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Frank and Zoe Kopanis for organizing the walk which turned out to be a wonderful day for everyone and which also raised \$2,000 for the IOCC.

The Religious Education staff and students will present the Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 18th, with a pageant rehearsal taking place on Saturday, December 17th. Please make plans to attend. After the Christmas break, Sunday School will resume on Sunday, January 8th with a vasilopita celebration in each classroom. Any parent that wishes to make the vasilopita for the class may contact their child's teacher. Our dedicated staff of our Religious Education School wishes all our students and their families a joyous Christmas and a blessed New Year.



P.T.A. NEWS

The Parent Teacher Association wishes to once again thank all the donors and volunteers who made this year's Dinner Dance Raffle a great success, with about \$5,000 of proceeds for its ministries to our schools.

On Sunday, November 13th, the P.T.A. hosted the Annual Godparents Luncheon with over 200 people in attendance. Once again the Vardalos and Alexopoulos families donated and cooked a delicious brunch enjoyed by all. Mrs. Diane Vasilakos designed all the beautiful centerpieces. Many thanks to all our donors and volunteers for an inspiring event honoring the relationships between our Godparents and their Godchildren.

The P.T.A. is looking forward to the Saint Spyridon Feast Day, the Christmas Pageant, and the Vasilopita events to start the new year. The Sunday School vasilopita will take place on Sunday, January 8th, and the Greek School vasilopita on Monday, January 9th. Anyone interested to make the vasilopita for their child's classroom please contact your child's teacher.

Our Greek School students are participating in the Agrafon essay contest in early December with the awards being presented at the Hellenic Letters Luncheon on Sunday, January 30th at the Chateau Ritz in Niles, IL. All our Greek School families are invited to attend the luncheon. Furthermore, some of our older Greek School students will participate in the Hellenic Letters celebration on Saturday, January 22nd, at Sts. Constantine & Helen in Palos Hills, where all the Chicago area Greek Schools will come to present a short program in honor of the Three Hierarchs.

ARCHANGELS ACADEMY

Students proudly wear their silly Thanksgiving hats. Each child also drew a picture of what they were thankful for...



Anna-Maria is thankful for: Baba, Mama and rainbows!



Panagiotis is thankful for: Father Tilemahos



John is thankful for: Thea Georgia's dog



Students had a great time at the Museum of Industry! Some of the students pose in front of the Christmas tree from Greece at the Christmas Around the World Exhibit



SUPER SIBLINGS

George brought his little brother in for show and tell when he was child of the week.



Alumni, Maria, came to visit and created an amazing skyscraper with her little brother Spyro.

SCHOOL CALENDAR:

- Dec. 12th...**Feast Day of St. Spyridon
- Dec. 15th...**Field Trip to the Beverly Arts Center
- Dec. 21st...**AM Class Christmas Pageant & Reception 11am
LAST DAY OF CLASS FOR AM CLASS
- Dec. 22nd...**PM Class Christmas Pageant & Reception 2pm
LAST DAY OF CLASS FOR PM CLASS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

METROPOLIS CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

The Metropolis of Chicago Christmas Open House will be held on Sunday, December 18th, 2011 beginning at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend this gathering and receive the blessing of His Eminence, Metropolitan Iakovos for Christmas and the New Year 2012.

GOYA CAROLING

The Goyans will be Christmas Caroling once again this year! We are looking forward to spreading Christmas cheer with our fellow parishioners. If anyone is interested in opening their homes on Friday, December 23rd, for this Christmas tradition, they may contact the church office as soon as possible to make reservations.

FLOWERS FOR ST. SPYRIDON & CHRISTMAS

If anyone is interested in donating towards the purchase of flowers for the adornment of our Church and Icons for the feast day of St. Spyridon and the Christmas season, please contact the Church office.

CHRISTMAS CARD & APPEAL

Express your wishes for the Christmas season to all the parishioners and friends through the community Christmas card. Donation for having your family included in the card is \$25. We also kindly ask that you do not



ANNUAL GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos, will once again joyously open the Metropolis home at 40 East Burton Place in Chicago, Illinois, to the clergy, faithful and many friends of the Greek Orthodox Community during the Christ-

mas holiday season. This year, the Metropolis Open House will be held on Sunday, December 18, 2011 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

forget the church in your Christmas gift list. Please send your Christmas gift for the parish to the church office.

ALTAR BOYS

The altar boys will be training for the Feast Day services of December 11th & 12th. Their training meeting will take place on Saturday, December 10th, at 11:30 a.m..

Please remember that all altar boys are asked to attend and participate in the Great Vespers service on Sunday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m. and on Monday, December 12th, at 8:00 a.m..

Finally, Saint Stephen's Feast Day on December 27th, is dedicated to our altar boys. We will take our official 2011 altar boy photo immediately following the Divine Liturgy, and then have some pizza and games. Please plan to attend.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

During the month of December, the P.T.A. will be hosting the Fellowship hour following the Divine Liturgy.

VASILOPITA CELEBRATION

The Community Vasilopita will be on Sunday, January 8th, after the Divine Liturgy. We ask that all parishioners and friends join us for this very special beginning for the New Year.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

All Church groups are asked to have ALL information to be publicized in the following month's Bulletin/The Voice on or before the 15th of each month.

HELP NEEDED

If anyone is interested in volunteering to do Data Input into our Church office Database, please contact the office.

PARISH REGISTRY

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

The son of Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Glikis was baptized on November 5th and given the name Peter. Angie Mitsis was the sponsor.

The daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Felix Briseno was baptized on November 5th and given the name Melina. Thomas Bisbikis was the sponsor.

The son of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bisbikis was baptized on November 5th and given the name Konstantinos. Yiannis & Cindy Polyzos were the sponsors.

The son of Mr. & Mrs. Chris Proutsos was baptized on November 5th and given the name Theodore. Thomas Sotos was the sponsor.

The son of Mr. & Mrs. Demetri Tzoraz was baptized on November 6th and given the name John. Mr. & Mrs. Peter Eliopoulos were the sponsors.

The son of Mr. & Mrs. Vasiliou Nassis was baptized on November 13th and given the name Evangelos. Sotirios Panopoulos was the sponsor.

The daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kunz was baptized on November 20th and given the name Sophia. Mr. & Mrs. Brian Latka were the sponsors.

The daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Papaioannou was baptized on November 27th and given the name Asimina Maria. Panayiota Karas was the sponsor.

Να σας Ζήσουν!

IN MEMORIAM FUNERALS

Bessie Kotsiviras, fell asleep to the Lord on November 21st. Her Funeral took place on November 25th.

Paula Fotsis fell asleep to the Lord on November 24th. Her Funeral took place on November 29th.

May their memory be eternal! Our deepest sympathy to their families.

MEMORIALS

Sunday, November 13th

†20 years for Spyridon Papadopoulos and †47 years for George Papadopoulos.

Sunday, November 27th

†14 years for Irene Papas and †25 years for Daniel Pappas.

THANK YOU

We wish to extend a special thank you:

- To the Anonymous donors of our Food Pantry.
- To Mrs. Alana Bechrakis preparing and distributing Thanksgiving Baskets for 19 needy families.
- To Mrs. Katerina Mastoras for coordinating this year's OCCA toy drive.
- To all the donors for the OCCA Christmas toy drive for the children in DCFS.
- To Hills Funeral Home for donating this year's Ecclesiastical Calendars.
- To all the parishioners who participated in the "Feed the Hungry" program.
- To all the parishioners who helped preparing for the Christian Fellowship Luncheon, on November 21st.
- To all the ladies and donors who assisted in our Christmas Craft Show.
- To the Alexopoulos and Vardallos families for donating and preparing the Godparents' Sunday Brunch.
- To all the Dinner Dance Ad Book Advertisers and Donors.
- To all who responded so far to our Christmas Appeal.
- To all who baked prosfora, and bring wine, oil, and 'kolyva' for our 'Sarantaleitourgo'.



*Where is the best place
to ring in 2012?*

St. Spyridon's New Year's Eve Bash!

Saturday, December 31st

St. Spyridon Community Hall

12307 S. Ridgeland Avenue, Palos Heights

An evening of fun for the whole family!

***Dinner and Dancing
begin at 9:30 p.m.***



Dance the night away ...

Adults: \$45

Children 12 & under: \$15

For Reservations Call 708-385-2311

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Philoptochos,

November has been a very busy month for our Philoptochos ladies with hosting many wonderful events, participating in charitable programs and busy with preparations for our Annual Craft Show that will take place on the 3rd and 4th of December.

We started the month honoring Mrs. Jann Kolyvas and the Handmaidens for the love and contributions they have made to Philoptochos. Our entire community is proud of our young Handmaidens and we pray that our Lord will grant them the charismata and love as they continue to achieve their goals in life!

We presented also our \$1,000 dollar Annual Scholarship Award. The recipient this year was Miss Alexia Vasilopoulos. Alexia impressed us not only with her outstanding academic achievements but equally impressive was her involvement and dedication to community service and to her Church.

Our Philoptochos ladies along with Fr. Tilemahos and some of our young Goyans participated in feeding the hungry at the Annunciation Cathedral. We all experienced the joy of serving our brothers who are in need. We thank everyone that helped with serving and passing out the warm clothing for our homeless friends.

The most wonderful event of the month was hosting the Senior Luncheon for the Christian Fellowship of the south side communities. Everything was perfect! The food was delicious, the entertainment was lovely and love was in the air! I am still getting thank you cards and phone calls from friends of our neighboring churches saying how wonderful everything was and how we made everyone feel special!

Many people worked hard to make this luncheon a huge success. We thank Fr. Tilemahos for his collaboration with the other priests and being instrumental in initiating the Christian Fellowship for our Seniors. We thank Presbytera Georgia for the informative flyers she created; the president of the Parish Council Mr. Taso Panagiotopoulos for securing the donations that made this luncheon cost free. Our wonderful Parish Council members who helped with the serving. Our chefs Mr. Gus Aliakakos and Mr. Pete Kolyvas in the kitchen.. Mr. Kosta Alexopoulos for the delicious bean soup that he sent us and everyone loved.

Dear friends, how wonderful it was to show our love and kindness to our guests and to our elderly friends from our community and from our neighboring churches. It was such an enjoyable day for all of us.

In closing, I would like to commend each and every one of you for your love to Philoptochos.

Let us continue to be "Doers of the word of Our Lord and not Hearers only"

With Sisterly love,
Toula Georgiopoulos



CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

On Monday, November 21st, after the Divine Liturgy our Parish hosted a the Christian Fellowship Luncheon, open to all senior citizens of the southside parishes. Over 150 seniors came to share in this wonderful event which featured great food and live music. Many thanks to the Philoptochos, the donors and volunteers who made this event truly memorable.



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ANNUAL DINNER DANCE REPORT

As always we would like to thank everyone who attended in our annual dinner dance this year.

As you can see from the results, it was a great success for our parish with almost 400 people attending.

The net profit from the community dinner dance supports in the Operations of our church.

The results below exclude any raffle proceeds as well half the Net Ad book revenue which go to the PTA of our church. The financial results of the dinner dance for the last 3 years are summarized in the following table:

	2011	2010	2009
REVENUES			
Dinner Ticket Sales	\$ 13,130	\$ 10,860	\$ 11,330
Ad book - Gross Revenue	4,800	3,200	5,440
Other Revenue	374	241	191
Total Revenues	\$ 18,304	\$ 14,301	\$ 16,961
EXPENSES			
Food Expense	5,945	4,590	4,900
Music Expense	700	600	500
Ad Book Expenses	662	183	512
Ad Book PTA Share	2,069	1,509	2,464
Equipment Rental	1,300	1,291	1,507
Other Expenses	978	1,057	1,628
Total Expenses	11,654	9,230	11,511
NET PROFIT to Church	\$ 6,650	\$ 5,071	\$ 5,450
Number of Adults Paid	305	257	306
Number of Children Paid	93	58	67

DIAKONIA AGAPES - ALMSGIVING

We wish to thank all our parishioners and friends of St. Spyridon for remembering our Food Pantry for Thanksgiving (19 families). As you know, our **Food Pantry** helps our St. Spyridon families that have a need for assistance. Our **Food Pantry** also helps the friends of St. Spyridon, on a daily and weekly basis. It is very important that we keep our **Food Pantry** filled at all times, so that we do not turn anyone away because of lack of food.

Christ is born! Glorify Him! The words ring out....announcing the birth of a special child – the Saviour, Emmanuel, God with us! How can we celebrate such an awesome happening in the history of our world—God coming to earth, born of a Virgin, living in poverty, giving of Himself to save us. He Who is Love, expects us to love—to give to ourselves to others. Let us, amid all of the celebrations, reach out to others who are lonely or have special needs—the sick, the elderly, those who live alone, the poor. Let us touch them in the name of Christ.

The following Christmas Dinner food items are needed to supply our families food for their Holiday Dinners: turkey, ham, ground beef, potatoes, sweet potatoes, vegetables (canned), cranberry sauce, apples and oranges (fresh), pies (fresh or frozen), dressing (stuffing), margarine or butter, onions, celery, fresh veggies and fruit, cake mix and frosting, flour, sugar and oil.

If anyone wishes to donate any of the above mentioned items, or any other items for this special delivery, please contact Effie at the church office. All donations should be at Church by December 19th. **“But whoever has this world’s goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?” (John 3:17).**



ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS CARD
ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝ-
ΝΙΑΤΙΚΗ ΚΑΡΤΑ

Save time and postage by joining the St. Spyridon family to wish all your friends and family a Merry Christmas. Community Card forms have been mailed to all the parishioners. Please submit your completed form with a check for \$25. The deadline is December 12th.

Για την συμμετοχή σας στην Ετήσια Χριστουγεννιάτικη Κοινοτική Κάρτα παρακαλούμε να στείλετε το όνομά σας με δωρεά \$25 στο γραφείο της Εκκλησίας μας μέχρι τις 12 Δεκεμβρίου. Σας ευχαριστούμε για την υποστήριξή σας και τις ευχές σας για έναν ευλογημένο εορτασμό των Χριστουγέννων.

KENTRO

Stop by St. Spyridon's Kentro Bookstore for unique and inspirational holiday gifts. We have some lovely one-of-a-kind Christmas ornaments as well as, lovely icon bracelets and books to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Come in and browse for many more gift-giving ideas! Our staff will be happy to assist you. And if you don't see it, ask! We'll be happy to order for you.

ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΑ ΝΕΑ

ΑΠΟΘΗΚΗ ΤΡΟΦΙΜΩΝ

Θα θέλαμε να ευχαριστήσουμε όλους όσους, με μεγάλη γενναιοδωρία, δώρησαν τρόφιμα και χρήματα για την εορτή των Ευχαριστηρίων. Ευχαριστούμε ιδιαίτερα την κ. Μπεχράκη που προετοίμασε και μοίρασε τα καλάθια τροφίμων για την εορτή των Ευχαριστηρίων σε 19 οικογένειες.

Τούτον τόν μήνα ζητούμε την υποστήριξη όλων για να μπορέσουμε να διαθέσουμε τα απαραίτητα αγαθά για το τραπέζι της εορτής των Χριστουγέννων σε 20 οικογένειες. Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες μπορείτε να επικοινωνήσετε με το γραφείο της Εκκλησίας μας.

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ «ΠΛΟΥΤΑΡΧΟΣ»

Την Παρασκευή 9 Δεκεμβρίου θα έχουμε συνάντηση Γονέων Διδασκάλων και ελέγχους για το 1ο τρίμηνο. Την Δευτέρα 19 Δεκεμβρίου, μετά το τέλος των μαθημάτων, θα αρχίσουν οι διακοπές των Χριστουγέννων. Τα μαθήματα θα αρχίσουν και πάλι την Παρασκευή 6 Ιανουαρίου. Η κοπή της Βασιλόπιττας του Ελληνικού Σχολείου θα γίνει την Δευτέρα 9 Ιανουαρίου. Η διευθύντρια του σχολείου μας κ. Λαμπρινή Σταύρου και όλο το διδασκαλικό προσωπικό, σας εύχονται Καλά Χριστούγεννα και Ευλογημένο το 2012.

ΤΟ ΠΑΖΑΡΙ ΤΗΣ ΕΝΟΡΙΑΣ ΜΑΣ

Το Σάββατο 3 Δεκεμβρίου από τις 9:00 το πρωί μέχρι τις 4:00 το απόγευμα, καθώς και την Κυριακή 4 Δεκεμβρίου από τις 11:00 το πρωί μέχρι τις 4:00 το απόγευμα η Φιλόπτωχος Αδελφότητα θα έχει το Ετήσιο Γιορτινό Παζάρι.

ΛΟΥΛΟΥΔΙΑ ΠΡΟΣ ΣΤΟΛΙΣΜΟΝ

Εαν θέλετε να δώσετε χρήματα για την αγορά των Λουλουδιών για τον στολισμό του Ιερού Ναού μας κατά την εορτή του Αγίου Σπυριδώνα, καθώς και την εορτή των Χριστουγέννων, ή αν επιθυμείτε να δωρίσετε για τα μπουκαλάκια αγιασμού, παρακαλούμε να επικοινωνήσετε με το Γραφείο της Εκκλησίας μας.

ΚΟΠΗ ΒΑΣΙΛΟΠΙΤΤΑΣ

Το κόψιμο της Κοινοτικής μας Βασιλόπιττας θα γίνει την Κυριακή 8 Ιανουαρίου αμέσως μετά την Θεία Λειτουργία. Παρακαλούμε όλους τους Ενορίτες και φίλους να παρευρεθούν.

ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΙΑΤΙΚΕΣ ΕΥΧΕΣ

Ο πατήρ Τηλέμαχος, ο πατήρ Νικηφόρος, ο πρόεδρος και τα μέλη του Κοινοτικού μας συμβουλίου, η πρόεδρος και τα μέλη της Φιλοπτώχου Αδελφότητας, η πρόεδρος και τα μέλη του Συλλόγου Γονέων και Διδασκάλων, οι Διδάσκαλοι του Ελληνικού, του Κατηχητικού Σχολείου και της Ακαδημίας των Αρχαγγέλων, και ολόκληρο το προσωπικό της Κοινότητας του Αγίου Σπυριδώνα σας εύχονται:

ΚΑΛΑ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΑ & ΕΥΤΥΧΙΣΜΕΝΟ ΤΟ ΝΕΟ ΕΤΟΣ!

ΕΠΙΣΚΕΨΗ ΣΤΗΝ ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΗ

Ο Σεβασμιώτατος Μητροπολίτης κ.κ. Ιάκωβος μας προσκαλεί όλους μας να τον επισκεφθούμε και να πάρουμε τις ευλογίες του για τις εορτές των Χριστουγέννων και του Νέου Έτους, την Κυριακή 18 Δεκεμβρίου.

ΠΡΩΤΟΧΡΟΝΙΑΤΙΚΟ ΡΕΒΕΓΙΟΝ –2012

Προσκαλούμε όλους τους φίλους και ενορίτες του Αγίου Σπυριδώνα να γιορτάσουμε τον ερχομό του Νέου Έτους όλοι μαζί σαν μία οικογένεια. Φαγητό, μουσική και χορός για να γιορτάσουμε το Νέο Έτος. Για κρατήσεις θέσεων σας παρακαλούμε να απευθυνθείτε στο γραφείο της ενορίας μας.

ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΙΑΤΙΚΑ ΚΑΛΑΝΤΑ

Αυτή τη χρονιά τα παιδιά της Ενορίας μας είναι ανυπόμονα να συνεχίσουν το όμορφο έθιμο των Χριστουγεννιάτικων Καλάντων. Αν επιθυμείτε να έρθουν τα παιδιά στο σπίτι σας για να σας πουν τα κάλαντα την Παρασκευή, 23 Δεκεμβρίου, σας παρακαλούμε να επικοινωνήσετε με το γραφείο της Εκκλησίας μας.

ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΙΑΤΙΚΟ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ

Θα θέλαμε να σας ενημερώσουμε ότι την Κυριακή 18 Δεκεμβρίου, οι μαθητές του Κατηχητικού και του Ελληνικού Σχολείου θα παρουσιάσουν το Χριστουγεννιάτικο πρόγραμμα της Γεννήσεως του Χριστού μας, μετά την Θεία Λειτουργία.

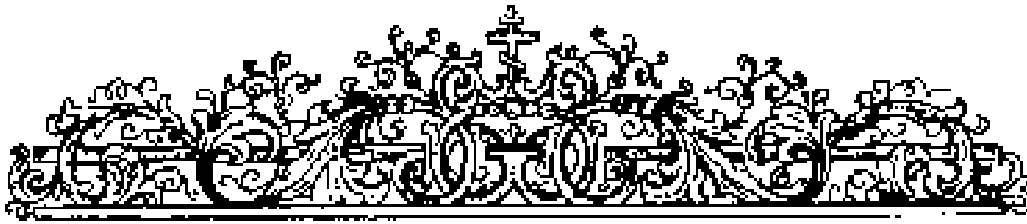


SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Thursday, December 1st	St. Philaret, Orthros, Divine Liturgy & Agiasmos—8:00 a.m.
Friday, December 2nd	Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m.
Saturday, December 3rd	Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m. * Great Vespers—6:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 4th	10th Sunday of Luke, Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m.
Monday, December 5th	Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m. (Holy Cross Church) Great Vespers at St. Nicholas—7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 6th	Orthros & Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas, Oak Lawn—9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, December 7th	Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m. (Holy Cross Church)
Thursday, December 8th	Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m. (Holy Cross Church)
Friday, December 9th	Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m. (Holy Cross Church) * Holy Unction—7:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 10th	Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m. (Holy Cross Church) * Great Vespers—6:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 11th	11th Sunday of Luke, Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m. Feast Day of Saint Spyridon, Hierarchical Great Vespers—7:00 p.m.
Monday, December 12th	St. Spyridon the Wonderworker, Orthros & Hierarchical Divine Liturgy—8 a.m.
Tuesday, December 13th	Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m.
Wednesday, December 14th	Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m.
Thursday, December 15th	St. Eleftherios—Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m.
Friday, December 16th	Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m.
Saturday, December 17th	Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m. * Great Vespers—6:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 18th	Sunday before Nativity—Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m.
Monday, December 19th	Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m. (Holy Cross Church)* Paraklesis—6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 20th	Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m. (Holy Cross Church)
Wednesday, December 21st	Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m. (Holy Cross Church)
Thursday, December 22nd	Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m. (Holy Cross Church)
Friday, December 23rd	Royal Hours—8:00 a.m.
Saturday, December 24th	Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m. * Great Vespers—6:00 p.m.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25th	CHRISTMAS DAY—Orthros & Liturgy of St. Basil—8:00 a.m.
Tuesday, December 27th	St. Stephen the First Martyr—Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m.
Saturday, December 31st	Great Vespers—6:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 1st	New Years Day, Our Lord's Circumcision * Saint Basil the Great, Orthros, St. Basil's Divine Liturgy and Doxology for the New Year — 8:00 a.m.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Archangels Academy Byz. Music—6:30 pm GOYA & Jr. GOYA 7pm	2 Greek School—4:30 p.m.	3 Christmas Bazaar
4 Sunday School Christmas Bazaar	5 Archangels Greek School-4:30 pm	6 Archangels Academy Cherubs—10:00 a.m.	7 Archangels Academy Bible Study—11:00 a.m. Byz. Music—6 pm Iconography - 6 pm	8 Archangels Academy Byz. Music—6:30 pm Parish Council—7:30 pm	9 Gr. School - 4:30 p.m. (Parent -Teacher Conference)	10 Handmaidens—10a.m. Altar Boy Meeting— 11:30am
11 Sunday School Feast of St. Spyridon Hierarchical Vespers @ 7:00 p.m.	12 Feast of St. Spyridon Orthros & Divine Liturgy @ 8:00 a.m. Archangels Greek School-4:30 pm	13 Archangels Academy Cherubs—10:00 a.m.	14 Archangels Academy Bible Study—10:30 a.m. Byz. Music—6 pm Iconography - 6 pm	15 Archangels Academy Byz. Music—6:30 pm GOYA & Jr. GOYA 7pm	16 Greek School—4:30 p.m. P.T.A. meeting—5 p.m.	17 Christmas Rehearsal Pageant
18 Christmas Pageant Metropolis Open House	19 Archangels Greek School-4:30 pm Greek Bible Study- 7pm	20 Archangels Academy Cherubs—10:00 a.m.	21 Archangels Academy Bible Study—10:30 a.m. Byz. Music—6 pm Iconography - 6 pm	22 Archangels Academy (p.m. only) Byz. Music—6:30 pm	23 GOYA Caroling—5pm	24
25 Christmas Day	26	27 Altar Boy Day Philoptochos Christmas Party	28	29	30 Set-up for Community New Year's Eve Dinner Dance	31 New Year's Eve Dinner Dance



ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΙΕΡΩΝ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΩΝ

Πέμπτη 1 Δεκεμβρίου	Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ.
Παρασκευή 2 Δεκεμβρίου	Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ.
Σάββατο 3 Δεκεμβρίου	Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ. * Εσπερινός—6:00 μ.μ.
Κυριακή 4 Δεκεμβρίου	10η Κυριακή του Λουκά -Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ.
Δευτέρα 5 Δεκεμβρίου	Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ. (I.N. Τιμίου Σταυρού)
Τρίτη 6 Δεκεμβρίου	Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία—8:30 π.μ. (I.N. Αγίου Νικολάου)
Τετάρτη 7 Δεκεμβρίου	Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ. (I.N. Τιμίου Σταυρού)
Πέμπτη 8 Δεκεμβρίου	Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ. (I.N. Τιμίου Σταυρού)
Παρασκευή 9 Δεκεμβρίου	Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ. (I.N. Τ. Σταυρού) - Ευχέλαιο—7:00 μ.μ.
Σάββατο 10 Δεκεμβρίου	Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ. (I.N. Τιμίου Σταυρού) Εσπερινός—6:00 μ.μ.
Κυριακή 11 Δεκεμβρίου	11η Κυριακή του Λουκά -Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ. Αρχιερατικός Εσπερινός Αγίου Σπυρίδωνος—7:00 μ.μ.
Δευτέρα 12 Δεκεμβρίου	Όρθρος και Αρχιερατική Θεία Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ.
Τρίτη 13 Δεκεμβρίου	Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ.
Τετάρτη 14 Δεκεμβρίου	Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ.
Πέμπτη 15 Δεκεμβρίου	Αγίου Ελευθερίου -Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ.
Παρασκευή 16 Δεκεμβρίου	Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ.
Σάββατο 17 Δεκεμβρίου	Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ. * Εσπερινός—6:00 μ.μ.
Κυριακή 18 Δεκεμβρίου	Κυριακή προ των Χριστουγέννων -Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία— 8:00 π.μ.
Δευτέρα 19 Δεκεμβρίου	Όρθρος & Θ. Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ. (I.N. Τ. Σταυρού) * Παράκληση—6:30 μ.μ.
Τρίτη 20 Δεκεμβρίου	Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ. (I.N. Τιμίου Σταυρού)
Τετάρτη 21 Δεκεμβρίου	Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ. (I.N. Τιμίου Σταυρού)
Πέμπτη 22 Δεκεμβρίου	Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ. (I.N. Τιμίου Σταυρού)
Παρασκευή 23 Δεκεμβρίου	Ακολουθία Βασιλικών Ωρών—8:00 π.μ.
Σάββατο 24 Δεκεμβρίου	Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ. * Εσπερινός—6:00 μ.μ.
Κυριακή 25 Δεκεμβρίου	ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΑ -Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ.
Τρίτη 27 Δεκεμβρίου	Αγίου Στεφάνου, Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ.
Σάββατο 31 Ιανουαρίου	Μέγας Εσπερινός—6:00 μ.μ.
Κυριακή 1 Ιανουαρίου	Η κατά σάρκα περιτομή του Κυρίου και Σωτήρος ημών Ιησού Χριστού, Όρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία, Αρτοκλασία και Δοξολογία— 8:00 π.μ.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 3rd & 4h—Christmas Craft Show
- Dec. 8th—Parish Council Meeting
- Dec. 11th & 12th—St. Spyridon's Feast Day
- Dec. 18th—Metropolis Open House
- Dec. 18th—Christmas Pageant
- Dec. 23rd—GOYA Caroling
- Dec. 25th—CHRISTMAS DAY
- Dec. 27th—Altar Boy Day
- Dec. 27th—Philoptochos Christmas Party
- Dec. 31st—New Year's Eve Dinner Dance
- Jan. 8th—Community & Metropolis

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