

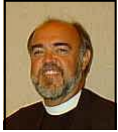


ASCENSION OF OUR LORD GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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From Father Jim's Study...

PLANT THE SEED - NURTURE IT - AND WATCH IT GROW!

I recently read an article in the latest addition of the Project Mexico newsletter, written by their new Executive Director. He wrote of how his first mission trip to the Tijuana/Rosarita areas of Mexico, where he visited the St. Innocent Orphanage and helped build a modest weather tight home for residents in the area, was life changing. It was such a "life changing experience" that he was led on a path the Lord laid before him, to eventually become the Executive Director of Project Mexico, and intends to make his life's work and ministry in this most necessary and blessed mission field.

Where did this young man come from? How did he get involved? This young man, who now directs Project Mexico, is a convert to the Orthodox Faith and came from a small town in Canada. When his family came to Orthodoxy through Chrismation, he was encouraged to get involved in Altar service as an acolyte, eventually got involved in his youth group and grew up in a loving and very supportive Orthodox Christian home. In his teen years, his desire to serve the Lord, of whom he was still in the process of developing a closer relationship, grew and he eventually found himself going on a mission trip through Project Mexico and landed in Tijuana. The rest, as we say, is history!

When we read about the Parable of the Sower and see how different ways seed may or may not take hold in its environment and how the seed that is planted in fertile soil is the only seed planted that actually yields good fruits - we learn from this beautiful story the valuable lesson of how we can become sowers who plant good seeds - within our family and within our lives as Christians. The parents of this young man obviously had the seed of God's Word planted within them from their early Christian roots, which eventually led them to



Our Goyans packed and sent 17 care packages to our Ascension College Freshmen. We thank the Goyans for the bags and bags of food and snacks they brought. Great job!

Orthodoxy. Through their exposure and new found dedication to the Faith, they, in turn planted these seeds of God's Word, through Christ's example, within their children and family. He has grown up now, not only the with the fruits of the seedlings that were planted within him, but now he himself has become a sower of seeds - working with the orphans at St. Innocent and helping hundreds of families rebuild their lives with the homes Project Mexico builds.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, this is how the seed of God's Word works - it takes one person at a time to gather the seeds of our Faith, trust in God and exemplify the love of the Lord Jesus Christ. Then, one goes about planting that seed - *"and some fell into good soil, and grew, yielding a hundredfold"*. Well how did that seed grow? Christ explained the entire process in this parable, He said: *"The seed is the Word of God . . . The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the Word, receive it with Joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature."*

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OUR STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES	PARISH REGISTRY
<p>Rev. Fr. James S. Gordon, Prototropesbyter <u>Parish Ministry Team</u></p> <p>Acolytes: Fr. James Gordon, Alex Magdalinos Bookstore: Senior Synaxis Members Chanters: Kosta Buhler, George Houppis, Paul Lillios, Alex Magdalinos, Nick Papastratakos, Isidoros Xilas Choir Director: Please speak with Fr. Jim if interested. Custodian: Marian Janowski Greek School Director: Maria Theodoropulu GOYA: Alex Magdalinos, Carol Stamas, Maria Vlahos JOY & Jr. GOYA: Alex Magdalinos, Nick Treantafeles Maria Vlahos, Stephanie Voelker Koliva: Patricia Metropoulos LOGOS: Fr. James Gordon, Alex Magdalinos Office Secretary: Kay James Office Volunteer: Maita Houppis Parish Council: Harold Anagnos (<i>President</i>), Bill Athenson, Robert Buhler, Nicholas Gatsis, George Houppis (<i>Asst. Treasurer</i>), Doug Hugdahl (<i>Treasurer</i>), George Kartsimas, Thomas Kiriakos (<i>Vice-President</i>), Bob Mantzoros, Nicholas Marino, Alex Marx, George Mouzakiotis, Thomas Papastefan, Nick Papastratakos, Carol Stamas (<i>Secretary</i>), Tom Vabakos, Peter Venetos Pastoral Assistant: Alex Magdalinos Philoptochos President: Patricia Metropoulos Senior Synaxis Coordinators: Christ and Dee Christ Sunday Church School Director: Mia Connolly Toddlers & Parents: Maria Bolos</p>	<p><u>40-DAY BLESSINGS</u></p> <p>09/12/10 Daughter of Evangelia & Demetrios Mariolas 10/03/10 Son of Kathryn & Nick Kachoris 10/31/10 Daughter of Argy and Fred Hamburg</p> <p><u>BAPTISMS/CHRISMATIONS</u></p> <p>10/02/10 <i>Twins:</i> Alexandra Eleni Attia and Nicolette Michelle Attia, Daughters of Michael Attia and Kathy Pappas <i>Sponsors: Eleni & Angelo Kostarides and Sophia Malakalis & Paula Alexakis</i></p> <p>10/03/10 Arianna Stevens, Daughter of Peter and Effie Stevens <i>Sponsor: Maria Metropulos</i></p> <p>10/10/10 Nikolas Lilic, Son of Brad & Maria Lilic <i>Sponsor: Despina Aviotis</i></p> <p><u>MEMORIALS</u></p> <p>9/04/10 Aristotelis Kalis (50 years), beloved father of Olga & Valerie Kalis. 09/26/10 Phyllis Chilis (6 months), beloved wife of Tom Chilis and beloved sister of Fr. Jim (Presbytera Nasia) Gordon. 10/10/10 Eleni Kerasiotis-Varzakakou, beloved sister of Katerina (Vasilis) Kosmas 10/24/10 William (Vasilios) Papastefan (3 years), beloved brother of Tom (Valerie) Papastefan <i>May their memory be eternal.</i></p>

Our Senior Synaxis cordially invites you to their annual:

FALL INTO
CHRISTMAS
BAZAAR

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2010
10:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2010
9:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

- COME, BROWSE AND PURCHASE OUR UNIQUE COLLECTION OF BEAUTIFUL CRAFTS AND BOUTIQUE ITEMS FROM OUR NUMEROUS VENDORS.
- FIND THE PERFECT GIFT FOR FRIENDS OR FAMILY MEMBERS.
- ENJOY OUR DELICIOUS FOOD AND TOP IT OFF WITH A SELECTION FROM OUR FABULOUS HOMEMADE GREEK PASTRIES. ("CARRY-OUT" AS WELL.)

Expanded vendor area this year, with many more items to choose from!

Youth News.

Information for ALL our youth and educational ministries.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE - All of our young people should have received empty shopping bags to fill and return for the drive sponsored by our Philoptochos. You have always done an amazing job bringing in food and helping those in need. Let's all do our part to fill those bags! Bags need to be returned by **Monday, November 15th**. They will be put into baskets by our Goyans that evening. Philoptochos is also asking for monetary donations to buy gift cards for grocery stores as well.



POINSETTIA SALE - If you love to decorate your home with beautiful poinsettia flowers for Christmas, then you will love the fact that you can purchase them right here at Church and at the same time support our Joy/Jr. Goya fundraiser. Orders will be taken on Sundays beginning **November 14th**. Plants will be ready for pick-up on **Sunday, December 12th!**

CONSTRUCTION ZONE - No, not the new roundabout up the road! Calling all home builders age young and above...come and "build" your own gingerbread house on **Saturday, December 4th** at Church. Actually you won't build, but decorate a gingerbread house and it won't be work, but fun! Our Goyans, along with Maria Vlahos, our general contractor, will be available after Church on Sunday to reserve your "pre-fabbed" houses and work zone.



PARISH FAMILY ICE-SKATING - This is a parish-wide event open to everyone - yes, everyone. Children, young adults, parents, papous, yiayias, young at heart, etc... Join us for this family-friendly event on **Monday, December 27th** from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Centennial Ice Arena in Highland Park. We will have plenty of food and we will have the rink for a two hour period. Come one, come all. There will also be a hockey "shoot-out" for prizes. More information to come, as the date gets closer.



OUR JOY, JR. GOYA AND GOYA WILL VISIT the Greek American Rehabilitation Center in Wheeling on **Monday, December 13th** for Christmas caroling. The residents are always thrilled to have visitors. We will also present them with a little craft that our Joy/Jr. Goya will be making at Church. We meet there at **5:30 p.m.** and after our visit, end with pizza for all. Sibling, parents or grandparents are welcome to join us. Dress for Christmas and get those voices warmed up from now!



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

Following Divine Liturgy



DON'T FORGET...

ACOLYTE MEETING AND PIZZA PARTY
Sunday, November 14th
(after Divine Liturgy)

ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION
Sunday, December 5th
(after Divine Liturgy)

GREEK SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
Tuesday, December 14th - 4:45 p.m.

TODDLERS & PARENTS

We enjoyed a beautiful fall day, this past September on our outing to Didier Farms' petting zoo and pumpkin patch! Thanks to all who attended! See pictures on page 4. If you have a toddler, please join us for a lesson, craft, snack and socialization on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. We meet from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at the church. Questions? Please contact Maria Bolos at (847) 398-2656 or mariabolos31@yahoo.com. **Upcoming lessons:**

November 17th - The Censer
December 1st - St. Nicholas
December 15th - Nativity of Our Lord

FAITH

ASCENSION GOYA

Don't forget that on **Tuesday, December 7th** we will be going to Feed My Starving Children in Schaumburg.

We will meet at Church at 5:00 p.m. SHARP in order to be there by 6:00 p.m. We will be done by 7:30 p.m. and then head back to Church at that time.

It is important that you don't forget to RSVP ASAP for this event. We have a limited amount of spaces open!

Check it out...
www.fmsc.org



PARISH NEWS

- Our sincere condolences to:
 - Katerina (Vasilios) Kosmas**, whose beloved sister Eleni Kerasiotis fell asleep in the Lord on September 3rd. The funeral took place in Greece.
 - Kathy (Nick) Papastratakos, Maria (Robert) Anderson and Debbie (Jim) Coan**, whose beloved father Peter (Panayiotis Geannopoulos) fell asleep in the Lord on September 18th. The funeral took place at SS Peter & Paul Church on September 21st.
 - Julie (Ken) Timmons**, whose beloved father Angelo Roussos fell asleep in the Lord on September 30th. The funeral took place in Athens, Greece on October 8th.
 - Steven (Caroline) Koclanes**, whose beloved father Charles (Konstantinos) Koclanes fell asleep in the Lord on October 2nd. The funeral took place at the Assumption Church in Chicago on Wednesday, October 6th.
 - Mike (Ellen) Kaitson**, whose beloved mother Helen Kaitson fell asleep in the Lord on October 31st. The funeral took place at St. Nectarios in Palatine on Thursday, November 4th.

May their memory be eternal!
- Thank you to all those who supported our Parish Golf Outing held this past September. God blessed us with a beautiful day and even the sprinkling of rain we had, passed very quickly. We hope all those who attended enjoyed a day of Fellowship and Golfing. Financial results will be available in an upcoming November bulletin.
- Please mark your calendars December 4th for the "Gingerbread Decorating" project - it's a lot of fun for children and also for parents! See "Youth News" on page 5 for more details.
- With Christmas approaching, a lot of events are scheduled to take place! Firstly, on **December 6th**, we will celebrate the **feast of St. Nicholas** and, as always, we will have a very special visitor - our own *Santa!* On **Saturday, December 11th**, all our Sunday School children, will have a dress **rehearsal for the Pageant**. Rehearsal will take place from 8:45 a.m. through 11:00 a.m. **On Sunday, December 12th, the Christmas Pageant** will take place - time for parents, grandparents and family to take lots of pictures and be proud of our children!
- Also, let us not forget other events that will take place:
 - December 12th, Sunday - Metropolis of Chicago Open House (40 East Burton Place, Chicago)
 - December 14th, Tuesday - Greek School Christmas Program
 - December 16th, Thursday - Philoptochos Christmas Party
 - December 19th, Sunday - General Assembly
 - December 24th, Friday - Christmas Eve - Vespers @ 5:00 p.m.
 - December 25th, Saturday - Christmas Day - Orthros @ 8:00 a.m. and Divine Liturgy @ 9:00 a.m.
 - December 27th, Monday - Parish Family Ice Skating @ Centennial Arena in Highland Park
 - December 30th, Thursday - Senior Synaxis Christmas Party @ Country Squire in Grayslake
 - December 31st, Friday - New Year's Eve - Orthros @ 5:00 p.m. and Divine Liturgy @ 6:00 p.m.
- If anyone is interested in donating the flowers that will decorate the Icons for Christmas and the Icon of Holy Epiphany on January 6th, please call the Church Office and speak to Kay James (847) 482-1200. At the same time, we need donations for the Christmas wreaths and the poinsettias that every year decorate the inside of the Church. We all enjoy, not only the beautiful wreaths and flowers, but also the fresh smell of pine.



Our youth ministry and educational programs all started up in September.

(Top left): Our Toddlers visit to Didier Farms aboard the "Cool Bus".

(Bottom left): Fr. Jim speaks to the Greek School Children after an Agiasmos Service to start off the year.

(Above): Our Joy/Jr. Goyans had sometime to enjoy the late summer weather on their first day meeting.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Thank you very much to everyone who donated dresses, shoes, make up, purses and jewelry to the Glass Slipper Project. We collected over 60 dresses, 2 dozen pairs of shoes, 1 dozen purses, a handful of jewelry and a ton of make up.



Please mark your calendars!



+ We will be honoring Philoptochos' Patron Saints, Saints Cosmas and Damianos on **Sunday, November 7th** with an Artoclasia. We will also be having a collection for the Patriarchate and we will host coffee hour. If you would like to bring something, please let Antigone Zaverdas know.

+ During the **month of November** we have traditionally collected food for needy Orthodox families through Hellenic Family Services, this year is no different. Don't forget to get a bag in the fellowship area or make a monetary donation so gift cards can be purchased. Food and donations must be returned by Monday, November 15th.

+ **Fall Bake Sale** - Orders will be taken through November 14th. Look for more information in the fellowship Hall or speak with either Angela Fourlas or Diane Maroudas.



+ Our next general meeting will be **Thursday, November 18th** at the home of Kathie and David Rutkowski featuring **Chef Steven Harty**. He will give us some tips on how to make our Thanksgiving dinners even better. Fellowship begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by a meeting and the cooking presentation at 7:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Maria Vlahos at (224) 688-0214 or smileygrk@gmail.com. Fliers with more information are available in the Fellowship Hall at Church.

+ We will celebrate **St. Nicholas Day on Sunday, December 5th** with a special guest and we will host coffee hour. We will also be collecting **new and/gently used coats** which will be given to a local shelter as we try and keep Chicago warm this winter. If you would like to contribute to coffee hour, please let Antigone Zaverdas know.



+ Stay tuned for more information about our upcoming fundraiser. We will be selling "Cloud 9" Candles.

+ **Sunday, December 12th is the Metropolis of Chicago annual Open House, all are welcome to attend.**

Questions and Answers: In the 2010 Newsletters we will be featuring "Questions & Answers" articles taken from *The Orthodox Church: 455 Questions & Answers* written by Fr. Stanley S. Harakas. If you would like a topic addressed, please let us know, THANKS!
- The Newsletter Staff

Q: How does the Orthodox Church declare a person a saint?

A: It is, of course, different to be a saint (or saintly), and to be declared a saint. All Saints Sunday, at the end of the Easter Liturgical Cycle, shows us that the Church recognizes that not all saints, in the sense of those who fully lived the Christian life, have been recognized by the Church. Nevertheless, there are thousands of persons who have been acknowledged by the Church as saints and who have found their way into the various general and local calendars of the Orthodox Church.

The vast majority of these saints were acknowledged as saints by the living experience of the believers, who worshipped and prayed through the centuries in each local parish. The point of this statement is that "the Church" we are talking about here is not restricted to the "official Church," consisting of Bishops and Archbishops in formal synodical meetings. The "Church as the People of God," is what we are talking about.

Thus, in a very natural and unforced way, the vast majority of saints on our calendar were "acknowledged" by the clergy and the people of Church, as a result of a shared knowledge, conviction, experience, and reputation of a particular Christian's life which was seen as exemplary. Usually, the process starts in the town or region where a saintly Christian lives. After their deaths, people begin to remember their holy lives, martyrdom, spiritual wisdom, moral example, etc. Some may, on their own, begin to ask for the saintly person's intercessions and then report to others details of answered prayers. A priest, monk, bishop or other hymnographer then may write a hymn or even a service in honor of the saint. This may remain only a local observance. Some saints are then honored in a region, but no place else. Others may become recognized in a national Church, such as the Church of Greece, or Romania. Other saints are recognized and honored throughout the whole Orthodox world, such as St. John Chrysostom, St. Basil, and St. Gregory the Theologian, who are known as the Three Great Hierarchs.

In recent times, some saints have also been "declared" saints by synods of various local Churches. Usually, however, these official declarations merely confirm what is already in the consciousness of the Church. Thus, within the last century or so, St. Nektarios and St. Nikodemos of the Holy Mountain were declared saints by the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece.

FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Dear Fellow Parishioners,



The Bible speaks in many places of giving with a generous and grateful heart, and giving a generous portion of all we possess to benefit others. We all have so much to give...our time, our talents, our treasures, and our commitment to work for that which is important to us. We are each called to share what we have in service to others, knowing that ours are God's only hands and feet in the world. We are individuals, each on a unique spiritual journey, who join together to form a warm and wonderful faith community. In common language, "stewardship" simply means taking good care of one's belongings. But at The Ascension of Our Lord, when we talk about stewardship, we mean something more than that.

As Orthodox Christians, we believe that humans don't really own anything, per se. God has created all things; everything we "own" is really "on loan" from God. From this perspective, then, stewardship means taking care of God's gifts. And the blessings that God has given us are meant not only for us, but for others as well. As strange as it seems, being a good steward of these gifts involves giving them away. As we learn from Jesus' life, self-giving is the road to true happiness. And so, at The Ascension of Our Lord, we seek to share of our gifts of Time, Talent and Treasures...

- **Stewardship of Time** -- Ministry involvement can be a challenge, with hectic work schedules and family life, we all need time to relax and exercise, but we also need to rejuvenate ourselves through service. Reaching out in love to others, while sometimes difficult, is nonetheless spiritually enriching. In fact, it is a necessary part of the Orthodox Christian life.
- **Stewardship of Talent** -- Stewardship of talent calls us to search out our given talents, nurture them, and help them to grow, and then share them with others.
- **Stewardship of Treasures** -- Financial support is certainly the most misunderstood aspect of stewardship. Like any family, Ascension of Our Lord has many expenses. But stewardship is not about asking for financial support to meet expenses. We are asked to give to God from our first fruits, not because collections are down, or because utility bills are high...but because we want to...out of faith...out of thanks.

Stewardship calls us to do more for God by doing more for our parish. It is the true challenge of the Orthodox Faith to make an offering that symbolically and in actuality expresses God's place in your life. Most of us find this the most challenging part of stewardship, because although we know it to be true, it can be hard to live. Stewardship challenges us to build our parish, so we might build the kingdom of God. In closing, we ask that you take time to pray on these important matters and give with your heart as we enter into our Fall Stewardship drive.

Yours in Christ,

Bob Mantzoros - Stewardship Committee



Ascension of Our Lord

**GOLF
OUTING
2010**

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And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring fruit with patience."

Planting the seed of the Word of God within an Orthodox Christian home takes more than just tossing it out there and hoping that the seed "catches". Planting that seed - planting the Word of God - takes **nurturing, caring, living and breathing** one's **Faith in Jesus Christ**. In our case, as Orthodox Christians, we not only become the **nurtured** but the **nurturers!** Many of you have come to a point in your life when you are not just the nurtured, even though we all continue to need nurturing from the Lord to keep our lives fresh and motivated; but we also have become the nurturers, those who plant the seed, the Word of God, within our families, plant that Holy Seed within your children, by actively reaching out to the Church to Baptize, educate, and encourage our child's participation in the life of the Church. The formula is very simple in becoming a gardener of the soul - **Plant The Seed - Nurture It and Watch It Grow!**

Some of the parents who had graduating high school seniors this past spring, matriculate to college or work this fall, I am confident, can best relate to this Gospel parable. This particular group of young adults who graduated this past spring were mere toddlers in the infancy of this parish. They were among one of the first Pre-K to Kindergarten Sunday Church School classes that grew up within this parish - those of whom participated in our entire Church's religious educational curriculum - and following their Sunday Church school days, attended our youth group activities, served in the altar, participated in Christmas pageants, participated in retreats and service projects, came to Confession, and regularly participated in the Sacramental life of the Church. These young people were given the seeds of the Word of God, first from their parents - who not only brought them to Church, but became actively involved in this parish. As that seed was planted, it was nurtured in the foundation and good soil provided by this Church - through your Stewardship. From the Sunday Church School teachers, through our Youth Workers, to whatever humble influences of their parish priest, these young people grew in that Word and are now "in the world" living more independently of their parents and this Church. It is our prayer for them that they do not forget where they were raised and that they will return to us

very soon - with the knowledge of their educational and life's experiences that will later become the next generation of "sowers of the seed" - "sowers of the Word of God" - so that the generations to follow will be given the same opportunities to grow and mature in the Word of God. Many of you have planted the seed, you have nurtured it and watched it grow! But are your sowing efforts completed? Are any of our sowing efforts ever completed? The answer to these questions is never!

All of us have the moral, ethical and Christian responsibility to continue to be "sowers of the seed", "sowers of the Word of God". And how do we go about doing this? By continuing to live the life of the Orthodox Christian you have committed to within the framework of this Church. By continuing to be the active and contributing Stewards of this parish that the majority of you have been all of these years. Unfortunately, we currently have over fifty families who have yet to make their Stewardship Pledge for this year, 2010, in support of the ministries of this parish. I am confident that the majority of those families will "come on board" and renew that stewardship commitment to this Church. I am certainly aware and personally understand that times have been very tough for many families, and that asking for any form, large or small, of a financial contribution may create a hardship. Nevertheless, some form of financial contribution in support of this Church, should attempt to be made. It also should be noted that offering one's time and talents can most certainly and most appreciatively replace one's inability to support this Church than through a larger financial contribution.

Needless to say, the greatest contribution is giving the members of your family the opportunity to participate in the ministries of this Church. The original intent when we started this parish was to make the Church "the center of one's life". Is that still our priority? Are we still sowers of the seed? Are we still sowers of the Word of God? We have seen friends and family fall prey to the rocky, dry and thorny soil the Lord referred to in the parable of the sower. Will we continue to allow this to happen? We must come to rededicate ourselves, to continue our nurturing of the soil and rededicate ourselves to a better sense of our stewardship within our homes and our Church. Once we do that, we will indeed see the seeds we plant grow and flourish. This is my prayer for this parish - I pray it is your prayer as well.



SENIOR SYNAXIS CHRISTMAS DINNER
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2010
12:00 NOON
AT THE COUNTRY SQUIRE, GRAYSLAKE



WORSHIP SERVICES	PARISH INFORMATION
<p align="center">Sunday Orthros: 8:15 a.m. Sunday Church School: 9:15 a.m. Sunday Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p align="center">Ascension of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church 1207 Riverwoods Road Lincolnshire, IL 60069 Phone: (847) 482-1200 Fax: (847) 482-9566 Website: www.ascensiongoc.com Fr. James S. Gordon, Protopresbyter Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.</p>
<p align="center">+ ST. NECTARIOS +</p>	<p align="center">DATES TO REMEMBER...</p>
<p align="center">Tuesday, November 9th 8:00 a.m. Orthros/9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy <i>Vespers at 7:00 p.m. on Nov. 8th at St. Nectarios, Palatine</i></p>	<p align="center">Friday, November 12th to Saturday, November 13th Senior Synaxis “Fall into Christmas” Bazaar & Bake Sale</p>
<p align="center">+ ST. KATHERINE THE GREAT MARTYR +</p>	<p align="center">Monday, November 15th Thanksgiving Food Collection Bags are due</p>
<p align="center">Thursday, November 25th <i>Vespers at 7:00 p.m. on November 24th and Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m., both at Assumption Church, Chicago</i></p>	<p align="center">Sunday, December 5th St. Nicholas Celebration</p>
<p align="center">+ ST. ANDREW THE FIRST-CALLED +</p>	<p align="center">Sunday, December 12th Christmas Pageant Joy/Jr. Goya Poinsettia Sale</p>
<p align="center">Tuesday, November 30th 8:00 a.m. Orthros/9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy <i>Vespers at 7:00 p.m. on Nov. 29th at St. Andrew, Chicago</i></p>	<p align="center">Metropolis of Chicago Open House - 5:00 p.m.</p>
<p align="center">ANALYSIS NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p align="center">Sunday, December 19th GENERAL ASSEMBLY</p>
<p><i>Deadline for January/February Newsletter: December 10th</i> Please submit all information to Kay James in the Church Office or via e-mail at kay.james@sbcglobal.net.</p>	

PLEASE SEE UPCOMING CALENDAR FOR SERVICES IN DECEMBER 2010

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