

## Worship Services



Orthros 9:15 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.  
Priest: Fr. Tom Pistolis

**Choir Director:** Fanya Paouris  
**Organist:** Mary Koutroulias  
**Chanters:** Sotiris Basilakos, Tony Thermos, Forrest Palmer, David Bowden, John Blackstone, Tim Demas

### WEEKDAY SERVICES -

Eve of Nativity: Saturday, Dec. 24 –  
Orthros 9 A.M. – Liturgy 10 A.M.

**NATIVITY of Our Lord:** Sunday, Dec. 25 –  
Orthros 9 A.M. – Liturgy 10 A.M.

### Sunday, December 18

**Altar Boys:** Team Saint Dimitrios - John Cannon, leader, Chris Pourlos, Dimitri Kakouras, C J Asmus

**Nursery:** Eddie & Chrissy Adams

**Narthex:** Jimmy Georgiades, John Sfiris, Tom Mantekas, Bill Stathakis, Charles Joiner

**Greeter:** Cathy Bowden

**Coffee Servers:** Yiota Chatos

### Sunday, December 25

**Altar Boys:** Michael Wade, leader, Michael Zographos, Ian Conits, Jimmy Palmer

**Nursery:** FAMILY SUNDAY – NO NURSERY

**Narthex:** Gus Stathos, Jimmy Melehes, George Manos, John Kiriakides, Harry Zolides

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

**Friday, December 16th** - In the Cathedral 4:30pm (this practice is only for the primary parts. No Angel Choir).

**Sunday, December 18th** - During Liturgy the Angel Choir will rehearse in the small hall. After Liturgy the Pageant will begin. If you have questions you may call Lena Trekas @ 292-8272 Or Frances Pappas @ 313-1215.

**GREEK SCHOOL** Christmas Party scheduled for Thursday, December 15 in the small hall of the Hellenic Center.

**CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES** are included in this bulletin. Traditionally, Christmas is the time to offer gifts to loved ones to express our feelings for them. It is also the time when we celebrate the arrival of the Son of God into this world. God offered His most precious gift to us. It is appropriate for us to offer something for Him. Through the Christmas envelope, those who wish may make a donation to the church as an offering of gratitude for past blessings. As we have done every year, we will acknowledge the names in a list included in the bulletin. Thank you for your thoughts.

## DAUGHTERS OF EVRYTANIA

would like to express our deepest sympathy to our sister, Niki Kythas for the sudden death of her beloved husband, Pete. We will pray for his eternal rest.

Many thanks to hostesses Maggie Athas, Frances Demas, Ourania Zaharopoulos, Eleni Davarinos, Demetra Demas and a special thanks to Fay Chulkas for a fun and successful Christmas Party. **Next meeting Wednesday, January 11, 2006** at 7pm in the small hall of the Hellenic Center.

## DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

**Christmas Party, Thursday, December 15, 2005** at Demetra Demas home at **6:00pm**. All Daughters are asked to bring a gift no more than \$15.00 to exchange.

**Washington Center Christmas Party Friday, December 16 at 10 A.M.** Please make plans to attend.

## DEEPEST SYMPATHY

to the family of Pete Kythas, beloved husband of Niki and father of Helen, Valentina and Leon P. Mr. Kythas fell asleep on Wednesday, November 30. We extend to the family our prayers of support, and we ask God to grant peace to the soul of His servant, Pete. May his memory be eternal.

## PARACLETOS MONASTERY

### APPRECIATION LUNCHEON January 22 after Liturgy.

We are blessed to have a Cathedral, the Diakonia Center and a Monastery so close by. These are all places to enhance and keep our Faith and heritage. The Velouchi Society is donating the food and will serve the meal. In addition to their generous support, our AHEPA organization is also sponsoring this event. Our GOYAnS will assist and the Troupe Adelpia Choir will bless us with a Byzantine Hymn. If you would like to help with this event, please contact Charlie Joiner, 254-0150 (cjoiner@mac.com), or Bill Stathakis, 221-0170 (bill29621@lycos.com).

All the proceeds of the luncheon will be committed to building the first chapel at the Monastery, which is to be dedicated to the Panagia Soumela. Currently the Sisters of the Monastery do not have a place of worship. For more information on the Monastery go to the Monastery web site [www.greekorthodoxmonastery.org](http://www.greekorthodoxmonastery.org) and come to the luncheon to learn more about our rich monastic tradition in the Orthodox Church.

## THE INCARNATION OF CHRIST



On December 25th we celebrate the incarnation of Christ. This is one of the most joyful days in the Orthodox Church second to the celebration of Pascha.

In the Creed we recite, we proclaim that Jesus Christ "was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became Man. Thus the eternal Word of God took on our human nature and fulfilled the Old Testament prophesy of Isaiah: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14).

### JESUS CHRIST REVEALED THAT WHICH HAD ONLY BEEN PARTIALLY REVEALED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT...

formerly He appeared to Moses and to the other prophets in the form of fire or as a bodiless being; but now, by a virgin and by the will of the Father, He has become man... (Saint Justin the Martyr)

### BY LIKENING HIMSELF TO US...

He became man and dwelt bodily in the flesh... In the body He experienced hunger, thirst, suffering, weariness and the like... The flesh was His... He carries our infirmities and He Himself bears our sins, so that it might be revealed that He has become man for the sake of us, and that the body in which He bore our sins is His own body. (Saint Athanasius)

### HE RENEWS THE IMAGE OF GOD IN US...

Man abandoned God and fashioned images carved after the human form. Since an image of man was falsely worshipped as God, God became truly man so that the falsehood might be destroyed... The Lord took on our likeness so that He might give us an even greater grace, so that sinful mankind might become a partaker of God. (Saint Cyril of Jerusalem)

### ...AND LIKENES US TO HIMSELF.

You will follow the only true and reliable teacher, the Word of God, Jesus Christ our Lord, who, because of His great love, became what we are so that He might bring us to be what He Himself is. (Saint Irenaeus of Lyons)

### BY UNITING US TO HIMSELF...

He became Man, having been conceived according to the will of God the Father, for the sake of believing men and for the defeat of the demons. (Saint Justin the Martyr)

### ...HE SERVES AS OUR MODEL.

The Word is the cause of our beginning and of our well-being, for He is God. And now this same Word has appeared as man. He alone is both God and Man... By Him we are taught to live well and to enter into life eternal. (Saint Clement of Alexandria)



**Philoptochos  
Saint Barbara  
Celebration  
Luncheon**



# Building Through Our Faith



## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MOVES FORWARD

### OUR MISSION

To build a vibrant and growing Orthodox Christian community characterized by faith and love, joined together as the Body of Christ for the Salvation of All.

### ROOMS ALREADY COMMITTED:

Conference - Kay/Harry/Stella Bobotis,  
 Priest Office - Anderson Parishioners, Reception --Harry/Stella Bobotis,  
 Elevator - Harry/Stella Bobotis,  
 Sec. Office - Michael/Debbie Kiriakides,  
 Lobby - Nick/Emille Theorodre,  
 Gym or Life Center - AHEPA,  
 Greek School Room - Tom/Aliki Mantekas,  
 Stewardship Office - John/Denise Gandis,  
 School Playground - Cliff/Bunny Gandis  
 Youth Director - Chulkas-Arthur & Faye, Chulkas-Demetrios, Kapoor-Kris/Kathy  
 Work Area - Philoptochos  
 Asst. Priest - Bunny Gandis  
 Nurse Area - Dr. Steve Hamberis, Dr. Pete Manos, Dr. Chris Boukedes,  
 Dr. Charles Kanos, Dr. Greg San.  
 Break Area #1 - Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Demos, Mr. & Mrs. Dean Demos, Mr. & Mrs. John Demos  
 Break Area #2 - Nickolaos Dimopoulos & Paul Makkas  
 Lounge - Paul, Poulia Makkas and Jimmy, Tina, John & Vicky Makkas

Room Name	Amount
Life Center - Gym	\$500,000
Education Building	\$500,000
Lounge	\$200,000
Parking/Festival Area	\$200,000
GOYA Room	\$150,000
School Playground	\$100,000
Nursery A	\$75,000
Nursery B	\$75,000
Book Store	\$100,000
Lounge	\$50,000
Pre K 1	\$100,000
Pre K 2	\$100,000
Pre K 3	\$100,000
Classroom A	\$100,000
Classroom B	\$100,000
Classroom C	\$100,000
Classroom D	\$100,000
Nurse Area	\$25,000
Conference Room	\$25,000
Priest Office	\$25,000
Reception	\$50,000
Elevator	\$30,000
Assistant Priest Office	\$25,000
Greek School Office	\$20,000
Stewardship Office	\$20,000
Youth Director Office	\$20,000
Work Area	\$20,000
Secretary Office	\$20,000
Sunday School Office	\$20,000
Break Area 1	\$20,000
Break Area 2	\$20,000
Lobby	\$100,000

**Total pledges = \$1,095,000**



*“Christ is born! Glorify Him!  
 Christ descends from the heavens,  
 welcome Him!  
 Christ is now on earth, O be jubilant!  
 Sing to the Lord, the whole earth,  
 And sing praises to Him with joy, O ye people,  
 For He has been exalted!”*



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