

VISIONS VISIONS

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
HOLY TAXIARHAI AND SAINT HARALAMBOS
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
7373 CALDWELL AVENUE, NILES, ILLINOIS · 60714
PHONE (847) 647-8880

"Where there is no vision, the people perish." (Proverbs 29:18)

JANUARY 2012 — HAPPY NEW YEAR!

THE NEW PROSKYNTARI OF SAINT HARALAMBOS AT THE ST IAKOVOS CAMP/RETREAT CENTER



pictured above

**Our children visiting the new proskynitari of St Haralambos
during our Christmas Family Retreat on December 3rd**

Schedule of Services

Sunday, January 1—St. Basil the Great (Family Worship)
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

8:30 am—Orthros

9:45 am—Divine Liturgy

Thursday, January 5—Eve of Epiphany

**8:30 am—9th Hour and Vespers Liturgy;
The Great Blessing of the Waters**

Friday, January 6—EPIPHANY

8:30 am—Orthros

**9:45 am—Divine Liturgy and
The Great Blessing of the Waters**

Sunday, January 8

8:15 am—Orthros

9:30 am—Sunday School

9:45 am—Divine Liturgy

Sunday, January 15

8:15 am—Orthros

9:30 am—Sunday School

9:45 am—Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, January 18—Ss. Cyril and Athanasios

8:30 am—Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Sunday, January 22—Godparents Sunday

8:15 am—Orthros

9:45 am—Divine Liturgy

Sunday, January 29

8:15 am—Orthros

9:30 am—Sunday School

9:45 am—Divine Liturgy

Monday, January 30—The Three Hierarchs

8:30 am—Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Our Sister parish of St. Basil in Chicago invites you to Great Vespers at 7:00 pm on Saturday evening, December 31 in honor of St. Basil. (Of course, Liturgy WILL be celebrated at St. Haralambos on Sunday, January 1st!)

Our Sister parish of St. John the Baptist in Des Plaines invites you to Great Vespers at 7:00 pm on Friday evening, January 6 in honor of the Feastday of St. John. (Liturgy will NOT be celebrated at St. Haralambos on Saturday, January 7th.)

SACRAMENTS AND BLESSINGS

BLESSINGS OF INFANTS—Forty days after birth, a child and its mother come to church to receive a 40 Day Blessing, imitating Christ who was presented in the Temple 40 days after He was born. Please call the church office to arrange this blessing.

BAPTISMS—Please call the church office to schedule Baptisms. Plan ahead!—there are some days when Baptisms are not performed. Keep in mind that there should be only one Godparent and that a child is supposed to be given but one name when he or she is baptized.

WEDDINGS—Please arrange an appointment with Fr. Dean at least eight months before the proposed wedding date to allow time for all necessary marriage preparation.

CONFESSION—Confessions are arranged by appointment. Please call the church office to schedule Confession.

MINISTRY TO PERSONS WHO ARE SICK—Orthodox Christians who would like to receive Holy Sacraments but are unable to attend church (hospitalized or at home) should contact the church office so Holy Sacraments can be administered to them.

Please inform the church office if your loved one is hospitalized! Most hospitals no longer inform us when they receive patients from our parish.

MEMORIAL SERVICES—Memorial Services are offered for the eternal rest of persons who have fallen asleep in the Lord. Customarily, these services are offered at 40 days, at 6 months, at 1 year and at 3 years. When three years have passed, the departed are more properly remembered on the Saturdays of the Souls.

DID YOU KNOW?...

OUR CHURCH'S TEACHING ABOUT CREMATION
The New Testament teaches that the body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit. The body is further sanctified by the incarnation of Christ—God becoming Man *in the body*. Consistent with this teaching, the body is an integral part of the whole person, and the Church teaches and expects the resurrection from the dead of the body and the soul, when God's Kingdom comes in its fullness.

The Church considers cremation to be the deliberate desecration and destruction of what God has made, and insists that the body be buried for the natural process to take place.

As the denial of the resurrection, in cases where there is intention for the body of a deceased person to be cremated, a church funeral is not allowed, either in the church, or the Funeral home or any other place. Additionally, memorial services with kolyva are not allowed, since the significance between the "kernel of wheat" and the "body" has been intentionally destroyed.

**I Am the Vine,
You Are the Branches**



2012 STEWARDSHIP

As of December 20,
65 stewards have committed \$48,535.00
for 2012!

Have you become a 2012 Steward yet?

HOLY TAXIARHAI AND SAINT HARALAMBOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

7373 CALDWELL AVENUE, NILES, ILLINOIS 60714
PHONE: 847/647-8880

From Father Dean

January 2012

Dear Stewards and Friends of St. Haralambos,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As we begin this New Year, I would like to thank our advertisers who make our monthly VISIONS Newsletter possible. Please read through our list of sponsors, and patronize them!

After a beautiful celebration of Christmas, the New Year has begun! And we start off with a very busy January....

On Sunday, January 8, we will have our parish **Vasilopita Luncheon** right after church services. This is a fitting community activity, giving all of us the opportunity to greet one another for the New Year, and to share in the cutting of the Vasilopita. This is a beautiful tradition that we are all encouraged to observe with our families at home, and also as a community. Our Philoptochos invites all of us to be there!

Our annual **Godparent Sunday** will be observed on January 22nd. The bond between Godparent and Godchild should be very special. According to Church teachings, this is a spiritual bond that is eternal, outlasting the physical and emotional bond of parenthood! It is true, however, that many godparents do not maintain a strong link with their godchildren. Several years ago, we began observing "Godparent Sunday" as a way of encouraging godparents to renew their connection. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity: call your godchild and arrange to come to church on the 22nd, to receive Holy Communion and to attend our Godparent Luncheon! (Don't forget to make reservations.)

We are happy to announce that the **Proskynitari of St. Haralambos** has been completed at our new St. Iakovos Camp and Retreat Center in Brighton, Wisconsin (see the cover of this Visions!) We still need to raise about \$3000 to fulfill our commitment. Would you like to help? Please contact the church office. Your generosity is appreciated!

Our community's annual Anniversary event this year will be a **Dinner Dance**, taking place at the Chateau Ritz on Sunday evening, February 12. There will be an Ad Book and a Silent Auction; of course your support is valued! Contracts for the Ad Book are available in the church office, and Silent Auction items are also needed. We are especially looking for the donation of bottles of good wine! Mark the date—February 12—and plan to join us!

The 4th annual **Sanctity of Life Prayer Service** will take place this year on January 22nd at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church in Westchester. As Orthodox Christians, we pray that the Lord guide us to keep all life sacred. Join us in prayer that evening!

Also, please also keep in mind the 40th **Anniversary Celebration of Camp Fanari** on January 14 at the Drury Lane in Oak Brook Terrace (for info, visit www.Fanari.org and the celebration of **Greek Letters** at the end of the month in conjunction with the Feastday of the Three Hierarchs.

Sometimes, we complain that we have too much to do, but we should count our blessings and be grateful; there are so many people who do not have much reason to celebrate. Let us seize every opportunity with fervor and enthusiasm, and thanks to God!

Let's have a blessed, holy and happy New Year!

Fr. Dean

HOLY TAXIARHAI AND SAINT HARALAMBOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH NILES, ILLINOIS

Proistamenos.....Fr. Constantine P. Botsis
Synefimerios.....Fr. Chrysanthos Kerkeres
Pastoral Assistant..... Deacon John G. Suhayda
Chanter.....Nick Harisiadis

Parish Council Officers

President..... George Anastasiadis
Vice President..... Nick Andrews
Treasurer..... Perry Giannopoulos
Secretary.....Niki Tziavaras
Budget Committee ChairmanPerry Giannopoulos
Building & Grounds Chairman.....

..... Michael Pontikes and Theodoros Karabatsos
Decor Committee Chairman.....Stephan Aliferakis
Finance Committee Chairman.....George Kotsionis
Phase III Chairman.....Pete Zouras
School Board Chairman.....Tom Zavos
Stewardship Com Chairman.....Dr. Thomas Bournias
Philoptochos President..... Elaine Couris
PTA Co-Presidents (Afternoon School)....

.....Linda Politis and Maria Hasapis

PTA President (Preschool).....Amalia Deligiannis
Greek School Principal..... Mrs. Anastasia Liapi
GSL Director..... Mrs. Andrianna Panayiotou

Preschool Director.....Mrs. Rita Petratos
Sunday School Director.....Presvytera Georgia Botsis
Athletic Director..... David Loomos

Scoutmaster..... George Alpogianis
Asst Scoutmaster.....Sam Parmakis
Asst Cubmaster..... John Frake

Little Angels.....Christina Papadis

YAL President..... Kyriakos Anastasiadis

GOYA Co-Presidents.....

.....Kosta Maris and Sofia Parmakis
Bookstore Manager.....Jolynn Ruggerio

Web Master..... George Houphis

Office Staff.....

.....Barbara Skaouris and Alexandra Grivas

IN THIS ISSUE:

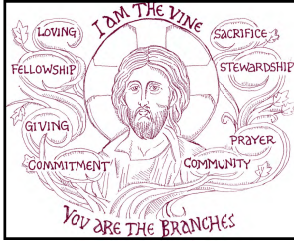
Letter from our Priest (pg 3)
Parish Announcements (pg 4)
Ανακοινώσεις (pg 5)
Dinner Dance (pg 6)
Remembering 2011 (pg 7)
Stewardship (pg 8)
Events (pg 9)
Calendar (pg 11)

OUR 2012 BIG GREEK FOOD FEST...

will take place July 20-22 this summer. Mark your calendar! Please consider planning your vacation before or after our Fest; we need everyone's help!

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

ABIDE IN ME: I AM THE VINE; YOU ARE THE BRANCHES



At the Last Supper, Jesus instructed His disciples, "I Am the Vine; you are the branches." He was telling us that the purpose of our abiding in Him is that we may bear fruit for God in the world. "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit..." (John 15:8).

bear fruit! And we bear fruit when we serve and support God and His Church.

How Do We Abide in Jesus?

We abide in Jesus Christ when we follow His example and love, serve and support the Church which is His Body. When we abide in Christ, we express this through generosity and devotion, especially in our financial stewardship and acts of personal generosity. Bearing fruit in the world is the visible result of our abiding in Christ.

Good branches bear good fruit. As branches on the this vine, what fruit can we bear?

This is our Stewardship Theme for 2012. Just as the vine bears fruit only through its branches, so Jesus has chosen to work in the world through us. We are the members of His Body! We are the branches through which the True Vine must

BLESSING OF HOMES--It is an annual custom in the Epiphany Season (Epiphany is Friday, January 6) to bless our homes with the Agiasmos of Epiphany. If you would like to have your home blessed by the priest, please call the church office (847-647-8880).

ANNUAL VASILOPITA LUNCHEON--our St. Haralambos Vasilopita Luncheon will take place on Sunday, January 8th in our Community Center after Church services. Plan on coming and observing this honored tradition, and bring your entire family. The donation is only \$10.

METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO VASILOPITA--Plan to attend the annual Metropolis of Chicago Vasilopita, which will take place Sunday evening, January 8 at St. George Church in Schererville, Indiana. All are invited to join Metropolitan Iakovos and the clergy and laypeople of our Metropolis at this annual event which benefits St. Basil Academy.

GODPARENTS SUNDAY--Our Godparents Sunday will be observed on January 22, 2012! Godparent Sunday gives us the opportunity to renew the relationship between Godparents and their Godchildren by receiving Holy Communion together and attending our Godparents Luncheon. This is a popular event every year, and reservations are required! Please call the church office to make your reservations, and plan to participate in our Godparents Sunday!

A TRAGIC ANNIVERSARY—January 22 marks the 38th anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision that uprooted the abortion laws of all 50 states. Approximately 1 million babies have been killed by abortion annually in America since this decision was made! Please take time for a *moment of silence*, praying for the enlightenment and forgiveness of the parents, medical personnel and governmental officials who have contributed to this tragic statistic.

SANCTITY OF LIFE—Our Fourth Annual Pan-Orthodox Sanctity of Life Prayer Service will take place on Sunday evening, January 22, 2012 at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church at 2501 S. Wolf Road in Westchester, IL. As Orthodox Christians, we believe and defend that all human life is sacred. Let us attend the service and pray together for the sanctity of Life!

ANNUAL ST HARALAMBOS DINNER DANCE—MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Our annual St. Haralambos Dinner Dance and Silent Auction will take place on Sunday evening, February 12 at the Chateau Ritz. It will be a wonderful evening with music and dancing, and a Silent Auction! There will also be a program ad book, and contracts are now available from our church office. As always, we count on your support! If you can support our Ad Book, or know of persons or businesses that could contribute an ad, please help. Please keep the date open!



THE NEW PROSKYNITARI OF ST HARALAMBOS

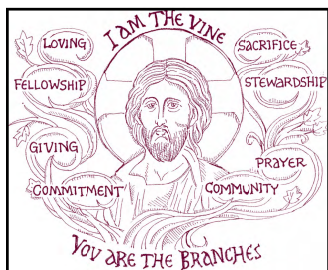
PROSKYNITARI OF ST HARALAMBOS—Last year, the St. Haralambos Community committed to donate a Prayer Station dedicated to St. Haralambos on the hiking/meditation trail at the new St. Iakovos Camp and Retreat Center in Brighton, Wisconsin. The Prayer Station (Προσκυνητάριον) has been constructed and installed (see photograph on the right)!

The cost of the project is \$10,000 and about \$3000 is still needed. If you would like to contribute, please contact the church office. Your generosity is appreciated!

RECYCLE! You May Have Noticed...A paper recycling dumpster has been placed in the church's parking lot. Bring all forms of paper, including newspapers, magazines, envelopes, folders, office and school supplies, folders, fax and copy paper, shopping catalogs, phone books, colored paper and mail (no cardboard). Every pound of paper received earns money for our church!

THANK YOU TO.....Mr. John G. Adinamis, for again donating this year's church calendars. (If you have not yet received a calendar for 2012, please request one at the church office.) MANY THANKS!

ΕΝΟΡΙΑΚΕΣ ΑΝΑΚΟΙΝΩΣΕΙΣ



ΜΕΙΝΑΤΕ ΕΝ ΕΜΟΙ: ΕΓΩ ΕΙΜΙ Η ΑΜΠΕΛΟΣ, ΥΜΕΙΣ ΤΑ ΚΛΗΜΑΤΑ

2012 STEWARDSHIP-Στο Μυστικό Δείπνο, ο Ιησούς εδίδαξε τους μαθητές Του, « Εγώ ειμί η Αμπελος, υμείς τα κλήματα». Προσπαθούσε να μας διδάξει ότι εμμένοντας εις Αυτόν στόχος μας είναι να φέρουμε φρούτα εκ μέρους του Κυρίου εις τον κόσμον. « Εν τούτω εδοξάσθη ο πατήρ μου, ίνα καρπόν πολύν φέρητε..» (Ιωάννην 15:8)

Αυτό αποτελεί το θέμα του 2012 Stewardship. Όπως η άμπελος καρποφορεί μέσω των κλημάτων της, έτσι και ο Ιησούς διάλεξε να δουλέψει δια τον κόσμον μέσω ημών. Ημείς είμαστε μέλη του Σώματός Του! Ημείς είμαστε τα κλήματα μέσω των οποίων η Αληθινή Άμπελος πρέπει να καρποφορήσει! Και καρποφορούμε όταν υπηρετούμε και υποστηρίζουμε τον Κύριον και την Εκκλησία Του.

Πώς εμμένουμε εις τον Κύριον;

Εμμένουμε εις τον Κύριον όταν ακολουθούμε το παράδειγμά Του και αγαπούμε, υπηρετούμε και υποστηρίζουμε την Εκκλησία, η οποία είναι το Σώμα Του. Εκφράζουμε την εμμονή μας εις τον Κύριον μέσω της γενναιοδωρίας και της αφοσίωσης, ιδίως όσον αφορά την οικονομική προσφορά μας προς το Stewardship και πράξεις της προσωπικής καλοσύνης μας. Φέροντες φρούτα εις τον κόσμον είναι το ορατό αποτέλεσμα της εμμονής μας στον Χριστό. Καλά κλήματα φέρουν καλά φρούτα. Ως κλήματα της Αμπέλου, τι φρούτα μπορούμε να φέρουμε;

ΑΓΙΑΣΜΟΣ ΣΠΙΤΙΩΝ-Το έθιμο καλεί να αγιάζουμε τα σπίτια μας κατά την εποχή των Θεοφανείων (Ημέρα των Θεοφανείων είναι Παρασκευή, 6 Ιανουαρίου). Εάν θέλετε ο ιερέας να έλθει σπίτι σας για αγιασμό παρακαλούμε όπως τηλεφωνείτε στο γραφείο της εκκλησίας (847/647-8880) .

ΕΟΡΤΑΣΜΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΟΠΙΤΑΣ — Η εκκλησία μας θα εορτάσει την Βασιλόπιτα εις τις 8 Ιανουαρίου με γεύμα το οποίο θα προετοιμασθεί από την Φιλόπτωχο μετά την Θεία Λειτουργία στην Κοινοτική μας Αίθουσα. Σας περιμένουμε με την οικογένειά σας. Η δωρεά είναι μόνον \$10.

ΕΤΗΣΙΑ ΒΑΣΙΛΟΠΙΤΑ ΤΗΣ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΗΣ - Προσκαλούνται όλοι στην ετήσια Βασιλόπιτα της Μητρόπολης Σικάγου που θα λάβει χώρα στην εκκλησία του Αγ. Γεωργίου εις Schererville, Indiana. Τα έσοδα θα διατεθούν δια την Ακαδημία του Αγ. Βασιλείου.

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΝΟΝΩΝ ΚΑΙ ΑΝΑΔΟΧΩΝ-Η Κυριακή, 22 Ιανουαρίου είναι Κυριακή των Νονών και Αναδόχων εις τον Αγ. Χαράλαμπον. Είναι ευκαιρία δια τους Νονούς και Αναδόχους μαζί να λάβουν Θεία Κοινωνία εκείνη τη Κυριακή, και να παρακαθήσουν στο γεύμα που θα δοθεί μετά την Θ. Λειτουργία εις την Κοινοτική Αίθουσα του Αγ. Χαράλαμπους. Τηλεφωνήσατε στο γραφείο της εκκλησίας (847/647-8880) δια να κρατήσετε θέσεις και να παρευρεθείτε στην Κυριακή των Αναδόχων!

ΕΤΗΣΙΑ ΣΥΜΠΟΣΙΟ ΑΓ. ΧΑΡΑΛΑΜΠΟΥΣ-Παρακαλούμε σημειώστε την Κυριακή το ΒΡΑΔΥ, 12 Φεβρουαρίου 2012, και σχεδιάστε να συνεορτάσουμε εις το Chateau Ritz! Θα γίνει Συμπόσιο και “SILENT AUCTION,” επίσης θα τυπωθεί Program Book. Από τώρα διατίθενται συμβόλαια διαφημίσεων δια το Program Book εις το γραφείο της εκκλησίας. Η συμπαράστασή σας έχτισε την κοινότητά μας και την εκκλησία μας. Σας παρακαλούμε να υποστηρίξετε και το εφετεινό Program Book!

ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΟΥΜΕτον κ. Γιάννη Αδυναμή, ο οποίος και πάλιν εδώρισε τα εφετεινά ημερολόγια της εκκλησίας. (Εάν δεν έχετε λάβει το ημερολόγιο του 2011, παρακαλούμε όπως ζητήσετε ένα από το γραφείο της εκκλησίας.) ΠΟΛΛΕΣ ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΙΕΣ!

ΠΕΡΙ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑΤΙΚΩΝ ΕΥΧΩΝ ΚΑΙ ΜΥΣΤΗΡΙΩΝ

ΕΥΧΕΣ ΝΕΟΓΕΝΝΗΤΩΝ ΤΕΚΝΩΝ-- Κάθε μάνα και το παιδί της, σαράντα ημέρες μετά την γέννησή του προσέρχονται στην εκκλησία για να λάβουν την Ευλογία των 40 Ημερών, κατά μίμησην του Ιησού Χριστού ο οποίος παρουσιάσθηκε στον Ιερόν Ναόν σαράντα ημέρες μετά την γέννησή του. Παρακαλούμε τηλεφωνείτε στο γραφείο της εκκλησίας για να κανονίσετε την ευλογία αυτή.

ΒΑΠΤΙΣΕΙΣ—Παρακαλούμε όπως τηλεφωνείτε στο γραφείο της εκκλησίας δια να προγραμματίσετε Βαπτίσεις. Σχεδιάστε πολύ ενωρίτερα!-Υπάρχουν μερικές μέρες που δεν γίνονται βαπτίσεις. Σας υπενθυμίζουμε ότι, κανονικά, πρέπει να δοθεί ένα όνομα στο παιδί, και πρέπει να είναι ένας ανάδοχος.


ΓΑΜΟΙ-Παρακαλούμε όπως κανονίζετε συνάντηση με τον π. Κωνσταντίνο τουλάχιστον οκτώ μήνες πριν την προτεινόμενη ημερομηνία του γάμου δια τις απαιτούμενες προετοιμασίες.

ΕΞΟΜΟΛΟΓΗΣΗ—Οι Εξομολογήσεις κανονίζονται κατόπιν ραντεβού. Δια να προγραμματίσετε εξομολογήσεις, παρακαλούμε τηλεφωνείτε στο γραφείο της εκκλησίας.

ΜΕΡΙΜΝΑ ΑΡΡΩΣΤΩΝ—Ορθόδοξοι Χριστιανοί που θα ήθελαν να λάβουν τα Άγια Μυστήρια και δεν μπορούν να έλθουν στην εκκλησία (βρίσκονται εις νοσοκομεία ή ανήμποροι εις τα σπίτια τους) παρακαλούνται να επικοινωνούν με το γραφείο της εκκλησίας δια να μπορέσουν να τα λάβουν.

Παρακαλούμε να επικοινωνείτε με το γραφείο της εκκλησίας εάν κάποιος συγγενής σας είναι στο νοσοκομείο! Τα νοσοκομεία πλέον δεν μας πληροφορούν όταν έχουν αρρώστους από την ενορία μας.

ΜΝΗΜΟΣΥΝΑ—Επιμνημόσυνες δεήσεις γίνονται για την αιώνιον ανάπαυση των τεθνεώτων. Συνήθως, αυτές οι δεήσεις γίνονται κατά τις 40 ημέρες, τους 6 μήνες, τον 1^{ον} χρόνο και τον 3^{ον} χρόνο. Όταν έχουν περάσει τρία χρόνια, είναι πιο αρμόζον να ενθυμούμεθα τους αποθανόντας κατά τα Ψυχοσάββατα.



The St. Haralambos Sunday School Department and
The St. Haralambos PTA
announce that

Sunday, January 22 is Godparent Sunday!

Bring your Godchildren to our Annual
Godparent Sunday Luncheon
January 22, 2012

Seating is limited and reservations are required!
Please call the church office (847/647-8880) to make your reservations!

A Day of Love...

A Gathering of Family and Friends

Holy Taxiarchai and Saint Haralambos

61st Anniversary Dinner Dance Celebration

With Dinner, Dancing and Silent Auction

Sunday, February 12, 2012

Cocktails 5:30pm Dinner 6:30pm

Chateau Ritz Banquets

9100 Milwaukee Ave, Niles, Illinois

Donation: Adults \$60.00 Children under 12 \$20.00

For Reservations call:

Eleni Kiriazopoulos
847-642-3424

Maria Papageorgiou
847-628-0301

Kathy Baboulas
847-702-8153

PASSAGES.....

REMEMBERING 2011

As time marches on, it is good to reflect on the year which has come to a close. We will remember 2011 for its joys and its sorrows. During the year 2011, our parish registry books recorded 57 births and baptisms, 4 chrismations, 22 weddings, and 37 deaths.

2011 BAPTISMS

Thalia Steliani Papadopoulos	Alexis Angelos	George Arvanitis	Despina Mihalopoulos
Nikolas Bakir	Alexia Rentzelos	Panagiotis Beris	Luke Kerpiniotis
Eleni Benetatos	Thomas James Bierwaczonek	Gabriella Sophia Milissis	Gianna Danielides
Gabriella Papagiannis	Lia Diana Demetry	Asimis Sam Tsagalis	Petra Piraino
Marc Lynge	Alexander Shanahan	Evyenios Evan Soteropoulos	Alexandra Houmpavlis
Alexandra Chatzis	Sophia Dymek	Spiros Giannoulis	Dimitri Demos
Anthony Athan Gevrekis	Amalia Karaviotis	Nicolo Fatta	Sophia Provis
Konstantinos Tirovolas	Elias Anagnostakos	Ephram Markos	Michael Cammarata
George Bournas	George Litsogiannis	Jayden Sheffler	Alexander Maglaris
Alexandros Kopsian	Sophia Castellucci	Anthony Kenneth Cielocha	Stefano Anyfiotis
Andrew Barakos	Athanasios Tsaliagos	Ellie Ana Spyropoulos	Alexander Constantine
Marissa Stathopoulos	Constantine Legatos	Kyriakos Angelopoulos	Bulyaki
Adam Nussbaum	Eleni Kafkis	Nikolas Skaliotis	Antigoni Theodosopoulos
Maria Ziamparas	Dominic Doucas	Katerina Vanis	
George Kollias	Nicholas Maraffino	Angelina Maridakis	

2011 CHRISMATIONS

Ryan Alexander Sapieha	Sean Philip Sapieha	Michael Toto	Nicoletta McClory Remos
------------------------	---------------------	--------------	-------------------------

2011 WEDDINGS

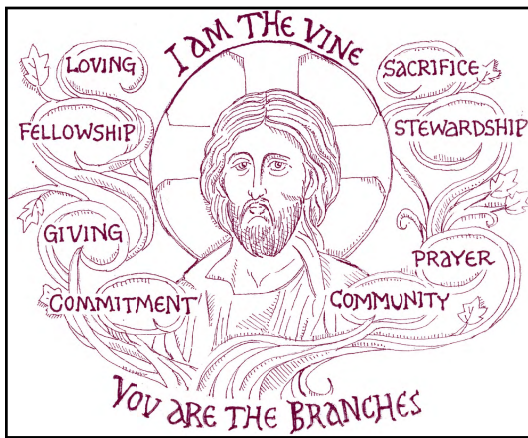
Marc Christopher Lynge and Voula Kakaletris	Vasilios Giannoudakos and Vetta Ameridis
Hrisovalantis Bouikidis and Samantha Ghanayem	Chris Frentzos and Panagiota Sveronis
Mark Alan Judd and Georgia Uhla Cholos	Clifford Philis and Jennifer Busch
Kostas Tsonis and Sofia Tirovolas	George Kossivas and Zaneta Balut
Ryan Alexander Sapieha and Patricia Kominatos	John Goulas and Diane Lazar
Richard Freidag and Margarita Poulakos	Christopher J. Maraffino and Joanne Solomos
John Bentevis and Dina Nona	James Ligdas and Katina Papanikolaou
Yannis Vasilios Reglis and Stacy Moshos	Craig F. Dymek and Jennifer A. Farmakis
Richard DalCerro and Andrea Spiro	Christos Arben Agalliu and Hiona Nenos
Christopher Laskaris and Marisa Pannarale	Stratos Rounis and Anastasia Funteas

2011 DEATHS -- During 2011, we also note the falling asleep of the following persons:

Nicholas Govas	Kimon Stathopoulos	Christos Vlahiotis	George P. Arvanitis
Evangelia Galatsianos	Christina Mourtokokis	Marianthi Demeropoulos	Alexander Kouvalis
Angeline Kastanes	Ndina Mantis	Christine M. Miner	George Panopoulos
Theodore Kastanes	Spilios Karidas	Nick Voules	Vasiliki Bella
Peter Kanelopoulos	Christina Chiplakos	Christine B. Markos	Apollo Christopher Solecki
Fotini Karabatsos	Constantinos Koumbis	John Costulas	Chris N. Sideris
Dennis Kiriakopoulos	Estelle Tomaras	Betty L. Pappas	Michael P. Kritikos
Chrisoula Grace Vasiliadis	Peter G. Botsis	Christ V. Matthews	
Lisa Mihalopoulos	Panagiotis Takis Sotos	Marina Gounaris	
Effie Aphrodite Milissis	Christ A. Rizos	George S. Koliopoulos	

MAY THEIR MEMORY BE ETERNAL--ΑΙΩΝΙΑ Η ΜΝΗΜΗ ΑΥΤΩΝ

As we look ahead to 2012, let us remember the joys and triumphs of the year that has now ended, and let us also remember our departed loved ones who have loved, guided and inspired us!



I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES

This is the theme of our new Stewardship Program. All of us, as branches of the Vine, “abide in Christ.” We receive our life and our sustenance from God. He gives us our body, mind, life, health, talents. He gives us Himself as the Bread of Life, the manna from heaven. He gives forgiveness, strength, courage. He gives victory over sin and death. He gives eternal life. God gives, and we receive.

In return, we also give. We know that it is the right thing to do. We know that we cannot continue taking and taking without giving in return! Indeed, the way that we give is the best indication of our character, the best sign of who we are. Shouldn't a branch bear fruit? When we enable our church to “bring heaven down to us,” we are bearing fruit!

As branches of the True Vine, the Body of Christ on earth, we are again invited to renew our annual stewardship pledge. We are challenged prayerfully to re-consider our gift to God. It is through our gift that God will be able to continue His forgiving, healing, liberating, empowering, transfiguring, loving ministry through the Church. God has chosen to work through us, through our gifts, to continue His saving work in the world today!

Giving is not a substitute for commitment – it is an expression of our commitment. “By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit.” (John 15:8). Let us bear fruit that is worthy of the Vine!

We are so grateful to the following persons who have responded to our 2012 Stewardship Program! Collectively, they have **committed \$48,535.00 so far for 2012!**

OUR 2012 STEWARDS

Mr. & Mrs. Nick Agorianitis
 Mr. Evangelos Anastasiadis
 Mr. & Mrs. Nick Andrews
 Dr. Voula Asimacopoulos
 Ms. Joann Bellos
 Ms. Debbie Benes
 Mr. & Mrs. Leonidas Bilissis
 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bjorklund
 Ms. Eugenia Bliamblias
 Fr. & Presv. Constantine Botsis
 Mr. & Mrs. Peter Caldes
 Mrs. Thalia Chresanthakes
 Ms. Athena Columbus
 Mr. & Mrs. Mark Constantinou
 Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Couris
 Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Couris
 Mr. & Mrs. Peter Dalamangas
 Mr. & Mrs. Chris Demopoulos
 Mr. & Mrs. Craig Dymek
 Mr. & Mrs. John Drivas
 Mrs. Margarita Freiday
 The Grivas Family

Mr. & Mrs. George Gianos
 Mr. & Mrs. John Harisiadis
 Mrs. Annetta Harisiadis
 Ms. Thalia Kalodimos
 Mr. & Mrs. Mike Kalodimos
 Mr. & Mrs. Constantine Kanellos
 Mr. Art Karahalios
 Mr. & Mrs. William Kastanes
 Mr. & Mrs. Chris Katris
 Fr. & Pres. Chrysanthos Kerkeres
 Mr. & Mrs. James Knorr
 Mrs. Demetra Kokinis
 Mr. & Mrs. Nick Kontos
 Mrs. Georgia Laskaris
 Mr. & Mrs. David Loomos
 Mr. & Mrs. Lee Lygiros
 Mr. Tom Magoulas
 Mrs. Catherine Kay Markellos
 Mr. Constantine Megremis
 Mr. & Mrs. Adam Mitsakopoulos
 Mr. Demosthenes Nikolopoulos
 Mr. & Mrs. Polikarpos Papaioannou

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Petruleas
 Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Piraino
 Mr. & Mrs. Andy Politis
 Mr. & Mrs. John Pouloupoulos
 Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios Priovolos
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Protofanousis
 Mr. & Mrs. Dimitrios Provis
 Mrs. Irene Sealepis
 Mrs. Zoe Sideris
 Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Skaouris
 Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios Skoufis
 Mr. & Mrs. Sam Souleles
 Mr. & Mrs. Dominic Tabrizi
 Mr. & Mrs. Tom Tasiopoulos
 Mr. & Mrs. Nikolaos Theodosopoulos
 Mr. & Mrs. George Theoharis
 Mr. & Mrs. Sam Trakas
 Mr. & Mrs. Tom Tsaganos
 Mr. & Mrs. Dimitrios Vorrias
 Ms. Angeline Yutakis
 Mr. & Dr. Basil Zofakis

The St. Haralambos Philoptochos
 Invites you to our Annual
VASILOPITA LUNCHEON
 after church services
SUNDAY, JANUARY 8
 In the St. Haralambos Community Center
 to benefit ST. BASIL ACADEMY
 Donation: \$10

Fanari Camp 40th Anniversary

Saturday, January 14, 2012

Drury Lane,

Oakbrook Terrace, IL

Cocktails 5:00 pm

Dinner 6:30 pm

*For event, ticket and ad book
information, visit www.Fanari.org*



Celebrating 40 Years of Faith, Friendship and Fun

You're invited!



Apokreatiko Glendi

Hosted by the St. Haralambos PTA

Saturday, February 18, 2012

Join us for a night of dinner, dancing & fun at our Church Community Center

Call the church office (847-647-8880) for reservations

Dress in your favorite mardi gras costume!



During the Christmas Season, our St Haralambos Scouts visited the St. Benedict Nursing Home to sing Christmas Carols.



January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Feastday of St. Basil 8:30—Orthros and Liturgy HAPPY NEW YEAR!</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Eve of Epiphany 8:30 am--9th Hour and Liturgy; Great Agiasmos FASTING DAY</p>	<p>6 EPIPHANY 8:30 am--Orthros and Liturgy; Great Agiasmos</p>	<p>7 Feastday of John the Baptist (Liturgy at Des Plaines) 9:00 a-m-Saturday Greek School</p>
<p>8 8:15 am—Orthros 9:30 am—Sunday School 9:45 am—Divine Liturgy Parish Council Oath of Office VASILOPITA!</p>	<p>9 Preschool resumes 5:30 pm—Family Night 7:30 pm—GOYA</p>	<p>10 11:30—Little Angels 4:30 pm—Greek School 4:30 pm-PTA mtg</p>	<p>11 7:30 pm—Philoptochos mtg</p>	<p>12 7:30-Bible Study</p>	<p>13 4:30 pm—Greek School 6:30 pm—Greek School New Year Party</p>	<p>14 9:00 a-m-Saturday Greek School 5:00 pm—Fanari Camp 40th Anniversary Celebration</p>
<p>15 8:15 am—Orthros 9:30 am—Sunday School 9:45 am—Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>16 Martin L. King NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>17 11:30—Little Angels 4:30 pm—Greek School</p>	<p>18 SS CYRIL & ATHANASIOS 8:30 am-Orthros and Liturgy 7:30 pm—Parish Council Mtg</p>	<p>19 7:30-Bible Study</p>	<p>20 4:30 pm—Greek School</p>	<p>21 9:00 a-m-Saturday Greek School 10:00am-- Sunday School Teachers Outing</p>
<p>22 8:15 am—Orthros 9:45 am—Divine Liturgy GODPARENTS SUNDAY 6:30pm--Sanctity of Life Service</p>	<p>23 5:30 pm—Family Night 7:30 pm—GOYA</p>	<p>24 11:30—Little Angels 4:30 pm—Greek School</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 7:30-Bible Study</p>	<p>27 12:00—Preschool Three Hierarchs Program 4:30 pm—Greek School 6:00—Three Hierarchs Program</p>	<p>28 9:00 a-m-Saturday Greek School</p>
<p>29 8:15 am—Orthros 9:30 am—Sunday School 9:45 am—Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>30 The Three Hierarchs 8:30 am—Orthros and Liturgy</p>	<p>31 11:30—Little Angels 4:30 pm—Greek School</p>				

**Providing Service From
SMITH-CORCORAN FUNERAL HOMES**

1104 Waukegan Road 6150 N. Cicero Avenue 185 E. Northwest Highway
Glenview, IL 60025 Chicago, IL 60646 Palatine, IL 60067

John G. Adinamis
Funeral Director, Ltd.

**Serving Families For Three Generations
24 Hour Service (847) 375-0095**

FANTASY TOURS
TO GREECE & Greek Islands

Airline Tickets - Cruises - Tours
Translations & Pliereksousia
Greek Citizenship Procedures
773-589-1414 • 800-772-6001



9023 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Niles, IL 60714

(P) 847.966.9100
(F) 847.966.3185



Peter@homertoursinc.com
www.homertoursinc.com



*We care for the whole person -
physical, emotional, spiritual,
psychological, and social.*

Open For Lunch & Dinner
Seven Days A Week



Home of the Best Wood Roasted
Chicken and B.B.Q. Baby back Ribs!

Fresh Fish, Pasta, Steaks,
Chops & Sandwiches

Private room available for Showers,
Christenings, and Funeral Lunches

847-699-9999

Milwaukee & Euclid / Lake Glenview



Certified Public Accountants

Effie Kalogeros Karavites, CPA
Senior Manager
(847)808-9800 ext 300
EKaravites@ReicinPollack.com



Just A Family Business Where
Quality Still Counts.

NOW WE DELIVER

LET US CATER
YOUR NEXT PARTY

3727 WEST DEMPSTER | SKOKIE, IL

FOR FAST CARRY-OUT SERVICE CALL
(847) 673-9409 or 677-7695

Skilled Nursing Care
Memory Support (Alzheimer's)
Rehabilitation Therapy
Respite Care • Hospice Care
Outpatient Physical Therapy

3901 Glenview Road • Glenview, Illinois
847-729-0000 • F: 847-729-1552
www.theabington.com

JOHN'S ROOFING, INC.

847-297-9984

Roofing • Gutters • Siding
Insured Free Estimates

*The Ultimate
Church Support*

Advertise Here



The Seven Brothers
Restaurant

OPEN 6AM-4PM, 7 DAYS A WEEK

Full Service Restaurant & Bar
BREAKFAST • LUNCH

9300 Waukegan Rd. • Morton Grove, IL 60053

Dr. Bernadette Mayer

PAPA CHRIS' PLACE



WE ARE HABIT FORMING
CATERING AVAILABLE
THE SIDERIS FAMILY
6235 TOUHY AVE
CHICAGO, IL
(773) 631-4322
Fax: (773) 631-0607

ARCADIA TRAVEL

*Greece - Cruises
Groups - Business
Honeymoons*

Call: Vicky Callas 630-595-7010
vcallas@email.com

**PAT'S PLACE
RESTAURANT**

* Excellent Food *
* Economical Prices *
* Friendly Atmosphere *

5025 West Oakton
Skokie, Illinois 60077

Sapagraphics
ORIGINAL HANDMADE INVITATIONS
773.774.0377
5512 WEST DEVON AVENUE AT CALDWELL
EXCLUSIVELY BY APPOINTMENT

Dimitra A. Anderson, Esq, CPA
**ANDERSON LAW
OFFICES, PC**
estate planning & administration
(773) 728-3388

Greenwood Restaurant

Serving Breakfast & Lunch
Open 7 Days Per Week

(847) 998-0908

On the corner of Greenwood & Glenview Rd.

KAPPY'S
RESTAURANT & PANCAKE HOUSE
7200 W. Dempster St. • Morton Grove, IL
(847) 470-1900



**STATE FARM INSURANCE COMPANIES
PROVIDING INSURANCE & FINANCIAL SERVICES**

Bill Apostolakis, Agent

2990 Dundee Rd
Northbrook, IL 60062
Phone (847) 272-8222
bill.apostolakis.byj4@statefarm.com

Rob Apostolakis, Agent

3608 W. Dempster St.
Skokie, IL 60076
Phone (847) 677-9920
rob.apostolakis.jrq4@statefarm.com
www.robapostolakis.com

**FRESH FARMS
PHARMACY**

Tel: 847.588.2790
Fax: 847.588.2794

5740 W Touhy Ave
Niles, IL 60714
pharmacy@myfreshfarms.com

Velis Vein Institute

Dean T. Velis M.D. F.A.C.P.

Certified by
The American Board of Phlebology
Clinical Assistant Professor U.I.C.
School of Medicine

F.A.A. Senior Aviation Medical Examiner

*Ultrasound Guided Endovenous Laser Ablation
Ambulatory Microphlebectomy*
• Varicose Veins •
• Leg Ulcers •
• Cosmetic Treatment of Spider Veins •
• Endoluminal Chemical Ablation •
(sclerotherapy)

847.259.8226 • Fax 847.392.5260

1430 N Arlington Hts Rd. #105
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

www.velisveininstitute.com



*The Best Greek
Cuisine In Town*
SERVING THE
N/W FOR OVER
27 YEARS

8660 GOLF ROAD
NILES, IL 60714
(847) 296-6777
FAX (847) 296-7339

Dimitrios & Athena Merageas, Owners



FRESH PRODUCE,
DELI, MEATS
& EUROPEAN
IMPORTS

4034 W. DEMPSTER
SKOKIE, IL 60076

Phone: (847) 933.0900
www.VillageMarketPlace.net

FOREMOST LIQUOR CENTER

GREAT WINE & LIQUOR SELECTION

Beer From All Over the World For Your Entertainment Needs

AT LOW PRICES

5301 N. Milwaukee & Central Ave. (773) 631-2600



"Food At Its Best"

The Pittsfield Building
55 E. Washington
Chicago, IL 60602
(312) 641-1806
Fax (312) 641-1520

Your Hosts: Bill, Bob & Chris

**Balourdis
Enterprises**



Glenview Shell

Complete Auto Repair Service
Experts on Foreign & Domestic Cars
Tune-Ups, Towing, Road Service

3255 Central/Greenwood, Glenview

847-724-7007

We accept all extended warranties Peter / Koula Louras

**Rand & Euclid Shell
Express Gifts**

A Unique Gift Shop
Featured on 190 North

630 Rand Rd., Mt. Prospect

847-788-1000

HOLY TAXIARHAI AND SAINT HARALAMBOS
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
7373 CALDWELL AVENUE
NILES, IL 60714-4503
Address Service Requested

THE ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CLERGY ASSOCIATION OF GREATER CHICAGO
4TH ANNUAL PAN-ORTHODOX

SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE

Come join in prayer that the Lord guide us to keep all life sacred.

Sunday, January 22, 2012

6:00 pm

Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church

2501 South Wolf Road

Westchester, IL 60154

The Prayer Service will be followed by a presentation

By Bishop Demetrios of Mokissos titled:

“Executing Death”