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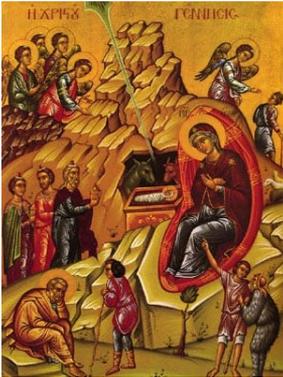
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THE NATIVITY of OUR LORD and SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST



The incomprehensible and inexplicable Nativity of Christ came to pass when Herod the Great was reigning in Judea; the latter was an Ascalonite on his father's side and an Idumean on his mother's. He was in every way foreign to the royal line of David; rather, he had received his authority from the Roman emperors, and had ruled tyrannically over the Jewish people for some thirty-three years. The tribe of Judah, which had reigned of old, was deprived of its rights and stripped of all rule and authority. Such was the condition of the Jews when the awaited Messiah was born, and truly thus was fulfilled the prophecy which the Patriarch Jacob had

spoken 1,807 years before: "A ruler shall not fail from Judah, nor a prince from his loins, until there come the things stored up for him; and he is the expectation of the nations" (Gen.49:10).

Thus, our Saviour was born in Bethlehem, a city of Judea, whither Joseph had come from Nazareth of Galilee, taking Mary his betrothed, who was great with child, that, according to the decree issued in those days by the Emperor Augustus, they might be registered in the census of those subject to Rome. Therefore, when the time came for the Virgin to give birth, and since because of the great multitude there was no place in the inn, the Virgin's circumstance constrained them to enter a cave which was near Bethlehem. Having as shelter a stable of irrational beasts, she gave birth there, and swaddled the Infant and laid Him in the manger (Luke 2:1-7). From this, the tradition has come down to us that when Christ was born He lay between two animals, an ox and an ass, that the words of the Prophets might be fulfilled: "Between two living creatures shalt Thou be known" (Abbacum 3:2), and "The ox knoweth his owner and the ass his master's crib" (Esaias 1: 3).

But while the earth gave the new-born Saviour such a humble reception, Heaven on high celebrated majestically His world-saving coming. A wondrous star, shining with uncommon brightness and following a strange course, led Magi from the East to Bethlehem to worship the new-born King. Certain shepherds who were in the area of Bethlehem, who kept watch while tending their sheep, were suddenly surrounded by an extraordinary light, and they saw before them an Angel who proclaimed to them the good tidings of the Lord's joyous Nativity. And straightway, together with this Angel, they beheld and heard a whole host of the Heavenly Powers praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men" (Luke 2:8-14).



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 - *Christmas Eve*

Orthros / Divine Liturgy 9:00am-11:00am @ Both Churches
Christmas Great Vespers of Nativity 5:00pm-6:00pm @ PE only

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 - *Church Office CLOSED today*

Nativity of our Lord 9:00am-11:00am @ HT only

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

No Schedule Today

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

No Schedule Today

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

No Schedule Today

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

No Schedule Today

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

No Schedule Today

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 - *New Year's Eve*

Orthros / Divine Liturgy 9:00am-11:00am @ Both Churches





MEMORIALS & SERVICES



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

AT PROPHET ELIAS

Nikos Nipirakis: 40 – Day Memorial
Athanasios Nipirakis: 50 – Year Memorial

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31



SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

AT HOLY TRINITY



SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

AT PROPHET ELIAS

Maria Kosmas: 5 – Year Memorial
Dimitrios (Jim) Kostmas: 12 – Year Memorial

The Aerakis Family will host coffee hour





ΥΜΝΟΙ ΤΗΣ ΗΜΕΡΑΣ



Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Προεόρτιον

Ἀπεγράφετο ποτέ, σὺν τῷ πρεσβύτῃ Ἰωσήφ, ὡς ἐκ σπέρματος Δαυΐδ, ἐν Βηθλεὲμ ἡ Μαριάμ, κυοφοροῦσα τὴν ἄσπορον κυοφορίαν. Ἐπέστη δὲ καιρὸς ὁ τῆς Γεννήσεως, καὶ τόπος ἦν οὐδεὶς τῷ καταλύματι· ἀλλ' ὡς τερπνὸν παλάτιον τὸ Σπήλαιον, τῇ Βασιλίδι ἐδείκνυτο. Χριστὸς γεννᾶται τὴν πρὶν πεσοῦσαν, ἀναστήσων εἰκόνα.

Τῶν Πατέρων

Μεγάλα τὰ τῆς πίστεως κατορθώματα! Ἐν τῇ πηγῇ τῆς φλογός, ὡς ἐπὶ ὕδατος ἀναπαύσεως, οἱ ἅγιοι Τρεῖς Παῖδες ἠγάλλοντο, καὶ ὁ προφήτης Δανιήλ, λεόντων ποιμὴν, ὡς προβάτων ἐδείκνυτο. Ταῖς αὐτῶν ἰκεσίαις Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν

Ἀπολυτίκιον Πεντηκοστής (για τὴν Ἁγία Τριάδα)

Εὐλογητός εἶ Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἁλιεῖς ἀναδείξας καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ ἅγιον καὶ δι' αὐτῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην σαγηνεύσας φιλάνθρωπε δόξα Σοι.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Προφήτου Ἡλιοῦ

Ὁ ἑνσαρκὸς ἄγγελος, τῶν Προφητῶν ἡ κρηπὶς, ὁ δεῦτερος Πρόδρομος τῆς παρουσίας Χριστοῦ, Ἡλίας ὁ ἑνδοξος, ἄνωθεν καταπέμψας, Ελισαίῳ τὴν χάριν, νόσους ἀποδιώκει, καὶ λεπρούς καθαρίζει, διό καὶ τοῖς τιμώσιν αὐτὸν βρῦει ἰάματα.

Κοντάκιον

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορρήτως. Χόρευε ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, Παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰῶνων Θεόν.





HYMNS OF THE DAY



Resurrectional Apolytikion

When the women disciples of the Lord heard the Angel joyously proclaim the resurrection, they cast aside the ancestral verdict, and boasting in glory they said to the Apostles, "Death has been despoiled! Christ God has risen, granting the great mercy to the world!".

For the Forefeast

As she carried in her womb what she conceived without seed, Mary went to Bethlehem with elder Joseph to enroll, for they were of the house and the lineage of David. The time arrived for her to give birth to her Child; but then there was no place in the inn for them. Therefore the grotto served as a luxurious royal palace for the Queen. And Christ the Lord is born, to raise the image which was formerly fallen.

For the Fathers

Magnificent are the accomplishments of faith! The holy Three Servants greatly rejoiced, as they stood in the fountain of fire, as if beside the still waters; and the Prophet Daniel appeared to be a shepherd of lions, as if they were sheep. At their entreaties, O Christ God, save our souls.

Apolytikion of Pentecost (for the Holy Trinity)

Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who made fishermen all-wise, sending upon them the Holy Spirit and, through them, netting the world. O Loving One, glory to You.

Apolytikion of the Prophet Elias

The incarnate Angel, the Cornerstone of the Prophets, the second Forerunner of the Coming of Christ, the glorious Elias (Elijah), who from above, sent down to Elisha the grace to dispel sickness and cleanse lepers, abounds therefore in healing for those who honor him.

Kontakion

On this day the Virgin Maid goes to the grotto to give birth to the pre-eternal Word in an ineffable manner. Dance for joy, all the inhabited earth, on hearing. Glorify along with Angels and with the shepherds Him who willed that He appear as a newborn Child, the pre-eternal God.





Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ



Προκείμενον:

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ Κύριε ὁ Θεὸς τῶν πατέρων ἡμῶν.

Στίχος:

Ὅτι δίκαιος εἶ ἐπὶ πᾶσιν, οἷς ἐποίησας ἡμῖν.

Πρὸς Ἑβραίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

(11:9-10,32-40)

Ἀδελφοί, πίστει παρώκνησεν Ἀβραὰμ εἰς γῆν τῆς ἐπαγγελίας ὡς ἄλλοτρίαν, ἐν σκηναῖς κατοικήσας μετὰ Ἰσαὰκ καὶ Ἰακώβ τῶν συγκληρονόμων τῆς ἐπαγγελίας τῆς αὐτῆς · ἐξεδέχετο γὰρ τὴν τοὺς θεμελίου ἐχουσαν πόλιν, ἧς τεχνίτης καὶ δημιουργὸς ὁ θεός. Καὶ τί ἔτι λέγω; ἐπιλείπει με γὰρ διηγούμενον ὁ χρόνος περὶ Γεδεών, Βαράκ, Σαμψών, Ἰεφθάε, Δαυὶδ τε καὶ Σαμουὴλ καὶ τῶν προφητῶν, οἱ διὰ πίστεως κατηγωνίσαντο βασιλείας, εἰργάσαντο δικαιοσύνην, ἐπέτυχον ἐπαγγελιῶν, ἔφραξαν στόματα λεόντων, ἔσβεσαν δύναμιν πυρός, ἔφυγον στόματα μαχαίρης, ἐδυναμώθησαν ἀπὸ ἀσθενείας, ἐγενήθησαν ἰσχυροὶ ἐν πολέμῳ, παρεμβολὰς ἔκλιναν ἄλλοτρίων · ἔλαβον γυναῖκες ἐξ ἀναστάσεως τοὺς νεκροὺς αὐτῶν · ἄλλοι δὲ ἐτυμπανίσθησαν, οὐ προσδεξάμενοι τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν, ἵνα κρείττονος ἀναστάσεως τύχωσιν · ἕτεροι δὲ ἐμπαιγμῶν καὶ μαστίγων πείραν ἔλαβον, ἔτι δὲ δεσμῶν καὶ φυλακῆς ἐλιθάσθησαν, ἐπρίσθησαν, ἐν φόνῳ μαχαίρης ἀπέθανον, περιῆλθον ἐν μηλωταῖς, ἐν αἰγείοις δέρμασιν, ὑστερούμενοι, θλιβόμενοι, κακουχούμενοι, ὧν οὐκ ἦν ἄξιος ὁ κόσμος, ἐπὶ ἐρμηταῖς πλανώμενοι καὶ ὄρεσιν καὶ σπηλαίοις καὶ ταῖς ὀπαῖς τῆς γῆς. Καὶ οὗτοι πάντες μαρτυρηθέντες διὰ τῆς πίστεως οὐκ ἔκομίσαντο τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν, τοῦ θεοῦ περὶ ἡμῶν κρείττον τι προβλεψαμένου, ἵνα μὴ χωρὶς ἡμῶν τελειωθῶσιν.





THE EPISTLE



Prokeimenon:

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers.

Verse:

For You are righteous in all You did for us.

The reading is from Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.

(11:9–10,32–40)

Brethren, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.



ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαῖον ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

(1:1-25)

Βίβλος γενέσεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ υἱοῦ Δαυὶδ υἱοῦ Ἀβραάμ. Ἀβραὰμ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἰσαάκ, Ἰσαὰκ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἰακώβ, Ἰακώβ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἰούδαν καὶ τοὺς ἀδελφοὺς αὐτοῦ, Ἰούδας δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Φάρες καὶ τὸν Ζάρα ἐκ τῆς Θαμάρ, Φάρες δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἑσρῶμ, Ἑσρῶμ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἀράμ, Ἀράμ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἀμιναδάβ, Ἀμιναδάβ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ναασσών, Ναασσών δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Σαλμών, Σαλμών δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Βοὸζ ἐκ τῆς Ῥαχάβ, Βοὸζ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἰωβὴδ ἐκ τῆς Ῥούθ, Ἰωβὴδ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἰεσσαί, Ἰεσσαί δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Δαυὶδ τὸν βασιλέα. Δαυὶδ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Σολομῶνα ἐκ τῆς τοῦ Οὐρίου, Σολομῶν δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ῥοβοάμ, Ῥοβοάμ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἀβιά, Ἀβιά δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἀσάφ, Ἀσάφ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἰωσαφάτ, Ἰωσαφάτ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἰωράμ, Ἰωράμ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ὀζιαν, Ὀζίας δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἰωαθάμ, Ἰωαθάμ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἀχάζ, Ἀχάζ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἐζεκιαν, Ἐζεκιὰς δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Μανασσῆ, Μανασσῆς δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἀμώς, Ἀμώς δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἰωσιάν, Ἰωσιὰς δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἰεχονίαν καὶ τοὺς ἀδελφοὺς αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ τῆς μετοικεσίας Βαβυλῶνος. Μετὰ δὲ τὴν μετοικεσίαν Βαβυλῶνος Ἰεχονίας ἐγέννησεν τὸν Σαλαθιήλ, Σαλαθιήλ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ζοροβαβέλ, Ζοροβαβέλ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἀβιούδ, Ἀβιούδ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἐλιακίμ, Ἐλιακίμ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἀζώρ, Ἀζώρ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Σαδῶκ, Σαδῶκ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἀχίμ, Ἀχίμ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἐλιοῦδ, Ἐλιοῦδ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἐλεάζαρ, Ἐλεάζαρ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ματθάν, Ματθάν δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἰακώβ, Ἰακώβ δὲ ἐγέννησεν τὸν Ἰωσήφ τὸν ἄνδρα Μαρίας, ἐξ ἧς ἐγεννήθη Ἰησοῦς ὁ λεγόμενος Χριστός. Πᾶσαι οὖν αἱ γενεαὶ ἀπὸ Ἀβραάμ ἕως Δαυὶδ γενεαὶ δεκατέσσαρες, καὶ ἀπὸ Δαυὶδ ἕως τῆς μετοικεσίας Βαβυλῶνος γενεαὶ δεκατέσσαρες, καὶ ἀπὸ τῆς μετοικεσίας Βαβυλῶνος ἕως τοῦ Χριστοῦ γενεαὶ δεκατέσσαρες. Τοῦ δὲ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ ἡ γένεσις οὕτως ἦν. Μνηστευθεῖσις τῆς μητρὸς αὐτοῦ Μαρίας τῷ Ἰωσήφ, πρὶν ἢ συνελθεῖν αὐτοὺς εὐρέθη ἐν γαστρὶ ἔχουσα ἐκ πνεύματος ἁγίου. Ἰωσήφ δὲ ὁ ἀνὴρ αὐτῆς, δίκαιος ὢν καὶ μὴ θέλων αὐτὴν δειγματίσαι, ἐβουλήθη λάθρα ἀπολῦσαι αὐτήν. Ταῦτα δὲ αὐτοῦ ἐνδυμηθέντος ἰδοὺ ἄγγελος κυρίου κατ' ὄναρ ἐφάνη αὐτῷ λέγων Ἰωσήφ υἱὸς Δαυὶδ, μὴ φοβηθῆς παραλαβεῖν Μαρὶάμ τὴν γυναῖκά σου, τὸ γὰρ ἐν αὐτῇ γεννηθὲν ἐκ πνεύματός ἐστιν ἁγίου· τέξεται δὲ υἱὸν καὶ καλέσεις τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦν, αὐτὸς γὰρ σώσει τὸν λαὸν αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν αὐτῶν. Τοῦτο δὲ ὅλον γέγονεν ἵνα πληρωθῆ τὸ ῥηθὲν ὑπὸ κυρίου διὰ τοῦ προφήτου λέγοντος, Ἴδοὺ ἡ παρθένος ἐν γαστρὶ ἔξει καὶ τέξεται υἱόν, καὶ καλέσουσιν τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Ἐμμανουήλ, ὃ ἐστὶν μεθερμηνευόμενον Μεθ' ἡμῶν ὁ Θεός. Διεγερθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰωσήφ ἀπὸ τοῦ ὕπνου ἐποίησεν ὡς προσέταξεν αὐτῷ ὁ ἄγγελος κυρίου καὶ παρέλαβε τὴν γυναῖκα αὐτοῦ· καὶ οὐκ ἐγένωσκεν αὐτήν ἕως οὗ ἔτεκεν υἱόν· καὶ ἐκάλεσεν τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦν.



THE GOSPEL



The reading is from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

(1:1–25)

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, and Ram the father of Ammin'adab, and Ammin'adab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Bo'az by Rahab, and Bo'az the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uri'ah, and Solomon the father of Rehobo'am, and Rehobo'am the father of Abi'jah, and Abi'jah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehosh'aphat, and Jehosh'aphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzzi'ah, and Uzzi'ah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezeki'ah, and Hezeki'ah the father of Manas'seh, and Manas'seh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josi'ah, and Josi'ah the father of Jechoni'ah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoni'ah was the father of Sheal'tiel, and Sheal'tiel the father of Zerub'babel, and Zerub'babel the father of Abi'ud, and Abi'ud the father of Eli'akim, and Eli'akim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eli'ud, and Eli'ud the father of Elea'zar, and Elea'zar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Joseph, and Joseph the father of Jesus the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emman'uel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.



NATIVITY SERVICE SCHEDULE 2023

❖ **Friday, December 22: Prophet Elias – Royal Hours 9:30am to 11:00am**

❖ **Sunday, December 24:**

- Both Churches Orthros & Liturgy – 9:00am to 11:00am
- Prophet Elias Only Christmas Eve Vespers – 5:00pm to 6:00pm [No Holy Communion]

❖ **Monday, December 25: Christmas Orthros & Liturgy – Holy Trinity Only – 9:00am to 11:00am**



STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in our Stewardship Sunday this past weekend. We had both churches celebrating the Divine Liturgy at Prophet Elias which gave us the great opportunity to offer our Stewardship Luncheon. Everyone enjoyed the lovely brunch along with fellowship and holiday cheer.

We want to thank all those who submitted their 2024 Stewardship Pledge forms both online and on paper. Congratulations to Stephanie Angelides and Evan & Amy Dudley for winning the Pledge Form Raffle, they each received a beautiful gift basket with baked goods and holiday treats. We had a record number of Pledge forms turned in on Sunday. Your commitment and support are vital to the thriving community we cherish. Thank you for your dedication and generosity.

We would like to remind you that on January 28th there will be a special prayer service for all the Stewardship Forms submitted by that day. We urge you to please submit your Pledge Cards and join us on this special occasion.

Finally, we want to wish everyone a Joyful and Merry Christmas as we all celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May you all have a Healthy and Happy New Year along with all of God's blessings.

STEWARDSHIP FACTS & FIGURES

Cost to operate our community each day: \$3800 daily

Target goal for each Steward/Family: \$2500 yearly



Stewardship Ministry in Motion



Jr. GOYA

Sandy Nickelcade

Dec. 28th – 3 to 5 pm
798 East 9400 South

Join us and beat the holiday break boredom!

- Entrance & pizza provided
- Bring \$\$\$ to play games
(4-8 nickels per game)

Questions?
Text Xanthe:
385-388-3007



Orthodoxy 101 classes

***Beginning Wednesday, January 17
in the Prophet Elias board room***

Classes will run for six weeks

Each week on Wednesdays from 7pm to 8pm.

The six-week sessions will discuss

***Church history, theology, services,
and how they apply to living the Orthodox Christian life.***

Call or text Nick or Dean Athens with questions

801 979-8808 or 801 821-8935

PHILOPTOCHOS CORNER

Holiday Items for Sale

Pastichio is available for your holiday parties and an easy weeknight meal! The Pastichio will be available at both churches in the hall, for \$35 per pan.

Koulouria is available at both churches in the hall, for \$8 per dozen.

The Young at Heart
will have their New Year's lunch on
Thursday, January 11 at noon at the Memorial Hall.

Let's bring in the New Year with some food,
fun and BINGO!



Happy New Year!

Καλή Χρονιά 2024!



The Hellenic Cultural Association
has *Vasilopita* coins for sale again this year.

\$15.00 each or two for \$25.00

Call or text Bill Rekouniotis (801) 673-0424 for purchase.

Limited supply.

Merry Christmas Καλά Χριστούγεννα!



AHEPA presents a
SCHOLARSHIP and AHEPA HOUSE fundraiser



GREEK ALL OVER
BASILE

January 20, 2024
St. Thomas More Catholic Church
3015 E Creek Rd.
Cottonwood Heights, UT 84093

\$75 Dinner & Comedy Show
6pm Social Hour - 7pm Dinner
CASH BAR- TABLES OF 8 & 10 AVAILABLE
RSVP- CHRIS FLOOR 801.450.2105 or
KATHY FLOOR 801.450.9626
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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

2023-2024



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based on academic achievement, financial need, & Hellenic values

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In order to apply students must:

- Be U.S. Citizens/U.S. Permanent Residents and living in the U.S
- Be of Hellenic descent
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.5
- Be enrolled at an accredited university/college in the U.S. as of Fall 2023
- Be full-time students who are pursuing a four-year bachelor's degree

Applications are due

January 31, 2024

The application, criteria, requirements, and guidelines are available at **www.panhellenicsf.org**

For inquiries please email **scholarships@panhellenicsf.org** or call our office at **(312) 357-6432**



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Attention! Boys Basketball for the Tulsa Tournament!

Teams must be solidified this week. If you are planning to play in Tulsa, contact:

Basil Chelemes bchelemes@aol.com for 11th & 12th Grade boys

Yanni Hillas yannihillas@gmail.com for 9th & 10th Grade boys

Bill Feotis bfeotis@gmail.com for 6th through 8th Grade boys

For further questions, contact Nick and Denise Nikols at deninik63@gmail.com.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE!

--PLEASE NOTE WE WILL BE CLOSED--
ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 AND MONDAY, JANUARY 1

SAVE THE DATE

WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION FOR THE DATES BELOW

- **SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024~AT HT** ~Vasilopita Celebration hosted by Philoptochos, more details to follow.
- **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024~AT HT** ~ Hellenic Cuisine Academy Cooking Class featuring Eleni Saltas - 4:00pm-9:00pm. \$40 per class or \$70 for both (Feb & Mar classes).
- **SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024~AT HT** ~ Hellenic Cuisine Academy Cooking Class featuring Appetizers - 4:00pm-9:00pm.

*JOY
to the
world*

