

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2009

ACTING PRESIDING PRIEST:

Rev. Presbyter David Smith
Αιδ. Πρεσβύτερος Δαυίδ Smith

EMERITUS PRIEST:

Rev. Protopresbyter Jerry Tasikas
Αιδ. Πρωτοπρεσβύτερος 'Αργύριος Τασίκας

EPISTLE READING: Eph. 2:4-10

GOSPEL READING: Luke 10:25-37

NATIVITY FAST BEGINS TODAY

BABY BLESSING:

Parents: Robert & Christina Kester
Baby: Elizabeth Diana

PROSFORON BAKERS: Elaine Manou, Maria Manou and Nancy Mantle

KEEPING POSTED

- **Sunday, Nov. 15, SENIORS' BAKE SALE** immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- **Thursday, Nov. 19, SENIORS' MEETING.** 11:30 a.m. Seniors will be making their famous traditional hometown Petés. Petés will be served for lunch. Please join us.
- **Thursday, Nov. 19, H.O.P.E.,** 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the church hall
- **Saturday, Nov. 21, J.O.Y. FIELD TRIP TO TITANIC EXHIBIT,** 1:30 to 4:00, Rochester Museum and Science Center. Meet at the entrance at 1:30 p.m. \$11.00 per person.
- **Sunday, Nov. 22, SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE.** Parents and Family members: Stop by our classrooms to visit the kids!
- **Sunday, Nov. 22nd. WESTON JENNINGS,** our Senior Choir Organist, will be a featured player in an upcoming concert presented by the Eastman Rochester Organ Initiative at Western Presbyterian Church, 101 East Main Street, Palmyra, New York.

4:00 p.m. All are welcomed to attend.

- **Sunday, Nov. 22, PHILOPTOCHOS BAKE SALE** immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- **Sunday, Nov. 29, AGHIA PARASKEVI DAY TRIP** to Niagara Falls is planned for Sun, Nov 29th for the Annual Festival of Lights. The cost for the trip is \$70.00 per person. For more information contact: Sofia Demkos (889-5955) Petroula Stefanou (248-5406) Litsa Karipidis (223-4081) or Marianthe Zissis (594-9086).
- **Tuesday, Dec. 1., J.O.Y.** 6:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, Dec. 6, PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS,** immediately following the Divine Liturgy. The Polls will be open until 3:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, Dec. 6, STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY,** 2010 Pledge Forms will be available in the Church Hall.
- **Sunday, Dec. 6, PHILOPTOCHOS CHRISTMAS PARTY LUNCHEON.** Eros Restaurant, 12:30 p.m. All are welcomed please join us and bring a friend. Please call Niki Chamberlain 585-747-6319 or Helen Eisenberg 585-737-9960 for details. You don't have to be a member to attend.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 8, PHILOPTOCHOS,** Board Mtg 6:30 p.m.; General Mtg 7:00 p.m.; Activities 7:30 p.m
- **Sunday, Dec. 13, CHOIR CHRISTMAS BRUNCH** at Crystal Barn right after church (12 noon)- Choir Members: Please let Zoi Varahidis know if you will be attending.
- **AGHIA PARASKEVI CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be held on Sun, Dec. 13th @ the Burgundy Basin Inn. More information forthcoming.
- **Monday, Dec. 14., G.O.Y.A.** Executive Committee 6:30 p.m.; General Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, Dec. 17, SENIORS CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY** 11:30 a.m. More information forthcoming.
- **Thursday, Dec. 17, H.O.P.E.** 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, Dec. 20, SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PLAY!**

• **Sunday, Dec. 20, CHRISTMAS CAROLING** right after church for Senior Choir, A Cappella Choir and Youth Choir members! So far the choir plans on visiting Steve Kent and George Peters at Hill Haven, Mary Soures at her home and Vera Bellows sister at Edna Wilson. If you know of anyone else who would like a visit from the choir, please let Zoi Varahidis know or call the church office.

NEWS AND REMINDERS

- **SMILES FOR CHRISTMAS:** An extra tray will be passed this Sunday for the "Smiles For Christmas" program- a wonderful way we are reaching out to help those in need over the holidays. Even if you can spare some change, we would be grateful for your support. Look for our Sunday School Kids who will be helping to pass the trays.
- **FOODLINK PROGRAM:** Juan Linares' 4th Grade Class is organizing this effort, making signs, collecting food and delivering it to our local Foodlink chapter. Help support their efforts by donating some non-perishable food items and leaving them in the designated area of the Church Hall.
- **PARISH STEWARDSHIP CHALLENGE:** Will we reach our Fair Share goal of \$310,000 in actual giving this year? It depends on you and me. The amount received to date is **\$189,697.00**. If you are not giving one dollar a week for every one thousand dollars of annual income after taxes, then we hope that you will increase your giving this year to advance toward this goal. **ANNUNCIATION, LET'S REACH AND SURPASS OUR GOAL!**
- **WITH JUST 6 WEEKS LEFT** in this year, it is important that you bring your 2009 Stewardship up to date. If you have not already done so, please mail your Fair Share Pledge with full payment to the Church Office today. Thank you!
- **STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY—Dec. 6:** Giving to the Church is an opportunity – an opportunity to examine our priorities and values. It is an opportunity to express our thankfulness, to give of ourselves and to grow in grace. It is an opportunity to participate in

the work of God. We are able to fulfill God's mission for the Church only to the extent that we support it. 2010 Stewardship Pledge Forms will be available in the Church Hall after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Dec. 6.

• **PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD:** What it is and how can you participate? It is a beautiful card with a famous Byzantine icon of the Nativity. As you know from past years, this beautiful card is sent to over 800 families in our Parish. It saves you time, expense and effort of mailing numerous individual cards to all your friends in our Parish. Please help us keep up this annual tradition by providing a small donation of \$20.00 to help defray the cost of printing and mailing. Last year we raised \$4,600.00 from our Christmas Card to help with our parish ministries. **If you would like your family name to appear in a special way, write it on the line below or call the church office.**



• **ANNUNCIATION HISTORICAL COLLECTION:** We are establishing a church committee to collect memorabilia of the history of our Church community in Rochester. Pictures, articles, and old films, or what ever you have amassed during the existence of our church community will be welcomed. Our idea is to digitize the information and share with the community. Mary Pantas has shared the groundbreaking film of our current location with the Parish Council. If interested please Contact La-Mont Thomas, lthomas@rochester.rr.com, or Mary Pantas at church to participate and/or contribute to this very special project.

CHOIR REHEARSALS:

- **Senior Choir:** Sundays from 11:45 to 12:30. They do not sing the last Sunday of the month.
- **A Cappella Choir:** Fridays from 1:00 to 2:00.. This choir sings the last Sunday of every month.
- **Youth Choir:** Sundays from 11:45 to 12:15.. This choir sings as scheduled.