

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2009

ACTING PRESIDING PRIEST:

Rev. Presbyter David Smith
Αιδ. Πρεσβύτερος Δαυίδ Smith

EMERITUS PRIEST:

Rev. Protopresbyter Jerry Tasikas
Αιδ. Πρωτοπρεσβύτερος 'Αργύριος Τασίκας

EPISTLE READING: Philemon 1:1-25

GOSPEL READING: Luke 12:16-21

SAINTS COMMEMORATED TODAY:

- Philemon of the 70
- Cecilia and Companians

MEMORIAL prayers are given today for the memory of Konstantinos Mihalitsas (6 mos). Coffee will be served in his memory.

ALTAR CANDLES will be lit today for the memory of Olga Broikou.

PROSFORA: Elizabeth McMahon, Costandena Marou and Efthimia Marou



May you and your family have a Blessed and Joyous Thanksgiving!

KEEPING POSTED*

*Due to the lengthy events listing, "Keeping Posted" will be limited to events which are occurring during the upcoming week. Check the Monthly Good News Bulletin, our electronic calendar on the Church's web site: www.AnnunciationRochester.org, or call the church office 244-3377 for information about other events scheduled during the month.

•**TODAY! SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE.** Today is Sunday School Open House! Please proceed down to your child's room anytime after communion. There will be no Sunday School on Thanksgiving weekend, November 29th.

•**TODAY! WESTON JENNINGS,** our Senior Choir Organist, will be a featured player in a 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.

•**TODAY! 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).

•**CHOIRS:** For current rehearsal/performance schedule information, check with Zoi Varahidis for the Senior Choir; or, Christine Kerxhalli for the A Cappella and Youth Choir.

NEWS AND REMINDERS

•**SMILES FOR CHRISTMAS:** The drive took in \$417.75. Many thanks to the Sunday School third graders for all their hard work. They passed a tray Sunday and collected \$241.75 and sat each Sunday in the hall collecting money. We will still be accepting toys until December 6. Thanks to the entire congregation for their generous support of this worthy cause.

•**FOODLINK PROGRAM!** Our goal is 800 pounds through the holidays. We have 200 pounds as of 11/15. Donate what every you can. Every little bit helps!

•**PARISH STEWARDSHIP CHALLENGE and REMINDER:** Will we reach our Fair Share goal of \$310,000 in actual giving this year? With just a few short weeks left of this year, it is important that you bring your 2009 Stewardship up to date. 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. If you have not already done so, please mail your Fair Share Pledge with full payment to the Church Office today. Thank you. **ANNUNCIATION, TOGETHER LET'S REACH AND SURPASS OUR GOAL !**

•**CANDIDATES FOR PARISH COUNCIL:** Parish Council Elections will occur on December 6. The following candidates will be running for the Board: Kathryn Markakis, Niki Chamberlain, George Nassis, Konstantinos Ziogas, Peter Gines, Philip Broikos, Steve Stathopoulos, Helen Eisenberg.

•**SPECIAL REGULATIONS AND UNIFORM PARISH REGULATIONS** relative to Voting Privileges:

Section 4: A parishioner in good standing and duly enrolled in the Parish Record but delinquent in his or her Parish stewardship obligations for the current year may vote in the election by meeting his or her stewardship obligation prior to the election. If a Parishioner is delinquent for more than the current calendar year, he or she may vote in the Parish Council elections only if he or she has met his or her unfulfilled stewardship financial obligations at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the elections.

Section 5: A new member of the Parish may vote in the election if he or she has been enrolled at least three months prior thereto.

•**STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY, Dec. 6:** Giving to the Church is an opportunity – an opportunity to exam-

ine 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.

•**ANNUNCIATION HISTORICAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE IS BEING FORMED:** 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. If interested please Contact L a m o n t T h o m a s , ltomas@rochester.rr.com, or Mary Pantas at church to participate and/or contribute to this very special project.

•**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. Donations may be sent through Christmas. 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 by Dec. 3.

