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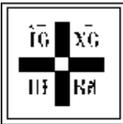


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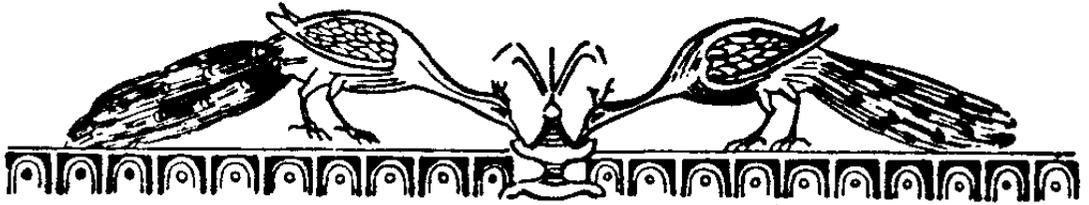
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Schedule of December Services at St. John's

v	Saturday,	Dec. 6:	Holy Liturgy, 10 A.M.
v	Sunday,	Dec. 7:	Holy Liturgy, 10 A.M.
v	Sunday,	Dec. 14:	Holy Liturgy, 10 A.M.
v	Sunday,	Dec. 21:	Holy Liturgy, 10 A.M.
v	Wednesday,	Dec. 24:	Vesperal Liturgy, 6 P.M.
v	Thursday,	Dec. 25:	Holy Liturgy, 10 A.M.
v	Sunday,	Dec. 28:	Holy Liturgy, 10 A.M.

Orthodox Calendar

See enclosed calendar for dates, times, and places for the Special services and other events this month

Council Capsule

My Fellow Parishioners,

I wanted to use this month's Forerunner to talk to you about the upcoming Council elections. Our Council is composed of 11 members, five of which will complete their two-year period in January. We will hold elections to fill these vacancies on December 7th.

To my dismay, we have not had a single new nomination from our congregation to fill any of the five positions.

Currently, we have an outstanding Council composed of hard working dedicated people for which I am very thankful. However, these same dedicated members have served and continue to serve repetitively.

The same situation exists on the various committees that are an integral part of the Church's day-to-day operation.

Both the Council and the Committees offer wonderful opportunities to serve our Church and the membership in a wide range of areas and functions.

I am sure that you will find it very satisfying and fulfilling to participate with us.

It's time to step up to the plate.

Harry Karegeannes
Council President

Fr. Vasile's Message

Who stole Christmas? – A consumerist Nativity story

From time to time even a benign shopping session at Walmart can give you insight on the status of our society today. Last night, as part of pre-Christmas preparation, I was looking for a copy of the recent Hollywood movie "The Nativity story". After scouting for a while with no avail in the helter-skelter of the multi-media proposals, I noticed something that I sought would relief me from my fruitless search: a

Christmas movies stand! Glazing with joy I instantly told myself: were would the Nativity story movie be better placed but there? So with all my hopes up I eagerly approached the booth of my "salvation" and started browsing through the colorful covers.

All the favorite Christmas movies were there: Miracle on 34th Street, Dr. Seuss: How the Grinch Stole Christmas, National Lampoons Christmas Vacation, Jingle all the way and so on. All the usual and unusual Christmas characters were represented: Santa the red/white fat sensation, Rudolph the red nose reindeer, Grinch the villain and even Arnold Schwarzenegger the current governor. All kinds of Christmas stories were told with one notable exception: The Nativity story! Not only that I did not found the movie I was looking for, surprising for a Hollywood movie, but I could not find any movie that will tell even in part anything about the birth of Jesus Christ. It was like Christmas had no Christ in it, like the One that started this whole celebration period was pushed out, devoid of any copy right in the greatest scheme of all times.

I have realized in that moment that Christmas was stolen away from Christians, melted in the furnace of the secular society and remolded in a totally new form that has nothing to do with the original. With the initial gold of the Christian faith that made the Christmas, the pluri-cultural, post-modern, post-Christian society of the day has melted in a myriad of pagan, esoterical and secular influences that have perverted the core of the celebration of the incarnation of God.

Christmas is not anymore Nativity, and I think a lot has to do with this apparently minor name change. Nativity is an unequivocal term: we name exactly what we are celebrating: the birth of our Savior, nobody can take that away if we call it like this. The English word Christmas is in itself a more broad term. Coming from Catholic tradition of the Midnight Christmas Mass it can actually be used to name any day, after all every service we are performing in Church, is dedicated to Christ, so can be a Christ-Mass. From this already generic terminology sprung

the more recent Xmas; an apparently benign spelling leap that led to a total hijacking of this great feast of the Church. Using the X as a placeholder the “Christ” in “Christmas” can be conveniently replaced by anything or anyone you have in mind. As a consequence, what started as a religious holy-day was transformed into a “hip” celebration that has cut any links with its sacred roots.

But the Christmas name is not the only suffering radical transformations. Take for instance Santa. Santa is as post-modernist and multi-cultural as you can get. He started as Saint Nicholas, went to Sinter-Klaas and ended up as the more familiar and conveniently neutral Santa. Santa can be anything. He is part saint, part magician, part entrepreneur, part farmer, part entertainer. His body mass evolved over the years from the ascetic allure of St. Nicholas to a more and more generous round fat belly that expands as the material goals of our consumerist society grow larger and larger.

What can we say then about the Nativity Lent? Ask any Westerner about it and they will look at you as you were coming from Mars. Christmas is not about abstaining, is about overindulging. Now is the time when they say to their souls *“Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”* (Luk 12:19). It is like they are so happy that Christ is coming that they need to eat all the food before He comes so He can lead them into ascetic life because there is no food left.

So in today’s world what is Christmas? Let me give you an insight from Oprah Winfrey’s article “Oprah’s Christmas party”: *“Christmas is a feeling in your heart. And whether you’re commemorating Chanukah, Kwanzaa, or December 25, the celebration is meaningful only if the spirit of the day lives strong in you all year round.”* Can we go any vaguer than that? What about Ramadan? Can we fit that in too? Apparently so because now you can buy as a Christmas present at Target a doll that cries out: “Islam is the light”.

Here is the picture: on Nativity day, the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, a kid can receive, from a

generic Santa, a Muslim doll, wrapped with a card that says Season’s greetings, while having dinner at a table were the 7 candles of Hanukah shine!

Don’t get me wrong, I am all for religious dialogue and tolerance, but this has gone a bit too far. There is no Truth anymore, there is no Way to follow, there is no guidance in our lives because we have disconnected ourselves from the very source of all that: God. Christ said *“I am the way the truth and the life.”* But they say today let’s call on Buddha too, let’s call on Mohammed too and the shamans also, they all are full of wisdom.

Yes, but they only have the wisdom of man and here is what the Bible says about human wisdom: *“Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? [...] For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength”.* (1Co 1:20-25)

The premise of all these pretense open-minded theologians is that there are ways to God that do not involve the way of the Cross. But how do they go around Jesus, the God-Man that says *“No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also.”* (Joh 14:6-7). But the way of the Cross is hard, means accepting suffering as part of life, means renouncing of this world; true, but with the unimaginable gain of moving into another dimension, from ephemeral to eternal, from material to spiritual, from perishing to everlasting.

So as Orthodox Christians we fast before Nativity not because we are sad for Christ is coming, on the contrary, we are glad. But we are not awaiting an earthly King that needs to be welcomed with feasts of food and gifts of gold, but a spiritual one that does not care for any of that. Christ became like one of us not to indulge in this world but to give us the possibility to be like Him: spiritual, not material. But how we can do it if we are so deeply sunk into this material world? This is why we fast, to prepare for the way He leads us on, to make another step toward

being masters of our own bodies and not let the bodies control us; to give priority to our spiritual nature over our physical one, to be part of a world that is not overshadowed by the greed of the Christmas present rush but enlightened by the sun that is arising in Bethlehem.

The Nativity season should indeed be a season of joy and sharing, a season of gifts, but let these gifts come from above, let them be everlasting not perishable, let them be for our edification as citizens of the Kingdom of heaven not as statistics on a consumer report.

Christ is coming, let us glorify Him, let us return His gift of life by giving him our lives so He can take them and transform them in what we were meant to be from the creation of the world, partakers of eternity. *Let's us start by giving Him back at least his earthly birthday.*

Building Committee

The Building Committee has been formed and members include: Joe Sullivan, Mirela Tudora, Ted Stoycos, Stacia Leeders, George Moutafis, Mitch Chokas, Buck Kinman, and Taki Sofokidis.

Planning meetings have begun with short term goals to select a design team for implementing the detailed design of the Church Building based upon the existing building concept plan and to establish an overall budget and schedule for the detailed design effort. We are planning to present this information for review and approval at next month's General Assembly meeting.

If you are interested in keeping up with the latest developments of the Building Committee, all published meeting minutes will be posted on our website under "New Church / Documents".

Joe Sullivan
Building Committee Chairman

Philoptochos News

Ladies,

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Wishing you all a very, very merry, merry Christmas. Christ is Born!

Below is a list of --

"Philoptochos Dates to Remember"

- **December 7, 2008 - Deadline for Pre-Ordered Christmas Bake Sale**
December 7, 2008 – Deadline for Poinsettia Order
- **December 13, 2008 - Baking for Bake Sale (10:00 am) Church Hall/Kitchen and December's Philoptochos Meeting immediately after)**
- **December 14, 2008 - Annual Philoptochos Christmas Party**
December 14, 2008 - Pick-up pre-ordered Bake Sale Items
December 14, 2008 - Deadline for Adopt A Family Gifts
- **December 21, 2008 - 2nd Annual Parish Ornament Exchange**

Thanks to all who supported our Thanksgiving Basket Program, it is a privilege to be allowed the opportunity to help these needy families during the feast of Thanksgiving.

Please do not forget to order your poinsettias for the holidays. They will adorn our Solae during this most blessed holiday season, then on December 24th after liturgy you may take them home and adorn them for the remainder of the season. This is another way for Philoptochos to continue its philanthropic work as "friends of the poor".

Our annual Philoptochos Christmas Party is scheduled for Sunday, December 14, 2008 at Café Italia in Grapevine. We will all be

gathering at 6:00 pm. Please see Barbara Vittas or Margaret Chokas for details. This is a wonderful way for all of us to get together during the holidays.

Pre-order Bake Sale forms are in the Parish Hall. Please complete and drop in the appropriate box for some of our famous goodies for the holidays. Orders will need to be picked-up no later than December 14, 2008.

Joanie Ruppel will once again coordinate the "Adopt A Family" gift program. Literature will be forth coming however; you may contact Joanie directly for more information. This is such a worthwhile cause, I believe we truly make a difference in the lives of several families.

Again this year, we are encouraging all parishioners to participate in a Christmas Ornament Exchange event. We ask that each individual that wishes to participate bring a wrapped ornament to church on Sunday December 21st and place it underneath our Christmas tree. Those that bring an ornament will have the opportunity to pick an ornament as they leave church to place on their trees at home. These ornaments can be personalized, handmade, store bought, etc. Just think in a few years time, we will all have enough ornaments to decorate our trees at home, all from our church family. There is no cost to participate, it is simply a way to all share in the holidays.

There is a box located in the parish hall labeled "Women's Shelter". This box serves the Women's Shelter, who is always in need of certain items for women in distress. If you would all kindly see Kathy Fox for details. This is a wonderful way for us to help those women who are making healthy changes in their lives and have no means of assistance.

Happy Holidays!!!!

With Christ's Love,
Bertha

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Stewardship News 2008

As of 11/18/08 we have **123 stewards** for a **total of \$140,383** or **100%** of our goal. Thanks to all of you - WE MADE IT!!

As we approach the end of the year we ask that you take the time to review your stewardship statement and make every effort to fulfill your pledge by December 31. As discussed at the General Assembly, it is important, for accounting purposes, that all pledges be completed by the end of the year, if at all possible.

Thank you again for your continued support and commitment to our church. We have a wonderful community and we are looking forward to another great year.

NEW: Stewardship 2009!

On Sunday 11/23/08 we officially started our 2009 Stewardship drive. The new campaign is focusing on strengthening our relationship with God through participation in the mission of the Church. We have already started receiving pledges for 2009. Please prayerfully consider your priorities for 2009 keeping and consider your pledge for the year to come that will support your community of faith.

As you may know, our goal for 2009 is to meet all our parish expenses from stewardship. Your participation in the stewardship program will make this possible.

Also, beside the financial obligations our parish is in need of your talents, so also consider getting involved in the vibrant ministries of our church.

Please contact Fr. Vasile of the members of the Stewardship Committee for details.

2008 Stewards

Alexander, Leo & Teresa

Anderson, Melvin
Antahades, Dr. Lou & Judyth
Arlington, Linda
Ball, David
Ballas, Andy & Pat
Basiliadis, Nick & Dr. Margaret
Began, John
Berca, Sorin & Carmen
Bitner, Carol
Blasé, Clarisse
Bogdos, George & Soterra
Bogordos, George & Kasandra
Bokoyas, Chris
Bokoyas, Jim & Kiki
Bouras, Andreas & Ann
Brandon, Roberta
Callesen, John & Kathleen
Chokas, Margaret
Chokas, Mitch & Maretta
Chrestopoulos, Alex & Diane
Clay, Wayne & Aria
Cline, Tim & Angela
Cortinas, Ruben & Laurie
Coston, Kathryn
Cramb, Kristina
Demetriades, Gus & Andi
Dempsey, Walt & Dorothy
DiGiovanni, Greg & Joy
Eftimie, Michael & Tamara
Feichtinger, Pavlina
File, Russell & Hope
Fondulis, Paul
Fox, Mike & Kathy
Geil, Christopher & Sandra
Genovezos, George
Gianulis, Bill & Bertha
Gianulis, Demi
Grumbos, Mary
Grumbos, Dr. Peter
Hadjikiriakos, Michael & Persa
Harrison, Daniel & Dena
Henderson, Ecaterina
Henry, Mike & Julie
Hooe, Jane
Howton, Lucille
Huber, Dr. Emery & Stacey
Johnson, Marshall & Velva

Jones, Daniel
Karegeannes, Harry & Ginny
Karidis, George & Delia
Kastalanych, Randy
Katsikas, Constantinos
Kerbow, Joe & Maria
Kindlinger, Phyllis
Kinman, Buck & Karen
Kypreos, Nick & Cindy
Lavery, Connie
Leeders, Stacia
Leeders, Larry
Leimbacher, Jenny
Maayeh, Bishara & Mary
Manos, George & Vicki
Manos, Michael & Debbie
Matheson, Trevor & Sherri
Mavias, John
Mavias, Michael & Mary
McKinnon, Allan
Medvic, Allison
Medvic, Nancy
Mihalakeas, Andreas & Laura
Molhoek, Mike & Tina
Moutafis, George & Khanh
Nahatis, Arthur
Nazzal, Alfred & Sylvia
Nicholas, Tina
Nicholas, Toni
Noulas, Athanasios
Pachares, Tony & Athena
Papadimitriou, Alex & Linda
Papadopoulou, Olga & Theoni
Papaliadis, Georgia
Papaliadis, Louie
Paulos, Angela
Paulos, Sophie
Petercsak, Steve & Esther
Peters, Elpis
Peters, Paun & Lynn
Peters, Tina
Peters, Tommy & Dolly
Plock, Eleni
Poletes, John
Poletes, Bill & Rena
Poriotis, Terry & Gail
Poulakos, Kathy

Poulos, Presvytera Alexandra
Pursley, Peter & Cynthia
Rafailedes, Connie
Richards, Milka
Ruppel, John & Joanie
Russo, Athena
Samaras, Johnny
Seals, Lyle & Connie
Shah, Raj & Kirsten
Skelly, Brad & Stephanie
Sofokidis, Hristaki & Jan
Stancu, Rodica
Stoycos, Ted & Mary Helen
Sullivan, Charlie & Ann
Sullivan, Joe & Nina
Talleos, Peter
Tudora, Fr. Vasile &
 Presvytera Mirela
Villanueva, Junior & Maria
Vittas, George & Barbara
Vittas, John
Vizirv, Victor & Dusanka
Vloitos, Nick & Rayanna
Walenty, Tony & Lisa
Wiginton, Michael & Athena
Wozniak, Matt & Jamie
Wright, Bill & Christine
Yiantsou, Dr. Chris & Margo
Zingas, Aristides & Olga

Youth Ministries On the Move

Our parish has been given the honor and responsibility of hosting the Diocesan Oratorical Festival on October 27, 28, 29, 2009!

This is a very exciting program in which winners in the senior and junior divisions of local diocesan church Oratorical Festival programs will be our guests as they compete for the Diocesan title. The winners in each division then proceed to the national competition.

Barbara Vittas is responsible for the planning and execution but will need help from the entire parish. More info will be coming soon.

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Our church school students in 7th through 12th grade will be studying the topics and preparing their speeches. This is one of the best programs our Archdiocese offers to our youth and participation offers life time benefits... so let's all get behind this effort and encourage our students to represent us to the best of their abilities which are considerable!

Wishing you all a blessed holiday season.

Athena Pachares, Y.M. coordinator
(pachares@sbcglobal.net)

GOYA

Officers:

Patrick Sullivan, President
Nick Papadimitriou, Vice President
Jenna Wright, Treasurer
Maggie Molhoek, Secretary

New Blog for the Gladsome Light Dialogues

We are happy to announce everyone our newest program, the online continuation of our Wednesday night Dialogues. You can now read materials and participates in discussions at the following address <http://dialogues.stjohndfw.info>

Our current Cycle of dialogues is: "*Christ in the Bible*" that will continue through the Lenten period until Nativity. Due to the Festal Season we will not have any movie projection in the Evening Film dialogues series in December, but will start again in January.

Please find bellow the discussion topics for December:

12/3/2008 Christ in the shadow of the Old Testament

12/10/2008 New Testament: The Incarnate God

12/17/2008 Apocalypse: Christ and the Age to come

12/24/2008 No Evening Film Dialogues
12/31/2008 No Dialogues

Choir Notes

Celebration of the Feast of the Nativity - Hymns sung by our adult & youth choirs

(Resources Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America)

On Christmas Day the service commemorates the birth of Christ in Bethlehem, the adoration of the Shepherds, and the arrival of the Wise Men with their gifts. The service held on this day is the Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom.

Apolytikion: (Fourth Tone)

Your birth, O Christ our God, dawned the light of knowledge upon the earth. For by Your birth those who adored stars, were taught by a star, to worship You, the Sun of Justice and to know You, Orient from on High. O Lord, glory to You.

Kontakion: (Third Tone)

Today, the Virgin bears Him who is transcendent, and the earth presents the cave to Him who is beyond reach. Angels, along with shepherds glorify Him. The Magi make their way to Him by a star. For a new child has been born for us, the God before all ages.

The choir wishes all our church family a Joyous Christmas and Blessed New Year.

A message of thoughts and prayers to David Ball for a very speedy recovery.

Musically yours,

Bill Poletes

Church School News

Dear Students and Parents,

Thank you all for the donations to the Thanksgiving Food Basket Program. We have Volume XXIV No. 12

learned to be giving to others and to be thankful for what we have.

Every year, the church school children have provided a Christmas program. This year's program is a musical presentation. We need more participation from our children.

December is a busy month with all the holiday festivities. Sometimes we get so busy that we overlook the reason for these celebrations. Church School will have the Advent Retreat on December 13 from 10AM – 1PM. We'll learn why we celebrate Christmas, have a session with Father Vasile as well as rehearse for our Christmas program. We'll provide lunch and do a craft for the holidays. We will have final preparations for the Christmas Program after Holy Communion on December 14th.

May God bless you and Keep you safe,

Khanh Moutafis

Ageless Wonders

The Ageless Wonders will meet on Tuesday, December 2nd, 2008 at 11:a.m. at the Fort Worth Petroleum Club for our annual Christmas luncheon. The cost for the buffet lunch is \$20 per person. We are having a gift exchange as usual, you will be contacted for reservations. Come and join us for a fun time. Details? Call me.

Margaret Chokas.817-354-7731

How to Avoid Christmas Depression

*The Eastern Orthodox Nativity Fast May Prevent
Post-Holiday Blues*

Excerpts from an article by [Lisa C. DeLuca](#)

Much of the post-holiday blues and Christmas depression that occur in the United States may

have something to do with the way the U.S. culture celebrates the Christmas holiday. People often feel deprived and lonely, in stark contrast to all of the pre-Christmas cheer. Others feel let down and weighed down by food and debt after the Christmas holiday. Changing the way the holiday is celebrated can yield completely different results.

An Orthodox Christmas Can be a Remedy for Christmas Depression and Holiday Blues

"The birth of Christ brought joy and hope to those who had been in darkness and the way the Orthodox celebrate Christmas is designed to let people feel that hope again," states Father Jonathan Ivanoff, an Orthodox Christian Priest and Pastor of St. John the Theologian Orthodox Church in Shirley, New York.

The Orthodox Church (known by some in the west as "Eastern Orthodox") teaches that Advent represents the time before Christ's birth, when God's people had become lost and disconnected from Him. Instead of "pre-celebrating" the Christmas holiday during Advent, the Orthodox Christian faithful participate in a solemn, six-week Nativity fast during this time.

The Orthodox Christmas Nativity Fast Can Help Those Who Struggle with Depression

In place of satisfying themselves with food, drink and partying during Advent, the faithful are asked to nourish their souls with prayer, communion with their fellow parishioners, and drawing closer to God. This helps Orthodox Christians prepare to receive the joy that Christmas day brings.

According to Ivanoff, Christmas parties are put off until Christmas day. When Christmas comes it is a time of joy, not blues or post-holiday let down, and the faithful are prepared to receive that joy. In fact, the Orthodox continue to celebrate for 10 days after Christmas.

The Orthodox Nativity Fast Helps People Transcend Worldly Problems

The Orthodox Nativity is an exercise in being able to transcend the body and not be ruled by impulses. The Orthodox church considers fasting

a spiritual benefit, that helps people experience existence on a more spiritual plane, and teaches that regardless of their worldly limitations, people have spiritual substance that can sustain them in difficult times.

In addition to increased prayer, almsgiving is expected to increase during the Nativity fast. This means, specifically, giving money to relieve poverty and material need. These acts of almsgiving restore Orthodox Christian's connection with humanity. They remind the faithful of Jesus' Great Commandment to love one another. It is a reminder that life has more meaning than the consumption of material goods. It helps Orthodox Christians get out of the rut of day to day life and put their spirituality first.

The Orthodox Nativity Fast Provides Physical, Spiritual and Emotional Benefits During the Christmas Holiday

If people stick to the fast they will find themselves in a type of a famine. They may feel more solemn. They certainly will not feel weighed down by food and they may have even shed excess pounds. They will feel much more in control of themselves and their appetites. They may feel closer to God - certainly this is the main goal. They may feel more love and compassion towards self and others.

Orthodox Christmas is the Opposite of Depression

When the holiday arrives, the faithful are prepared to experience true joy. Toward the end of the fast, people tend to feel like they have accomplished something difficult. On Christmas day they break the fast, exit the period of darkness and celebrate the light. The feast is that much sweeter because of the famine which preceded it. People can feel the joy of Christmas. Because they have done the work of nourishing the soul they are now free to indulge in the God-given blessings of food, drink, material things, family, friends and fun. Orthodox Christians believe that God wants people to be joyful.

Even those who are lonely or poor, having had their souls filled, may see a path to a more satisfying life, or a way to comfort their pain and experience joy in small things after breaking the fast.

And just as a little baby in a manger offered hope to the world, Christians are called to follow in His footsteps and to be the light of the world. No person is too faulted or too ordinary to make a difference, according to Orthodox teaching. Each person is called by God to do good in the world.

Usher Schedule

- 1st Sunday:** George Moutafis, Cynthia Pursley
- 2nd Sunday:** Harry Karegeannes, Taki Sofoklidis
- 3rd Sunday:** Bill Wright, Tim Cline
- 4th Sunday:** Barbara Vittas, Larry Leeders
- 5th Sunday:** Nancy Medvic, Lou Antahades

Nursery Attendants Schedule

The Nursery is accepting children 3 years old and under. Attendants will be ready and waiting to take care of your little ones. The attendants will leave and go to the service if children do not arrive by 10:30.

In His Service,
Marsha Arapis

Nursery Attendants Schedule

- Dec. 7: TBA
- Dec. 14: Elizabeth Popescu
- Dec. 21: TBA
- Dec. 28: TBA

Please thoughtfully consider becoming a Nursery Attendant. Contact Marsha Arapis
marshaarapis@yahoo.com

Acolyte Schedule

- 1st Sunday :** Patrick Sullivan, Phillip Sullivan, Peter Pursley, John Molhoek

2nd Sunday : James Seals, Ovidiu Berca, Patrick Sullivan, Philip Sullivan

3rd Sunday : Jackson Wright, Joey Basiliadis, Ovi Berca, Alex Shah

4th Sunday : Bennett Kerbow, Ovi Berca, James Seals, Alex Shah

5th Sunday: Patrick Sullivan, Phillip Sullivan, Jackson Wright, Ovi Berca

Coffee Hour Schedule

- 1st Sun.:** Dr. and Mrs. Chris Yiantsou
- 2nd Sun:** Philoptochos
- 3rd Sun:** Parish Council
- 4th Sun:** Ageless Wonders
- 5th Sun:** Parish Council (If Applicable)

CLEAN UP

- § Wash all dishes soiled, including coffee pots.
- § Return sugar tray to kitchen and replenish it.
- § Wash off hall tables and kitchen counters.
- § Donation money will be collected by the

Parish Council.
Thank You Very Much

ST. IRENE PHILOPTOCHOS HOLIDAY BAKE SALE

- ✓ ALL ORDERS MUST BE PREPAID
- ✓ CHECKS MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER – PAYABLE TO:

St. Irene's Philoptochos
 Attn: Bake Sale Order
 303 Cullum Dr.
 Euless, TX 76040-4625

- ✓ ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY: DECEMBER 7, 2008
- ✓ ORDERS MUST BE PICKED UP ON: DECEMBER 14, 2008

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY- STATE-ZIP: _____
 PHONE: _____

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
	Greek Bread (Traditional Greek Sweet Bread)	\$5.00
	Baklava – 6 pieces (Greek Pastry made with delicate layers of flaky filo dough and nuts)	\$10.00
	Baklava – Pan (approx 60 pieces)	\$70.00
	Koulourakia – Dozen (Traditional Greek Butter Cookie)	\$6.00

TOTAL DUE

\$ _____



***Come Join Us For Our Annual
Philoptochos Christmas Party***

Sunday, December 14, 2008 at 6:00 PM

***Café Italia
2631 Ira E. Woods Ave.
Grapevine***

***\$30.00 Per Person Includes Your Choice of:
Chicken Rollatini
Linguini with Shrimp
Or Tilapia
Wine and Dessert Included***

***Don't forget your Non-Gender Chinese Auction Item
\$15.00 Limit***

***RSVP by December 7th to:
Barbara Vittas or Margaret Chokas***