

The LAMPLIGHTER

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH of Lansing

"Yea, Thou dost light my lamp; the Lord my God lightens my darkness..." (Psalms 18:28)

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Pastoral Reflection: The Soul Felt Its Worth

Fr. Mark Sietsema

I love Christmas music. I love the church hymns, I adore the carols, I'm even nuts for the Santa Claus songs. But there's always been one Christmas song I never warmed up to: "O Holy Night." (... maybe because as a kid I never heard any church soloists manage to hit that high note at the end.)

Despite my qualms, I must admit that this song contains the single most profound line of all Christmas music: *"Long lay the world in sin and error pining/ Till He appear'd and the soul felt its worth."*

With the coming of Christ—with the appearance of God in human form—the soul is awakened to a truth about itself. In the light of Bethlehem's Star, we see *our own true worth*. And in that realization, whether it comes to us like a flash of light or as a slowly rising dawn, when we see our true worth Christmas happens all over again.

You will see a lot of price tags lately in the month ahead. But what is the price tag on *you*? How much is a human being worth? If you break our bodies down to the basic minerals and elements, we are worth about \$4.50 according to some scientists (a few bucks more if you have gold fillings). As a bundle of organs and tissues for transplants, our

bodies are worth a tad more, about \$45 million dollars. But as a *person*, as a living, breathing human being, we are worth more still. The Christmas story tells us: We are worth God.

For why else would God do it? Why would God become something that He is not? God is timeless, dwelling outside of past, present, and future—yet He willingly steps into this prison of time.

God is changeless—yet He takes on a form that knows nothing but constant change and impermanence, disease and decay.

God is invisible, yet He exposes Himself, through incarnation, to the leering eyes of men.

God is spirit—yet He voluntarily assumes the weakness of our bodies, with their assortment of inevitable aches and pains and infirmities.

God is infinite, greater than all the galaxies in all of space—yet He draws Himself in to the size of a newborn child that can fit the cramped confines of a manger.

And beholding God in the flesh, the human soul feels its true worth. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son"*(John 3:16).

This says much about God. It says much about you and me as well. We are not worthless, not a single one of us. We are worth saving, each and every one of us.

It is in that sense of self-worth that true repentance is born: that glorious realization of saying to oneself, "*I am better than this.*" I am better than this (pick one) bad habit/ abusive relationship/ grudge/ hatred/jealousy/greed. It is this sense of self-respect, of self-worth, that is God's medicine for the soul, raising us up to the better life for which He created us.

But Christ's birth in Bethlehem was not meant just to open our eyes to our own worth. Seeing the child in the manger, we are supposed to wake up at last the worth of one another. Maybe I would like the song "O Holy Night" better if we heard the last verse more often. Think of the tune as you listen to these words. *Truly He taught us love for one another, His law is love and His gospel is peace. Chains shall he break, the slave is now our brother, And in his name all oppression shall cease.*

We all know people who are slaves in some sense. We know people who are held captive by the bonds of poverty, of ignorance, of addiction, of despair, of rejection, of anger, of sin. This we find in people whose souls have not yet felt their own worth, who have not yet peered into the manger of Bethlehem and seen there what value God places on each one of us.

Free those slaves. Help their souls feel their true worth.

Reach out to that person whose heart is broken with the pains of this world and speak a word of kindness and acceptance.

Reach out to the one whose pockets are empty and give a gift of love.

Reach out to the one who is taken captive by sin and offer freely your friendship, your forgiveness.

When you realize that your own worth is God, then you must act like God and reach out to the one who does not know his worth and show it to him. Do so daily, and every night of the year will be a Holy Night, a Night Divine.

God bless us everyone! Merry Christmas.

Parish Council

by Stella Economy

The Parish Council wishes you and your families a most blessed Christmas with good health and happiness in the New Year.

The Parish Council strives to keep you informed on what is happening in and around the community as outlined below.

Election Results

- ✿ Elections were held on Sunday, November 2. Elected to a three year term beginning January 1, 2009 were Yvonne Joseph, George Mansour, Alexis Popoff and Angela Vlahakis.

Stewardship

- ✿ To date we have 225 stewardship units who have pledged \$236,739.00 this year of which \$206,612.00 has been received.
- ✿ Our 2009 Stewardship campaign is chaired by Elaine Christofilis and Alexis Popoff. We have received 128 pledges for the year 2009. A blank 2009 pledge form is included in this issue for your convenience if you have yet to pledge or did not receive a pledge form in the mail. Our budget for 2009 will be based on the Stewardship Pledges we receive. We will have a General Assembly on Sunday, December 14 that will address the budget for next year. Please make every effort to make a realistic pledge so that a realistic budget can be presented.

Parish Council Update

- ✿ Pardon our dust, as we remodel the restrooms in the social hall wing. Many thanks to Dennis Branoff for overseeing this project. The project will be completed by early December.
- ✿ As mentioned last month, the price of our beeswax candles has increased. Several parishioners have stepped forward to donate the purchase price of the candles for the church and we thank them.
- ✿ Thank you to George Lafkas and Maria Alexander and their helpers for the wonderful brunch served on November 16th.

Philoptochos

by Mary Volakakis

After our successful annual bake sale we have much to be thankful for this autumn. Thank you to each and every woman, man, and youngster who gave their talent, time, labor and money. for our fundraiser. Every year Philoptochos has benefited from the warm support of so many volunteers: so a big and heartfelt thank you to the chairpersons and coordinators, the bakers, chefs, servers, knitters, greeters, and to those who made the affair bright and shiny.

Please, also accept Philoptochos's gratitude and thanks for supporting our sponsorship of a Haven House family at Christmas, the Southside Kitchen, and the Salvation Army

The Christmas potluck will be held December 8th and OPA will meet December 16th. There will be Christmas visitations this month, too. Please tell Philoptochos' co-president Eleanor Spalding of anyone you think would enjoy a holiday visit, or if you would enjoy making these visits with us.

Lunch tickets for Interfaith Day will be \$10 and will go on sale the week of December 15th from Dee Vosovic. The date is Tuesday, February 24, 2009, and the place is Shaarey Zedek Congregation. The theme is "Repairing the World". The Orthodox speaker will be Rev. Richard Peters of the Williamston Orthodox Church.

Before we know it 2009 will be upon us. As of this printing, the next general meeting is scheduled for January 5th, and the cutting of the Vasilopita will be on January 11th.

It is snowing and very cold which tells us that it is time to bid our "snow birds" goodbye. We will be most happy to welcome you and Spring back in a few months.

Prayers for the Sick

Dennis Stepanovich Kathryn Menoutes

Odyssey

by George Lafkas

MSU Global Festival

The Odyssey Program was represented at the MSU Global Festival on Nov. 16, 2008. Under the direction of Dr. Zana Litos, the Greek language students from MSU and the Odyssey Program demonstrated Greek folk dances to a large and enthusiastic audience.

Upcoming Odyssey Program Events

December 7, 2009 – Loukoumathes coffee hour following the divine Liturgy
January 11, 2009 -Pizza and Movie III (The Threequel)

The Odyssey Program will be hosting a fundraiser to give you a chance to enjoy a wonderful pizza and the excellent movie, "**A SEA APART.**" See the enclosed flier with information on the movie and the event.

AHEPA

by Phillip Frangos

Mark your calendars. AHEPA's much anticipated Village Feast will be held on Sunday, January 25, at Holy Trinity's beautiful Baryames Social Hall. What better way to spend a wintry Sunday evening than with friends enjoying the food and wine of sunny Greece while being entertained by dancers from Michigan State University's Greek Club. This dinner has sold out in the previous years it has been held. Once again the price is right - \$25.00 per person or \$200.00 per table of eight as has been the case formerly. Share a beautiful evening with your friends and neighbors. For details contact Vackis Nicolaou, Tony Fragale, George Lafkas, or Phillip Frangos.

AHEPA has available four half-tuition scholarships to Holy Trinity's Odyssey program. The scholarships are each worth \$150.00 and available only to members of Holy Trinity's family. For information contact George Lafkas.

The chapter is planning several events for 2009. They include a Sunday morning brunch,

the annual Palm Sunday Fish Plaki Dinner and Graduate Reception, a night with the Lansing Lugnuts, the annual Labor Day picnic at East Lansing's Patriarche Park, and few other outings. More details will be provided as event dates come closer.

AHEPA once again thanks the entire Holy Trinity community for their support of our scholarship and education programs, as well as other activities and events. Warm wishes are extended to all our parishioners and their families for a holy and joyous Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Christmas Week Services

The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on both Christmas Eve (10 am) and Christmas Day (9 am). Please note the earlier time on the 25th.

Also on Christmas Eve we will offer the Great Vespers of the Nativity at 5:30 pm. This service will take about one hour (including the singing of carols) this year. It is scheduled early in the evening in the hopes that families with children can attend and still have time for celebration at home afterwards.

Condolences

to the family of Anne Kontas DeRose on her passing on November 15. May her memory be eternal!

to the David Abood family on the passing of Della Jean Abood. May her memory be eternal!

to the family of Athena Bontos on the passing of George Bontos. May his memory be eternal!

to the family of Ina and Ted Samra on the passing of Ina's brother in Detroit. May his memory be eternal!

GOYA

Our annual Christmas Card project signup will begin Sunday, November 30th - December 14th. The absolute, final day to participate is Sunday, December 14th. No names will be added after this day. The cost is \$15 per family.

Our Christmas Caroling outing will be held Sunday, December 21st. Please let us know if you would like to be 'serenaded'. Caroling is from 4:00pm - 6:00pm.

We are looking for someone to host the GOYA Christmas Party. If you are interested, please let us know.

Holy Trinity 2008 Community Christmas Card

GOYA members will be available to receive names following the Divine Liturgy on December 7th and December 14th

The contribution is \$15 per family name

You may also submit names by mail
Print your family name as would like it to appear on a separate piece of paper
Please mail name(s) and check to:

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
1701 E. Saginaw Street
Lansing, MI 48912

Deadline for receiving names is December 14th
All checks should be made payable to "GOYA"

Congratulations

to Peter and Marianna Perakis and to grandparents Erik and Manya Constant on the birth on November 20 of Errikos-Minos. Na sas zisei!

to San and Dee Vosovic on the birth of their great-grandson Benjamin Sava Vosovic. Many years to him and to all!

That we may Offer...

by Nick Gavrilides

In October's article I explained the concurrent cycles of Orthodox worship and the basic structure of the divine services. This month we will take a look at some of what is accomplished by *leitourgia*—the “work of the people” —during the Divine Liturgy.

Every Divine Liturgy accomplishes many things, including corporate worship, Christian fellowship, and the free and abundant out-pouring of Divine Grace through Word and Sacrament.

The way in which the Divine Liturgy incorporates these important events is through giving thanks for the salvation that Christ provides and the gift of eternal life through Him. The Liturgy also includes the remembrance and reliving of the ministry of our Savior Jesus Christ. These factors are summed up in the “mystical” prayer of the segment of the service called the Anaphora.

While the hymn “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth...” is chanted, the priest inaudibly prays the following two parts of the mystical prayer of the Anaphora, the first section echoing Ephesians 5:20—“*Giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*”

It is proper and right to sing to You, bless You, praise You, thank You and worship You in all places of Your dominion; for You are God ineffable, beyond comprehension, invisible, beyond understanding, existing forever and always the same; You and Your only begotten Son and Your Holy Spirit. You brought us into being out of nothing, and when we fell, You raised us up again. You did not cease doing everything until You led us to heaven and granted us Your kingdom to come. For all these things we thank You and Your only begotten Son and Your Holy Spirit; for all things that we know and do not know, for blessings seen and unseen that have been bestowed upon us. We also thank You for this liturgy which You are pleased to accept from our hands, even though You are surrounded by thousands of Archangels and tens of thousands of Angels, by the Cherubim and Seraphim, six-winged, many-eyed, soaring with their wings,

The second section echoes the words of our Lord found in Luke 22:19—“*And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.’*”

Together with these blessed powers, merciful Master, we also proclaim and say: You are holy and most holy, You and Your only-begotten Son and Your Holy Spirit. You are holy and most holy, and sublime is Your glory. You so loved Your world that You gave Your only begotten Son so that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. He came and fulfilled the divine plan for us. On the night when He was betrayed, or rather when He gave Himself up for the life of the world, He took bread in His holy, pure, and blameless hands, gave thanks, blessed, sanctified, broke, and gave it to His holy disciples and apostles saying:

Notice in the first section how it begins by giving glory to God; this form of prayer is called *doxology*. Many of our formal Orthodox prayers are built around this form, acknowledging that all glory and worship belongs to God.

Also notice the prayer gives thanks in the past tense for granting the Kingdom to come. This is an Orthodox affirmation that God has come into His creation and His Kingdom is available now.

In the mystical prayer of the Anaphora we give all glory to God and we acknowledge He is beyond our comprehension, even though He has revealed His Triune existence. We also acknowledge we have fallen away from Him and give thanks that He has offered us a way back. We affirm that our entire life is a blessing and we give solemn thanks for every good thing. Lastly we thank God for giving us the gift of the Divine Liturgy itself.

The prayer then moves into “remembrance” (Greek *anamnesis*). First, we acknowledge the economy of the Holy Trinity in authoring and carrying out the plan for our salvation.

Next it recalls some of the events leading up to Christ's passion. “On the night when He was betrayed”—the world betrays Christ every single day; this is precisely why we need this Sacrament so badly.

“Or rather gave Himself up”—we must again affirm God is the author of our Salvation, and only through Him may we receive the gift of eternal life.

“For the life of the world”—through the events of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ: His Incarnation, ministry, humiliation, passion, death on the cross and glorious resurrection, Christ has abolished the unnatural event of death and made His Kingdom available to all. Surely this is the “life of the world” spoke of here. Lastly, we recall the institution of the Eucharist, the very reason we are all gathered together at that moment.

The prayer of the Anaphora has significant spiritual value for the Orthodox Christian. It sums up what our Christian lives should be working towards: giving all glory, honor and worship to God; offering unending thanks to God for everything, most importantly His mercy; retelling the Gospel and reliving the story of Christ our true God, together with whoever will listen.

Greek Folk Dance

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church is holding a Greek Folk Dance Workshop and Retreat on Saturday, January 31, 2009 at 760 W. Wattles Road in Troy. The workshop takes place 9:30 am—5 pm. Registration is \$30/person and includes a light breakfast, lunch, snack, and a souvenir T-shirt. For information call the church office at (248) 362-9575.

Announcement

All are welcome to two upcoming celebrations at the Metropolis of Detroit, 2560 Crooks Road in Troy, MI. (1) Open House and Reception for the Metropolitan’s Nameday, Sunday, December 7 from 1:00-6:00 pm. (2) Feast of Saint Spyridon: on December 11 at 7 pm the Great Vespers with reception to follow; on December 12 at 9 am Orthros and at 10 am Divine Liturgy. Call (248) 823-2400 for details.

Scholarship Opportunity

Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology announce the establishment of two new scholarships as part of the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the founding of Hellenic College, the only fully accredited Orthodox Christian four year liberal arts institution of higher learning in America.

The “Come and See” Scholarship

This scholarship provides for 80% of tuition for four years for all incoming students in both Hellenic College and Holy Cross. The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage young men and women to “come and see” what HC/HC is all about with the confident expectation that, after experiencing the academic and Orthodox Christian environment on campus, students will want to stay for their entire course of study in either the college or the graduate school. This sizeable tuition break is being offered for a limited time.

The Chrysostom Scholarship

This scholarship operates in conjunction with the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival that takes place annually in the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. The Chrysostom Scholarship will be awarded to the senior division first-place speaker (male or female) in each parish. This award will provide 100% of tuition for the recipient’s first year of study at Hellenic College and 80% of tuition for the remaining three years. This is an estimated savings of more than \$65,000. The Chrysostom Scholarship is intended to afford young men and women the opportunity to continue their education in an Orthodox Christian environment while also encouraging more parishes to participate in the Oratorical Festival.

Prospective students are encouraged to contact the Admissions Office via www.hchc.edu or call (617) 850-1285 or (617) 850-1260.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

THE PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY

INVITES YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO ATTEND THE

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

MONDAY DECEMBER 8, 2008

SOCIAL HOUR 6:00 PM

DINNER 6:30 PM

MAIN DISH WILL BE FURNISHED BY PHILOPTOCHOS

PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH TO PASS

DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, PHILOPTOCHOS WOULD LIKE TO BE CHARITABLE IN A MORE PERSONAL AND MEANINGFUL WAY. WE ARE PLANNING TO SPONSOR A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS FROM THE HAVEN HOUSE IN EAST LANSING. HAVEN HOUSE IS AN ORGANIZATION WHICH AIDS AND ASSISTS FAMILIES IN DISTRESS. THERE WILL ALSO BE A WISH LIST OF ITEMS REQUESTED BY SOME OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS LIVING THERE.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE PART IN THIS EFFORT, YOU MAY DO SO BY GIVING A DONATION AT THE CHRISTMAS DINNER. WE ARE ACCEPTING DONATIONS WHICH WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE THE ITEMS ON THE WISH LISTS GIVEN TO US. CHECKS CAN BE MADE PAYABLE TO PHILOPTOCHOS AND BROUGHT TO THE PARTY OR BE MAILED TO THE CHURCH IN CARE OF PHILOPTOCHOS. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT OF THIS WORTHY CAUSE.

IN PAST YEARS, WE HAVE ALSO COLLECTED MONEY FOR THE SOUTHSIDE KITCHEN. WE WILL HAVE A BASKET OUT FOR THOSE WISHING TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS AT THE CHRISTMAS DINNER. PHILOPTOCHOS WILL MATCH THE AMOUNT GIVEN AND PROVIDE IT TO THE SOUP KITCHEN.

R.S.V. P.

PLEASE RESPOND BY DECEMBER 3RD, 2008.

PLEASE CALL THE TO CHURCH OFFICE, 482-7341, OR E-MAIL TO HOLYTRINITY@SBCGLOBAL.NET, OR RETURN TO CHURCH OFFICE.

NAME: _____

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NUMBER OF GUESTS _____ PHONE _____

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND GOD BLESS!

Odyssey Program Fund Raiser:
PIZZA AND A MOVIE III
(The Threequel)

Save the date:
SUNDAY, January 11, 2009, 6:00-9:30 PM
Holy Trinity Baryames Social Room

On Sunday, January, 11, 2009, the Odyssey Program will be hosting a fund raiser to give you a chance to enjoy a wonderful pizza and the excellent movie, **“A SEA APART.”**

The last two years, Holy Trinity members were invited to come together to enjoy a very special pizza and movie night. Those that attended enjoyed themselves and asked that we do it again. Well, here we go again: same pizza; new movie.

The pizzas will be made by Odyssey board president, George Lafkas and his team of helpers. If you want to know if the pizza is worth it, ask someone who attended the affair last year. Most agreed it is a great tasting pizza that you will enjoy. Only 60 reservations are available for the dinner part of the evening. For \$25 dollars you will be able to enjoy a salad, home made pizza, desert, a beverage, and the movie. Reservations can be made at the church coffee hours in December and January or by calling George Lafkas at (517) 351-3121.

The movie, **“A SEA APART”**, is an achingly lovely romantic drama by Greek writer/director Ersi Daou in her feature-film debut. The audio content is in Greek/English.

Eleni (Tamilla Kulieva) left the island of Karpathos, Greece when she was 17 years old and now is a Greek immigrant whose picture-perfect life as a wife and mother in the fashionable Los Angeles suburbs masks her deeply felt unhappiness. Eleni's dissatisfaction reaches an apex with the unexpected arrival of her childhood sweetheart, Aris (Akis Sakellariou) twenty years later, who sparks both a longing to return to her Aegean hometown and a mournful meditation on the limits of the American Dream.

If you want to pass on the dinner, everyone is invited to join the group for the movie, which will begin at 7:15 P.M.

For reservations call George Lafkas at: (517) 351-3121. Remember, only 60 dinner reservations are available, so call soon.

HOLY TRINITY NEEDS YOUR HELP!!
An open letter to Parishioners from the Parish Council

BACKGROUND: For several years Holy Trinity has annually held two major fundraising events and a raffle. This year several parishioners who regularly contribute to the work teams for events indicated they needed a break. Other parishioners stated that because of their job, family, or other responsibilities, they were unavailable to work at events, but instead, they would be willing to help by donating money above and beyond their stewardship pledges. Thus in 2008, we had only one event – the successful “Taste of Greece.”

ISSUE: The Parish Council listened to parishioners and cancelled the second event - our booth at the August East Lansing Folk Festival. As a result, the parish will fall short of the amount budgeted for fundraising revenue. Fundraising events provide monies that are used to lower the principal of the parish’s loans; the funds allow interest-free payments to be made.

To help meet the 2008 fundraising budget, the Parish Council asks for your participation in a **“Work Free Fundraiser”** for this fall. It brings together the two items mentioned by parishioners: “no work” and “donations.”

PLAN: The goal is to raise \$10,000 before the end of the year. To accomplish this, the Council appeals to the more than 200 parish families for money above and beyond their usual stewardship.

IF each of our 200 families makes a special, one-time gift:

<i>An average of</i>	<i>would generate</i>
\$50	\$10,000
\$40	\$8,000
\$25	\$5,000

APPEAL: Please join us in supporting this “Labor Free Fundraiser.”

Submit the following form with your one-time gift by December 15, 2008

Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Amount: _____

Please state “Work Free Fundraiser” on the Memo line of your check.

The Parish Council thanks you for your collaboration.

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
 1701 East Saginaw Street
 Lansing Michigan 48912
 Office: 482-7341 Fax: 482-8524

8:45 am ORTHROS SERVICE
 10:00 am DIVINE LITURGY
 Fellowship Coffee following Liturgy

December 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Philoptochos Special Board Meeting, 6:30pm	Bible Study, 7pm		Odyssey Classes, 4:30-6:30pm	St. Nicholas Divine Liturgy, 10am Philoptochos Social Hall & Christmas Tree Decorating St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Odyssey hosts coffee with Loukoumathes Baptism of James Poletes, 3 pm	Philoptochos Christmas Potluck Party, 6pm		Bible Study, 7pm		St. Spyridon, Divine Liturgy, 10am Odyssey Classes, 4:30-6:30pm	Baptism of Dominic Blaj, 11am Sinas Hall Rental, 6pm
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING –Budget Philoptochos hosts coffee	Parish Council Meeting, 7pm	OPA Gathering, 1-3pm	Bible Study, 7pm	MARSP Luncheon, 11-2pm	NO Odyssey Classes	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Sunday School Program & host coffee GOYA Caroling Event	Lamplighter Deadline		Forefeast of the Nativity, Liturgy 10am Great Vespers of the Nativity, 5:30pm	Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Liturgy 9am	NO Odyssey Classes	St. Stephen
28	29	30	31			
40 Day Memorial, George Bontos "open" coffee NO Sunday School		Vesperal Divine Liturgy, 7pm New Year's Eve				

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January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
NO Sunday School Classes Choir hosts coffee	Philoptochos General Meeting, 7pm	Epiphany, Divine Liturgy, 10am	St. John the Baptist	St. Basil the Great New Year's Day	NO Odyssey Classes	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Philoptochos hosts coffee & cutting of the Vasilopita Sunday School Classes Pizza & Movie Fundraiser, 6-9pm	Parish Council Meeting, 7pm				Odyssey Classes, 4:30- 6:30pm—Vasilopita	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
GOYA hosts coffee	Lamplighter Deadline	OPA Gathering, 1-3pm			Odyssey Classes, 4:30- 6:30pm	St. Anthony the Great
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
AHEPA VILLAGE FEAST, 6pm					Odyssey Classes, 4:30- 6:30pm with Fr. Mark Three Hierarchs: St. Basil, St. Gregory, St. John Chrysostom	