

Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church THE WEEKLY CHURCH BULLETIN

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Κυριακή 14η Ιανουαρίου 2018

ΑΠΟΔΟΣΗΣ ΘΕΟΦΑΝΕΙΩΝ

Αποστ: Εφ. 4:7-13

Ευαγγ: Ματθ. 4:12-17

Apodosis of Theophany

Today's Readings

Epistle: Eph. 4:7-13

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17



THE REVEALING OF DIVINE GRACE

Our Holy Orthodox Church continually connects our life with events from the life of Christ. During the days of Christmas, while worshipping at the manger, we received the "spirit of receiving the Christ Child". On the day of the Lord's Naming, we gave our heart to Christ and began our spiritual New Year. And here, for these past days, we have been called to the shores of the Jordan River, and on the day of the Baptism of the Lord, revealed to us the Manifestation of God.

Placed before us is the purpose of our whole life, which is Communion with God. We are given Divine Grace, the needed help for our lives. This comes to us from the One God worshipped in Trinity, Who is revealed to us in today's Gospel reading. As material proof, as a symbol of this Grace, we are given this Baptismal water, the blessing of which we can confirm is material. It is wet, we can feel it and shows us, once again, that something tangible is united with the intangible, the Grace of God.

St. Paul tells us, "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly desires, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:11-13).

Today we are given not only knowledge, but we also have the opportunity for renewal. Even though we may come to every, or many services, maybe we haven't heard everything or understood everything; but at the same time, just as it happens when you are inside and walk outside – the air hits us and there is the breath of an incredible power. Maybe we don't understand it, but today, for all of us who were expecting this power of Grace, may it visit us and prepare us for our future way of life.

As we go forward in these days following the Lord's Baptism, with God's help, may we soon hear the word that will come with the Holy Days of Triodion : "Repent: for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" With this declaration, may it reveal to us the laws of life and the laws of our heart which we need. Let us pray that we join those who are already in eternal life and may we strive to fill our hearts with everything the vineyard of our Lord has to offer.



2018 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Let us all do our Best for Our Home...

Stewardship is giving to "Our Home" our best, which is a portion of the many gifts that our Lord gives to us. "Our Home" needs our support to maintain and grow its vital ministries. Stewardship is a spiritual offering that appeals to our generosity.

Our parish is committed to an open stewardship program, without minimums or dues. We ask that everyone search their hearts (those who are able) to increase our Stewardship 2018 Commitment which will enable us to expand our programs and address capital improvements.

Everything we have is a result of the many blessings from God. "Our Home" needs our support in many ways. The life and success of "Our Home" relies on everyone's commitment and participation to the many activities that we offer.

To make a One-Time Gift:

Online Giving: Via PayPal or Easy Tithe; go to www.stconstantinehelen.org

In Person: Stop into the Church Office and you may pay by Cash, Check or Credit Card;

Use the Kiosk located in the Lobby of the Church complex and pay by Credit Card

By mail: Mail your check or credit information to the Church office (do not mail cash!)

By phone: Call (708) 974-3400 and provide the necessary information

To set up Recurring Giving:

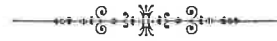
Online Giving:

Set up recurring contributions via Paypal or Easy Tithe; go to www.ssch.us; (Options include monthly intervals and selection of days of giving)



13th District AHEPA Scholarship Foundation

Applications for 2018 Awards are available in the church office or by visiting the District webpage at www.ahepa.org/ and follow the prompts to District 13. Application deadline is March 15, 2018.



Apolytikion of Anthony the Great

O Father Anthony, you imitated the zealous Elijah. You followed the straight paths of the Baptist and became a desert dweller. By prayer you confirmed the universe. Wherefore, intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Apolytikion of Athanasios and Cyril, Patriarchs of Alexandria

Shining forth with works of Orthodoxy, ye quenched every false belief and teaching and became trophy-bearers and conquerors. And since ye made all things rich and with true piety, greatly adorning the Church with magnificence, Athanasios and wise Cyril, ye both have worthily found Christ God, Who doth grant great mercy unto all.



Save the Date

A Nite with the Bouzoukia

Saturday February 10, 2017

At 7:00pm In the East Room

Music by Rythmos

Adults: \$45.00

Children up to 16 years of age \$20.00

Sponsored by our

St Helen Women's Philoptochos

Details forthcoming

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2018 Offering Envelopes are available in the Church Office for those who are interested.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Church Custodial Position- Part Time

Hours of Work: 9am -1PM

Days of the Week: Monday -Friday

Responsibilities include maintaining the cleanliness of the church proper, managing inventory of all needed supplies, other duties as assigned.

If interested please call Sandra Chakonas at the church office 974-3400. Submit your resume via email to schakon@att.net or drop off a copy to the church office, Attention: Sandra Chakonas.

Ο ΑΓΙΟΣ ΑΝΤΩΝΙΟΣ



ΟΙ ΑΓΙΟΙ ΑΘΑΝΑΣΙΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΚΥΡΙΛΛΟΣ



Απολυτίκιον Αντωνίου του Μεγάλου

Τὸν ζηλωτὴν Ἡλίαν τοῖς τρόποις μιμούμενος,
τῷ Βαπτιστῇ εὐθείαις ταῖς τρίβοις ἐπόμενος,
Πάτερ Ἀντώνιε, τῆς ἐρήμου γέγονας οἰκιστῆς,
καὶ τὴν οἰκουμένην ἐστήριξας εὐχαίς σου,
διὸ πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ,
σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Αθανασίου και Κυρίλλου, Πατρ. Αλεξανδρείας

Ἔργοις λάμπαντες Ὁρθοδοξίας, πᾶσαν
σβέσαντες κακοδοξίαν, νικηταὶ τροπαιοφόροι
γεγόνατε, τῇ εὐσεβείᾳ τὰ πάντα πλουτίσαντες,
τὴν Ἐκκλησίᾳ, ἂν μεγάλως κοσμήσαντες, ἀξίως
εὔρατε Χριστὸν τὸν Θεὸν εὐχαίς ὑμῶν,
δωρούμενον πᾶσι τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.



Τρίτη 16η

Ὠρα 7:00 μ.μ - Μέγας Αρχιερατικός Εσπερινός εις το παρεκκλήσιον
της Μητροπόλεως του Αγίου Αντωνίου, Σικαγο

Τετάρτη 17η - ΤΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΑΝΤΩΝΙΟΥ

Ὠρα 8:30 π.μ Ὁρθρος καὶ Θεία Λειτουργία εις το παρεκκλήσιον
της Μητροπόλεως του Αγίου Αντωνίου, Σικαγο

Ὠρα 7:00 μ.μ - Εσπερινός εις τον εορταζοντα Ἱερὸν Ναὸν του Αγίου Αθανασίου, Aurora

Πέμπτη 18η - ΤΟΥ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΑΘΑΝΑΣΙΟΥ

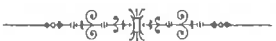
Ὠρα 8:30 π.μ Ὁρθρος καὶ Θεία Λειτουργία εις τον εορταζοντα Ἱερὸν Ναὸν του Αγίου Αθανασίου, Aurora

Κυριακή 21η - ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΙΕ' ΛΟΥΚΑ

Ὠρα 8:00 π.μ - 11:15 π.μ Ὁρθρος καὶ Θεία Λειτουργία



Μέ αγάπη Χριστοῦ εκφάζομαι τις καλλίτερες ευχές μας στον π. Αθανάσιον
επι τη ευκαιρία τῆς ονομαστικῆς του εορτῆς τὴν Πέμπτη.
Εἴθε ο Κύριος μας, διὰ πρεσβειῶν του Αγίου Αθανασίου, να τον εχει παντοτε κάτω
ἀπὸ τὴν σκέπη Του και να του χαρίζει Χρόνια Πολλα καὶ υγιεινά.



ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, January 14:

GOAL B-Ball Games (Away) vs. St. Haralambos
1:45 p.m. 3rd/4th Division
2:30 p.m. Bidy Division
3:30 p.m. Grade School Division
4:30 p.m. Girls Division
5:30 p.m. High School Boys Division

Monday, January 15:

7:30 p.m. GOYA

Tuesday, January 16:

6:30 p.m. 3rd/4th Bidy/Grade School
B-Ball practice
7:00 p.m. Great Vespers at the Chapel of
St. Antonios at our Metropolis

Wednesday, January 17:

Feastday of St. Antonios

8:30 a.m. Orthros / Divine Liturgy at the
Metropolis Chapel
3:30 p.m. Youth Choir
5:30 p.m. JOY B-Ball Rookies Camp #5
6:30 p.m. JOY B-Ball Mighty Mights Game #5
7:30 p.m. JOY B-Ball Minors Game #5
8:30 p.m. JOY B-Ball Majors Game #5
7:00 p.m. Vespers at St. Athanasios Church Aurora

Thursday, January 18:

Feastday of St. Athanasios

8:30 a.m. Orthros / Divine Liturgy at St.
Athanasios Church, Aurora
6:00 p.m. Girls B-Ball Practice

Friday, January 19:

9:30 a.m. Toddler Play Group

Saturday, January 20:

1:00 p.m. St. Helen's Philoptochos Meeting
GOAL Games (Home) vs. St. Demetrios Elmhurst
1:45 p.m. 3rd/4th Division
2:30 p.m. Bidy Division
3:30 p.m. Grade School Division
4:30 p.m. Girls Division
5:30 p.m. High School Boys Division
6:30 p.m. Girls Division

Sunday, January 21: 15th Sunday of Luke

8 – 11:15 a.m. Orthros and Divine Liturgy

MEMORIALS

40 day Nicholas Nicholaou
1 Year Theodora Andrikopoulos
2 Years Sophia Stratakos

† May their memory be eternal. †

COFFEE HOUR

Today's Coffee Hour is
hosted by our St. Helen Women's Philoptochos
Please join them!

FUNERALS

The following funerals were held recently.

Irene Brennan – January 13th

William Limber – January 14th

† May their memory be eternal. †

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

We welcome the following into the Orthodox
Faith and we pray that God grant him many,
many years!

Sunday, January 14 at 12:15 p.m.

Benediktos (Braxton), son of
Nicole Oscarson

Sponsor: Daniel Wojtasik



HAPPY NAMEDAY FATHER TOM

January 18, the feast day of St. Athanasios, is Fr. Tom's nameday. We would like to wish Fr. Tom a blessed nameday. May our Lord, through the intercessions of his Patron Saint, grant him many years of good health so that he may serve Him with the same dedication and love that Fr. Tom has for our beloved parish. **Hronia Polla!**



See you...



...Next **SUNDAY!**