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Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

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## Pastoral Reflections



My beloved in the Lord:

***“Today Christ is born of the Virgin in Bethlehem.  
Today, He who knows no beginning now begins to be,  
and the Logos is made flesh.”***

(Orthros hymn of the Feast of the Nativity)

The simplicity of the Nativity of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ reveals the depth of God’s love and the mystery of His actions in our life. As we celebrate Christmas anew this year, once again the Panagia and Saint Joseph, the shepherds and wise men, the angels and animals direct our attention to our Lord. He who is truly the **“way, the truth and the life”** (John 14:1) who reveals Himself in the humble circumstances of a cave in Bethlehem. All time is centered upon His coming. All of creation surrounds Him who fashioned the creation!

The story of the birth of Christ is a vivid reminder of the depth of God’s love for us. He loves us so much that He has entered into life in this world in the person of Jesus Christ. The infinite God mysteriously accepted the limitations of our humanity. It was not enough for God to act through signs and wonders of the physical world. It was not enough for God to guide us through the prophets and teachers of old. No, this was not enough for our God. To express His boundless love for us, the Living God appeared among us in the person of Christ our Lord. By fully identifying Himself with us, our Lord has come to teach us, to heal us and to lead us back to the Father. He has come to remind us that we are the Father’s precious sons and daughters. As Saint John the Evangelist says: **“God so loved the world that He sent His only Begotten Son so that all who believe in Him will not be lost but will have eternal life”** (John 3:16).

Many years before the Beatitudes were taught and many years before His glorious Resurrection, our Lord revealed God’s love for us through the simple events of His birth. The Lord of Glory demonstrated His love for us simply by entering into our life and by sharing in all that is truly human. Saint Basil the Great reminds us of this saying: **“Every act and every word of our Saviour is a guide for holiness and virtue. For this reason He became human, so that in images He may depict both holiness and virtue for us...For this reason He bears a body so that we may imitate His life”** (Ascetical Principles, 1).

Through His Nativity in Bethlehem, our Lord reveals to us the breath and depth of God’s love for us. Whether we see Him as the child in Bethlehem, the teacher in Galilee or the Risen Lord in Jerusalem; our Lord is truly the greatest gift of the Father **‘for us and for our salvation.’**

The story of Christ’s Nativity speaks to us about the mysterious ways of God. The Triune God acts in ways that we do not always expect. His ways are truly wonder-filled. For centuries, the ancient Israelites had expected the Messiah. The Prophets, especially Isaiah and Jeremiah, called the people to readiness and openness of God’s actions. Their message provided the people with indications about the coming Messiah. Yet, when **“the fullness of time had come”** (Galatians 4:4), the Messiah did not arrive as a conquering hero in a golden chariot with pomp and splendor. He was not robed in expensive clothing. He did not appear in the capital city. Throngs of adoring followers did not accompany Him.



When the Messiah finally arrived, He came first as a baby. He was born to a young girl – a virginal born! The event occurred in the simply village of Bethlehem. He was sheltered in a place reserved for animals because the inn was full. There, in such simple circumstances, “*the Logos became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth...*” (John 1:14). This is the mysterious way of God!

Through the Christmas story, our Lord reveals that God acts in ways that we do not always expect. We cannot shape the mighty acts of God to our limited understanding. The Triune God is greater than our limited perceptions of Him. He acts in mysterious and wondrous ways to draw us to Him and to one another in love.

The persons who are involved in the story of Christ’s birth were all quite different. The Panagia and Saint Joseph were humble travelers seeking a place of shelter. The shepherds were simple men of the land tending their flocks. The wise men were wealthy and aristocratic foreigners wandering in a strange land. Yet, each of them shared a common characteristic. They opened their hearts to the actions of the Lord who mysteriously led them to the village of Bethlehem. Each of them allowed God to act in their lives. The Panagia and Saint Joseph were willing to change their whole life to nurture and protect the Christ-Child. The shepherds were willing to hear the words of the angels. The wise men were willing to follow the star. We remember them to this day because they opened their hearts and trusted in the Lord.

Through His Nativity in Bethlehem, our Lord reveals that we too must open our hearts to His presence and actions. God wants us to share in His work of reconciliation. Like the participations in the first Christmas, we too are called to be persons whose hearts are opened to the divine presence and actions.

The story of the Nativity of our Lord and its significance is often clouded by the commercialism of the season. There is a very frenzied pace to these days which can so easily depersonalize us and dampen the true joy of the season. The stores tempt us for weeks on end to buy this thing or buy that thing. Some of us prefer to speak of the ‘Holiday Season’ rather than of Christmas. Many schools have forbidden the remembrance of Christ’s Nativity in the classroom. Yes, throughout our society, many fail to remember that the coming of Christ is truly at the heart of the Christmas celebrations.

What can we do? Let us remember that the season celebrates the love of God revealed in the coming of Christ. For those with true faith, the colored lights, the green trees, the wreaths and the flowers are the symbols of the joy of Christmas. Let us celebrate the joy of Christ’s coming! Let us share the love of God with others. Christ has come to bear witness of the Father’s love for us. We too can share this love with others, especially with the poor and less fortunate among us. We can be sensitive to those who cannot easily celebrate because of a loss in their lives. Let us be the ambassadors of God who shares His care and philanthropy. Let us seek the Lord with an open heart as the shepherds and wise men did. This means that we find opportunities for prayer and meditation, for reading the Holy Scriptures related to Christ’s coming. This means that we can make Christmas a special holy day by participating in the Divine Liturgy and by receiving Holy Communion with reverence of God, with faith and with love.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and praying that the abundant blessings of the Incarnate God fill your hearts and homes, I humbly remain,

With paternal love and blessings in the Incarnate God,  
Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,

*+Fr. Panagiotis*



### ALTAR BOYS

Peter Stamitoles (Captain)  
Iakovos Haley (Co-Captain)  
Christopher Astudillo  
Nikolas Argeris  
Nicholas Staviski  
Peter Staviski  
Yianni Whisler  
Zachary Whisler

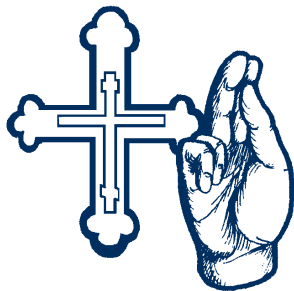
**Altar Boys are required to report to the Altar at 9:45 a.m. Sunday mornings.**

All young men, ages 9-18, are encouraged to join our Altar Boy Team.

Please call Evan Papanikolaou, Altar Boy Director, if you are interested in joining.

### DECEMBER NARTHEX USHERS

George Apostle  
Henry Bressack  
Dimitrios Georgiades  
James Mohamed  
Dr. Charles Stamitoles



## **DECEMBER 2010 - SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY SERVICES**



### **Sunday, December 4th – St. Barbara & St. John the Damascene**

Epistle: Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5    Gospel: Luke 13:10-17  
Readers: Katherine Petrelis and Nick Peterson  
Prosforon: Sophia Katsaros

### **Tuesday, December 6th - Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker**

Epistle: Hebrews 13:17-21    Gospel: Luke 6:17-23  
Prosforon: Sophia Katsaros

### **Sunday, December 11th – 11th Sunday of Luke**

Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11    Gospel: Luke 14:16-24; Mat. 22:14  
Readers: Vassiliki Montgomery and Harry Booros  
Prosforon: Maria Thagouras

### **Monday, December 12th – St. Spyridon the Wonderworker**

Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-19    Gospel: John 10:9-16  
Prosforon: Anna Maria Gallaher

### **Sunday, December 18th – Sunday before the Nativity of our Lord**

Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10, 32-40    Gospel: Matthew 1: 1-25  
Readers: Katherine Petrelis and Martin Stephenson  
Prosforon: Maria Fivgas

### **Saturday, December 24th – Eve of the Nativity of our Lord**

**Royal Hours:    10:00am in the morning**  
**Great Vespers:    7:00pm in the evening**

### **Sunday, December 25th – Nativity of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ**

*(No fasting until January 5th)*

Epistle: Galatians 4:4-7    Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12  
Readers: Katherine Petrelis and Jason Callonas  
Prosforon: Presvytera Tina Papanikolaou



## ***"I was sick and you visited me"***

*(Matthew 25:36)*

If a family member is ill, in the hospital or in a rehabilitation center, please call Fr. Panagiotis so that Father can make a pastoral visit to them. This call should come directly from the family so that Father is made aware of the illness, alleviating any confusion.

## **Parish Council Elections**

Elections will be held on **Sunday, December 11th** following the Divine Liturgy until 2:00pm. Only members in good standing are eligible to vote. The **nominees** are as follows:

George Apostle  
Henry Bressack  
Dimitrios Georgiades  
Laura Haley  
James Mohamed  
Charles Stamitoles

## **Sunday School**

*John Scott and Presvytera Tina*

Beloved Parents and Parishioners, we are blessed with the joyous and holy season of Christmas once again.

You are cordially invited to attend the Christmas Pageant of the Annunciation Church on Sunday, December 11, 2011 following the Divine Liturgy.

Please join us in the continuation of festivities in our Hellenic Center with a **Lenten** Pot Luck Luncheon. See the bulletin board in the Hellenic Center for further details.

After lunch the fun will continue with a Christmas party for the children and caroling for the adults.

**REHEARSALS:** Parents please mark the dates.  
Students must attend.

- ◆ Sunday, December 4th, during and after Sunday School class
- ◆ Saturday, December 10th at 10:00 a.m.

## **Toys for Tots**

*Henry Bressack, Parish Council President*

Our Marines need our help bringing a smile to a child during this Christmas season. Bring an unwrapped toy (no stuffed animals) to the decorated boxes on the stage in the Hellenic Center. The last day for drop off is December 11th. The USMC will be at Church on that day in uniform to pick up the boxes.



## **Archangel Michael Awards**

*Fr. Panagiotis Papanikolaou*

The Annual Archangel Michael Feasts and Honors Banquet was held on November 13th, in Atlanta, Georgia and hosted by His Eminence Alexios. The recipients of this honor from our parish this year were Douglas White and Chloe Bressack. *Congratulations!*

## **Church Facilities**

*Henry Bressack, Parish Council President*

For all of us who use the Church facilities please remember to turn off the lights, equipment and turn down the thermostats before leaving your event. This will help with future cost savings on our utilities bills.

## **Annual Greek Festival**

*Henry Bressack, Festival Chairman*

I want to thank all the chairpersons, volunteers, sponsors, vendor's, and hired help. Great job with long hours but the end result was worth it. As you all know we had another great festival. I look forward to working with everyone in the spring of 2012 as we get ready for "Greek Fest 2012 on October 12th".

## **GOYA**

GOYA will be selling Christmas and note cards, icon reproductions and Greek Christmas Carole CD's during the coffee hour after the Divine Liturgies. Our GOYA will be participating in the Metropolis Winter Youth Rally held in Atlanta on December 27 - 30th. The GOYAs of Pensacola, Mobile and Ft. Walton Beach will have combined basketball and volleyball teams at the rally.

## **Philoptochos**

*Stavroula Brock*

I want to thank all the ladies that have dedicated their time and work to help out for the Bake Sale, and personally thank all the chairpersons who worked really hard to meet our orders. We still have one more work day on December 3rd to work on the Pastichio. We will need all the help we can get. We will also need help for the Bake Sale pick up dates of Friday, December 16th, 9-3 and Saturday, December 17th, 9-2. If you have any questions you can contact the President, Joanna Thagouras.

Next Board Meeting will be on December 4th following the coffee hour. General Meeting and Christmas Tea Party to be announced. Further information will be posted on the bulletin board in the Hellenic Center and the Sunday Liturgical Guide.

The Board members wish you and your family a Happy and Healthy Christmas and Happy New Year!

**JOY & HARA***Evie Dampier*

What a blast! JOY's Lock-In was nothing but fun. We had a total of eleven JOY and middle school aged GOYAnS that attended. They came all dressed up in their crazy pjs. We even had a "banana" show up. The food was great and the games were hilarious. I want to thank all the parents for their help, Samantha Barrineau, Robin Culver, Laura Haley, Chrisoula Hulion, Georgia Stanton, Panayiota and Joe Whisler. A special thanks to Georgia and Panayiota for spending the night with us. A big thank you to Father Peter for being with us and leading our spiritual discussion on Saint Phillip's fast and the importance of fasting during the Holiday period. The children also enjoyed catching the football with Father, good throwing arm you have Father Peter!! GOYA would like JOY to join them in caroling at Sacred Heart Hospital, date to be announced.

Thank you to the children that were able to participate at the Gulf Coast Arts Festival. As usual they all did a great job. Also for those that will be going on to the Glentzethes, please turn in your costume to me as soon as you can.

**Weddings**

On November 6th, Stavroula Thagouras and Ephraim Jeffrey Brock were united in Holy Matrimony. The Best Man was Sotirios Thagouras.

*Congratulations!***Falling Asleep in the Lord**

On Tuesday, November 1st, Dorothea Pappas, beloved mother of Theresa Pierce and Gregory Pappas; beloved mother-in-law of Patricia Pappas and beloved grandmother Rebecca and Christine Pappas fell asleep in the Lord. The funeral was chanted on November 7th.

*May her memory be eternal!***Memorial Services**

On Sunday, December 4th, we will chant the 40-Day Memorial Service for Dorothea Pappas. The coffee hour will be sponsored in loving memory of Dorothea by her family and friends.

On Sunday, December 11th, we will chant the 1-Year Memorial Services for Panagiotis Argeris. The desserts for the Christmas Lenten luncheon will be sponsored in loving memory of Panagiotis by his family.

On Sunday, December 18th, we will chant the 1-Year Memorial service for Maria Falkos and 3-Year Memorial for Nicholas Falkos. The coffee hour will be sponsored in loving memory of Maria and Nicholas by Giannoula Stamoulis.

*May their memories be eternal!***Daughters of Penelope***Krissy Kritselis*

The Daughters of Penelope will be collecting gently used items through December 16th which will be given to the Penelope House in Mobile. Please bring any items you wish to donate to the Church office. Thank you

**Thank You***Magdalene Liollo*

In deep sorrow and many thanks the entire Liollo and Georgiades families wish to thank all of the families of Pensacola and other cities for the many cards of condolences, the phone calls, the gifts of food and pastries and the contributions made in the memory of John Liollo. We never expected such a large outpour of kindness. We pray that God and His many saints will bless each and everyone of you.

**Birthdays**

Nina Stamatelos 12/1	Angela Stamitoleos 12/2
Zachary Verzwyvelt 12/2	Doug White 12/5
Maria Thagouras 12/6	Mary Ann Hiras 12/9
Emily Shoulders 12/9	Jan Geeker 12/10
George Malamo 12/10	Jimmy Malamo 12/10
Thomas Portaritis 12/11	Bette Phillips 12/12
Leta Teclhaimanot 12/12	Stanley Kypreos 12/13
Aspasia Bokas 12/14	Nick Geeker 12/15
Nina Gomenis 12/17	Panayiota Whisler 12/17
Avery Baudean 12/18	Spiros Gikkas 12/18
Helen Jonas 12/19	Cory Baudean 12/20
Ethel Morres 12/20	Bill Markopoulos 12/24
Mahi Geeker 12/25	Dimitrios Maletsidis 12/25
Linda Ilias 12/30	Christina Tiblier 12/31

**Anniversaries**

Georgia & William Keller 12/4  
Eli & Dina Pagonis 12/8  
Peter & Helen Adamopoulos 12/21



**THE STEWARDSHIP OF ST. STEPHEN**  
**THE ARCHDEACON AND PROTOMARTYR - DECEMBER 27**



St. Stephen was the first of the seven deacons ordained by the Holy Apostles in order to provide service to the poor. This is why he is regarded the "Archdeacon," the first among deacons.

Born into a faithful Jewish family, he spent his youth studying the Old Testament and desired to become a rabbi. Stephen was driven with the desire to be the most competent rabbi so he became the student of the famous rabbinical theologian, Gamaliel. Stephen lived during a time when the Christian Church was being established. Upon completion of his studies, Stephen questioned the validity of the Christian teachings. In short time, he discovered its truth in Jesus Christ, the Risen Messiah. The descent of the Holy Spirit fifty days following the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ inspired many to be baptized (Pentecost). The first Christians sold all their possessions and made their offering at the feet of the Apostles. This generous act was one that freed them from worldly cares and enabled them to live as one community. However, the growth of the Church meant that the Apostles had less time for prayer and ministry. To assist them, the Apostles established the ministry of the diaconate.

As the Archdeacon, Stephen did more than serve the material needs of the Christian community, he also preached with a knowledge and power that comes only from God. The leaders of the Jewish community in Jerusalem became angry at Stephen's ability to bring people to belief in Jesus Christ and brought charges of blasphemy against him. As Stephen stood before the Jewish tribunal, *"the council looking steadfastly at him, saw his face as the face of an angel"* (Acts 6:15). In chapter seven of the Book of Acts we read the account of Stephen's remarks to the high priest and his council. As he spoke of God's love and kindness their hatred towards him grew and they were convinced that he should be put to death. As he concluded his God inspired testimony Stephen said: *"Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!"* This infuriated them and they dragged him out of the city and *"they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' The he knelt down and cried with a loud voice, 'Lord, do not charge them with this sin.' And when he said this, he fell asleep"* (Acts 7:39-40). Being the first to give his life for Christ earned him the title of "Protomartyr."

How did this young Christian express his stewardship to his new Church and Faith? A learned scholar of the Old Testament, Stephen did not aspire for positions of leadership or honor as other learned men would expect, but to a life of service and teaching. He was ordained a deacon, and as such, he spent his life assisting the priests in their liturgical functions and teaching the people every day. As a deacon, whose task it was to provide various services, his was not a role that was subject to a particular authority, but a position that was offered in imitation of Christ Whose example is one of servant leadership. We, too, can learn from the example of St. Stephen if we contemplate upon the words of St. Paul in his Second Epistle to the Corinthians and apply them to our lives: *"For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake"* (2 Cor. 4:5).

**ANNUNCIATION STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

*Doug White, Stewardship Chair*

<u>Income</u>	<u>October 2011</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Pledges	\$ 9,750.50	\$ 117,078.75
Other Income	\$ 1,154.50	\$ 32,672.33
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 10,905.00</b>	<b>\$ 149,751.08</b>
<u>Expenses</u>	\$ 23,904.56	\$ 265,306.21
<b>Net Deficit:</b>	<b>\$ (12,999.01)</b>	<b>\$ (115,555.13)</b>

**"For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required" (Luke 12:48)**

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 Chris Nick Varazo  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Feed the Hungry</b> Please bring non-perishable items to the Church for our Manna Food Bank donation box located in the Narthex</p>				1  Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm	2	3
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4</b> <i>St. Barbara &amp; St. John the Damascene</i></p> <p>Christmas Pageant Practice  Philoptochos Board Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>5</b> <i>St. Nicholas the Wonderworker</i></p>	6	7	8  Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm	9	10  Christmas Pageant Practice
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>11</b> <i>11th Sunday of Luke</i></p> <p>Sunday School Christmas Pageant  Community Christmas Lenten Pot Luck  Toys for Tots Pick-up</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12 <i>St. Spyridon the Wonderworker</i></p>	13	14	15  Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm	16  Philoptochos Holiday Bake Sale Pick-up	17  Philoptochos Holiday Bake Sale Pick-up
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>18</b> <i>Sunday before the Nativity of our Lord</i></p>	19	20	21	22  Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm	23	24  <i>Eve of the Nativity of our Lord</i>
<p style="text-align: center;">25 <i>Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ</i></p>	26	<p style="text-align: center;">27 <b>GOYA</b> Metropolis Winter Youth Rally in Atlanta December 27th - 29th.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">28 <b>GOYA</b> Metropolis Winter Youth Rally in Atlanta December 27th - 29th</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">29 <b>GOYA</b> Metropolis Winter Youth Rally in Atlanta December 27th - 29th</p>	30	31

**2011 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD**

As the Christmas season approaches, our hearts and thoughts renew with the joy of what Christmas means to all of us: a time to express our love and appreciation through the act of giving. One way to reach out to others is through our Annual Community Christmas Card. This Community Christmas Card is a way to share Christmas greetings with the entire parish.

Please complete and mail the form below, together with your check for \$15.00 made payable to Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church.

The deadline for the Christmas Card is **Friday, December 9th**. Orders will not be accepted unless accompanied by payment. Please clearly print your name or family name, in English, exactly the way you would like it to appear on the Christmas card.

*Thank You and Merry Christmas!*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:**

**Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church  
1720 W. Garden St.,  
Pensacola, FL 32501**

**Orders must be received by Friday, December 9th**



**2011 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

If you wish to purchase a Poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one for Christmas you may do so by completing the form below. The cost is \$15.00. **The deadline for ordering will be Friday December 9th.** Orders will not be accepted unless accompanied by payment. Please clearly print the donor name and names of honorees.

Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State : \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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