

# *Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church*

Sunday December 15th, 2024

11th Sunday of Luke



*We welcome all our Parishioners and Friends and Guests to our Holy Cross Community.*

*Service Hours are as follows: Sunday:*

*Orthros 8:30a.m. Liturgy 9:45a.m.*

*Sunday School begins right after communion.*

***Tuesday December 17th***

***~ Feast Day of St. Dionysios ~***

***Orthros 9:00a.m., Divine Liturgy 10:00a.m.***

***Τρίτη 17η Δεκέμβριου***

***~ Αγ. Διονύσιος ό Ζακυνθινός***

***Όρθρος 9:00π.μ., Θεία Λειτουργία 10:00π.μ.***

*All Week Day Divine Liturgy Services are as follows:*

*Orthros 9:00a.m. and Liturgy 10:00a.m.*



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Rev. Protopresbyter John N Kalomas - Parish Priest

**Β' Τιμ 1:8 – 18**

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, μὴ ἐπαισχυνθῇς τὸ μαρτύριον τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν μηδὲ ἐμὲ τὸν δέσμιον αὐτοῦ, ἀλλὰ συγκακοπάθησον τῷ εὐαγγελίῳ κατὰ δύναμιν Θεοῦ, τοῦ σώσαντος ἡμᾶς καὶ καλέσαντος κλήσει ἁγία, οὐ κατὰ τὰ ἔργα ἡμῶν, ἀλλὰ κατ' ἰδίαν πρόθεσιν καὶ χάριν, τὴν δοθεῖσαν ἡμῖν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ πρὸ χρόνων αἰώνων, φανερωθεῖσαν δὲ νῦν διὰ τῆς ἐπιφανείας τοῦ σωτῆρος ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, καταργήσαντος μὲν τὸν θάνατον, φωτίσαντος δὲ ζωὴν καὶ ἀφθαρσίαν διὰ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου, εἰς ὃ ἐτέθη ἐγὼ κήρυξ καὶ ἀπόστολος καὶ διδάσκαλος ἐθνῶν. δι' ἣν αἰτίαν καὶ ταῦτα πάσχω, ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐπαισχύνομαι· οἶδα γὰρ ὡς πεπίστευκα, καὶ πέπεισμαι ὅτι δυνατός ἐστι τὴν παραθήκην μου φυλάξαι εἰς ἐκείνην τὴν ἡμέραν. ὑποτύπωσιν ἔχε ὑγιαίνοντων λόγων ὧν παρ' ἐμοῦ ἤκουσας, ἐν πίστει καὶ ἀγάπῃ τῇ ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ· τὴν καλὴν παραθήκην φύλαξον διὰ Πνεύματος Ἁγίου τοῦ ἐνοικοῦντος ἐν ἡμῖν. Οἶδας τοῦτο, ὅτι ἀπεστράφησάν με πάντες οἱ ἐν τῇ Ἀσίᾳ, ὧν ἐστι Φύγελλος καὶ Ἑρμογένης· δῶν ἔλεος ὁ Κύριος τῷ Ὀνησιφόρῳ οἴκῳ, ὅτι πολυλάκις με ἀνέψυξε καὶ τὴν ἄλυσίν μου οὐκ ἐπαισχύνθη, ἀλλὰ γενόμενος ἐν Ῥώμῃ σπουδαιότερον ἐζήτησέ με καὶ εὔρε· δὼς αὐτῷ ὁ Κύριος εὐρεῖν ἔλεος παρὰ Κυρίου ἐν ἐκείνῃ τῇ ἡμέρᾳ· καὶ ὅσα ἐν Ἐφέσῳ διηκόνησε, βέλπιον σὺ γινώσκεις.

**2 Tim. 1:8 – 18**

Timothy, my son, do not be ashamed of testifying to our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not in virtue of our works but in virtue of his own purpose and the grace which he gave us in Christ Jesus ages ago, and now has manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, and therefore I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus; guard the truth that has been entrusted to you by the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, and among them Phygellus and Hermogenes. May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me; he was not ashamed of my chains, but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me eagerly and found me — may the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that Day — and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesus.

**Λκ 14:16 – 24**

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρωπός τις ἐποίησε δεῖπνον μέγα καὶ ἐκάλεσε πολλούς· καὶ ἀπέστειλε τὸν δούλον αὐτοῦ τῇ ὥρᾳ τοῦ δεῖπνου εἰπεῖν τοῖς κεκλημένοις· ἔρχεσθε, ὅτι ἤδη ἔτοιμά ἐστι πάντα. καὶ ἤρξαντο ἀπὸ μιᾶς παραιεῖσθαι πάντες. ὁ πρῶτος εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἀγρόν ἡγόρασα, καὶ ἔχω ἀνάγκην ἐξελθεῖν καὶ ἰδεῖν αὐτόν· ἐρωτῶ σε, ἔχε με παρητημένον. καὶ ἕτερος εἶπε· ζεύγη βοῶν ἡγόρασα πέντε, καὶ πορεύομαι δοκιμάσαι αὐτά· ἐρωτῶ σε, ἔχε με παρητημένον. καὶ ἕτερος εἶπε· γυναῖκα ἔγνημα, καὶ διὰ τοῦτο οὐ δύναμαι ἐλθεῖν. καὶ παραγενόμενος ὁ δούλος ἐκεῖνος ἀπήγγειλε τῷ κυρίῳ αὐτοῦ ταῦτα. τότε ὀργισθεὶς ὁ οἰκοδεσπότης εἶπε τῷ δούλῳ αὐτοῦ· ἔξελθε ταχέως εἰς τὰς πλατείας καὶ ῥύμας τῆς πόλεως, καὶ τοὺς πτωχοὺς καὶ ἀναπήρους καὶ χωλοὺς καὶ τυφλοὺς εἰσάγαγε ὧδε. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ δούλος· κύριε, γέγονεν ὡς ἐπὶ ταῖς ὁδοῦς, καὶ ἐτι τόπος ἐστί. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ κύριος πρὸς τὸν δούλον· ἔξελθε εἰς τὰς ὁδοὺς καὶ φραγμοὺς καὶ ἀνάγκασον εἰσελθεῖν, ἵνα γεμισθῇ ὁ οἶκος μου. λέγω γὰρ ὑμῖν ὅτι οὐδεὶς τῶν ἀνδρῶν ἐκείνων τῶν κεκλημένων γεύσεται μου τοῦ δεῖπνου. Πολλοὶ γάρ εἰσι κλητοί, ὀλίγοι δὲ ἐκλεκτοί.

**Lk. 14:16 – 24**

The Lord said this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.'"



HOLY CROSS SOPHOCLES  
GREEK SCHOOL PRESENTS

# COOKIES FOR SANTA

SAT. DEC 14TH 10 AM-3 PM

SUN. DEC 15H 11 AM-3 PM

SAT. DEC 21ST 9 AM-3 PM

SUN. DEC 22ND 11 AM-3PM

\$12 per jar

Chocolate Chip or Brownie mix in qt. mason jar  
organic ingredients

Great for Santa

Perfect for a gift

Excellent for last minute entertaining

## **SACRAMENTS AND 40 DAY CHILD BLESSINGS**

No Sacraments

## **SAVE THE DATE AND EVENTS**

**MARRIAGE SEMINAR 2024-25:** *January 18, March 15, May 10, August 9, October 11*

**DEC 16th** *Adult Bible Study, 7pm in the gymnasium*

**DEC 17th** *Feast Day of St. Dionysios; Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10am*

**DEC 18th** *Greek Bible Study at 11am in the gymnasium*

**DEC 20th** *Goya Lock in; Details to follow*

**DEC 21-22** *Philoptochos Bake Sale Sat 9-3pm, Sun 11-3pm*

**DEC 24th** *Christmas Eve Service of the Royal Hours 9:30 am; Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil's 5:30pm*

**DEC 25th** *The Birth of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ, Christmas Day; Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10am*

**DEC 27th** *Feast Day of St. Stephanos the First Martyr, Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10am*

**DEC 31st** *New Years Eve Party at Holy Cross*

**JAN 1st** *Feast of the Circumcision in the Flesh of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ and Feast Day of St. Basil the Great; Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10am*

**JAN 5th** *Eve of Epiphany; Orthros 8:30am, Divine Liturgy & Agiasmos 9:45am*

**JAN 6th** *Epiphany Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10am*

**JAN 7th** *Synaxis of St. John the Baptist; Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 9:45am*

**JAN 24-25** *Lake Geneva Ski Trip*

**FEB 2** *God Parent Sunday*

**FEB 22** *Apokreatiko*

**MAR 3** *Clean Monday Lenten Meal*



Holy Cross Philoptochos

# CHRISTMAS - Bake Sale -

## FEATURING OUR HOMEMADE

- Baklava
- Koulourakia
- Kourambiedes
- Melomakarouna
- Paximadia
- Galaktoboureko (custard pie)
- Spanakopitakia (spinach triangles)
- Tiropitakia (cheese triangles)

## Date & Time

Saturday December

21<sup>st</sup> ~ 9am - 3pm

Sunday December

22<sup>nd</sup> ~ 11am - 3pm

*Please call Joanna Pinos at 630-915-6501 for Pastichio pre-orders. Order by December 15th.*

*Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church ~ 7560 S. Archer Rd. Justice, IL ~ 708-594-2040*

## ALTAR BOY SERVERS

Boys from the age of 7 years old and up are welcomed. Please give the name to the office or to Fr. John. All altar boys to be dressed and ready to serve by

## STEWARDSHIP QUOTE

*The arrival of winter brings us to the ending of another year. As we approach the end of 2024 and the beginning of 2025 let us take a moment in fulfilling our offering for our Stewardship 2024, and, contemplating our gift for 2025. Please look at your stewardship offering and if you haven't done so, fulfil it today. As always give the best to God's house for the gifts that He has given to all of us.*



## MEMORIALS

Denise Despina Sinadinos, *1 Year*, Right Pews 1-2

Trisagion: George Poulos

Today's coffee hour is hosted by the family  
of Denise Despina Sinadinos in her memory.  
Everyone is invited to our community hall  
to enjoy Fellowship.





METROPOLIS  
OF CHICAGO



SCAN FOR  
MORE NEWS



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MORE  
EVENTS

December 2024

# MESSAGES *from* the METROPOLIS

[www.chicago.goarch.org](http://www.chicago.goarch.org)

## LATEST NEWS

- 11/22** Campus of Annunciation Cathedral of Chicago chosen as proposed site of new Metropolis Center
- 11/07** His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael's 5-year vision continues to gather momentum across the Metropolis of Chicago

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/08** Metropolis of Chicago Community Christmas Party
- 12/26** YAL Chicago Christmas Party
- 12/30** Fanari Reunion Dance

sign up to receive email updates:  
[www.chicago.goarch.org/sign-up](http://www.chicago.goarch.org/sign-up)





*Happy  
Valentine's  
Day*

**THE HOLY CROSS  
PHILOPTOCHOS AND  
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**INVITE EVERYONE TO  
MAKE VALENTINE'S DAY  
CARDS FOR RESIDENTS  
OF THE  
GREEK-AMERICAN  
REHABILITATION  
CENTER**

**CARDS CAN BE MADE AT  
HOME OR PICK UP A CARD  
TO DECORATE FROM THE  
COMMUNITY HALL.**

**ALL CARDS NEED TO BE  
BROUGHT TO CHURCH BY  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH**

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THE HOLY CROSS SUNDAY SCHOOL  
INVITES YOU TO OUR ANNUAL

## **GODPARENT SUNDAY**

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	2	09:30 AM
2025		

**JOIN US FOR A LUNCHEON  
FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY**

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GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

SAVE THE DATE

GOYA  
LOCK IN

DECEMBER 20, 2024



DETAILS TO FOLLOW

# CHICAGO BULLS

## GREEK HERITAGE NIGHT

DECEMBER 23, 2024 AT 7PM



VS



**Only a  
few  
tickets  
left**

**\$100**

**PER  
TICKET  
WITH HAT**

**TICKET + HAT**

**CONTACT OFFICE AT 708-594-2040 TO  
RESERVE TICKETS BY NOVEMBER 22**

HOLY CROSS GREEK  
ORTHODOX CHURCH

3<sup>RD</sup>

# ANNUAL SKI TRIP

## GRAND GENEVA RESORT & SPA

### JANUARY 24-25, 2025

AT **TIMBER RIDGE LODGE**

7020 Grand Geneva Way, Lake Geneva, WI 53147

## ROOM INFORMATION

### OPTION 1

**ONE ROOM FLOOR;** king bed, queen sofa sleeper,  
kitchenette ~ \$264/night

### OPTION 2

**TWO STORY LOFT;** king bed, queen bed, queen  
sofa sleeper, kitchenette ~ \$389/night



Call the office at 708-594-2040 or email [office@holycrossil.org](mailto:office@holycrossil.org)  
to reserve your spot. **DEADLINE: December 21st, 2024**



*You are invited to a*



# **A NEW YEAR'S EVE**

*Celebration at  
Holy Cross*

**DEC | 31<sup>st</sup> | 2024**

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**9:30 - 2AM**

**LIVE DJ | HEAVY APPETIZERS W/ SHRIMP COCKTAIL**

**CHAMPAGNE TOAST | PARTY FAVORS | BALLOON DROP**

**ADULTS \$60 | SENIORS \$50 | KIDS 12 & UNDER \$25**

**FOR RESERVATIONS, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE  
AT 708.594.2040**