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Orthros: 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy: 10:00 AM

Fellowship Hour: 11:30 AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Mon. through Fri. 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. / Sat. closed & Sun. closed during Liturgy

~ VISION & MISSION STATEMENT ~

Our Vision (dream) is to be a growing, loving, united Orthodox Christian family open to all.

Our Mission (job) is to grow our faith in Christ through love and respect with humility and forgiveness.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2011

Festal Mode

The Nativity of our
Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ

The Adoration of the Magi:
Melchior, Gaspar &
Balthasar

The Commemoration of the
Shepherds in Bethlehem
who were watching their flock
and came to see the Lord



~ Welcome to Our Guests ~

We are delighted that you are with us today. Please keep in mind that according to the Holy Canons and teachings of the Orthodox Church, you must be a baptized and chrismated member of the Orthodox faith in good standing in order to receive Holy Communion. You are welcome to receive a portion of the blessed bread (antidoron) distributed at the end of the Divine Liturgy. Please join us for coffee hour following services.

Divine Liturgy of St. John the Chrysostom

Ἀπολυτίκιον – σ. 198 – 200

Ἡ γέννησίς σου, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός ἡμῶν, ἀνέτειλετώ κόσμῳ τό φῶς τό τῆς γνώσεως, ἐν αὐτῇ γάρροίτοις ἀστροῖς λατρεύοντες ὑπό ἀστέρος ἐδιδάσκοντο σέ προσκυνεῖν τόῦ Ἥλιου τῆς δικαιοσύνης καί σέ γινώσκειν ἐξ ὕψους ἀνάτολήν. Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion – p. 199 – 201

Your birth, O Christ our God, shines forth on all the world with the light of knowledge. For at Your birth, those who had adored the stars were taught by a star to worship you, to worship you, the Son of Justice, and to know You, the Dawn from on high. O Lord, glory to You.

Κοντάκιον – Ἦχος Βαρύς - σ. 240 - 242

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τόν προαιώνιον Λόγον, * ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἐρχεται, * ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορρήτως. * Χόρευε, ἡ οἰκουμένη * ἀκουτισθείσα, * δόξασον, μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καί τῶν Ποιμένων, * βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, * Παιδίον νέον, * τόν πρό αἰῶνων Θεόν.

Kontakion – Grave Tone - p. 241 - 243

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to * God the Word ineffably, * who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing * the gladsome tidings; * with the angels and the shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child who * before the ages is God.

The Epistle Reading is St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 4:4-7

BRETHREN, when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir of God through Christ.

The Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-20

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel.'" Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way. When the wise men departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son." Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamenta-

tion, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead."

Please pray for our:

Spiritual Leaders: Patriarch Bartholomew; Archbishop Demetrios; Metropolitan Alexios; & Fr. Demetri

Civil Leaders: President Barack Obama; Governor Rick Scott; all our civil authorities and our armed forces.

Parish Leadership: Parish Council members, Philoptochos members, Chanters, Choir, Sunday School teachers and students, our Youth Group leaders and children.

Those who are sick, awaiting surgery, recovering from surgery, in need of prayers and/or shut in:

Andrew Roman, Tresa Roman, Ero Diamantos, Pauline Porch, Sophia Tenreiro, Jennifer Andersen, Lynette Wiggins, Alison Hall, Charlie & Alexandra Diamond, Mary Katsenes, Peter Katsoulas, Andrew & Pauline Kalton, Jay Figari, Jan Sangi, Ernest & Stella Kartsonis, Mae Charos, Joyce Ninos, Nazieh Yacoub, Cristian, Lynette, Leilani & Xavier, Elaine, Jay, Eleni, Jaymi, Niki, George, Steve, Harry, Elaine Petersen, Jerry, Theresa Sempepos, Dorothy Pappademetriou, Patricia Laflamm, Nicholas.

Those serving in the Military: Joseph Abadiotakis, Jr., John Brewster, George Korkos, Elias Panayiotis Maldonado, Michael Moody, Cristian Segarra, Nicholas Tsamoutales, Yanni Tshontikidis, Harold Ballard, Samuel Joseph III, Nicholas Cannaverde.

Those preparing for Ordination: Dan Kennedy

College Students: James Figari, John Paul Figari, Alyssa Giglio, Sade Jelani, Jamila Jelani, Alyssa Karas, Ashley Petersen, James Petersen, Kathleen Rogers, George Saad, Jason Sirounis, John Sirounis, Katie Sirounis.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR COLLEGE STUDENT ADDED TO THE PRAYER LIST, PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH THEIR EMAIL & COLLEGE CONTACT INFORMATION, AS PER METROPOLITAN ALEXIOS.

(If you know of anyone that should be added to this list, please call the Church office.)

**Please turn your cell phones & pagers off
or on vibrate before entering Church**

TRAYS

In accordance with Metropolis policy, the Stewardship offering will be collected just before The Lord's Prayer. A second tray will be collected after Holy Communion for the Building Fund.

~ TODAY ~



Merry Christmas!

Καλά Χριστούγεννα!



Upcoming Liturgies & Events

Sun., January 1st - St. Basil (Happy New Year!) - Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am - Vasilopita Cutting following Liturgy.

Fri., January 6th - Epiphany - Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am

Sat., January 7th - St. John the Baptist - Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am

Sun., January 8th - Following Divine Liturgy we will be going to the Pineda Inn on Suntree Blvd. & US 1 for the blessing of the waters, followed by lunch on our own. Thank you to Terry Salamis for allowing us to use his restaurant for this beautiful event.

Sun., January 15th - Fundraiser Luncheon sponsored by the St. Helen Circle of Philoptochos.

Saturday, January 21st - Philoptochos Annual Membership Tea - 11 am - 2 pm at the Holiday Inn on Wickham Road & I 95 - \$30 pp. Call now for reservations. We will also have a guest speaker, our very own Demetri Kitsopoulos on how to deal with stress! Boy can we use that after the Christmas season!

Sat., January 28th - OPA Mardi Gras see p. 15 for more information



Thank you to Leo & Linda Bilissis, Gus & Kiki Karas & Jim & Marlaine Manus for helping with the Church clean up on Thursday.

PROLOGUE OF OHRID

December 25

The Nativity of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son (Galatians 4:4) to save the human race. And when nine months were fulfilled from the Annunciation, when the Archangel Gabriel had appeared to the Most-holy Virgin in Nazareth, saying, *Rejoice, thou that art highly favored ... behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a Son* (Luke 1:28, 31), at that time there went forth a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the people of the Roman Empire should be taxed. In accordance with this decree, everyone had to go to his own town and be registered. That is why the righteous Joseph came with the Most-holy Virgin to Bethlehem, the city of David, for they were both of the royal lineage of David. Since many people descended on this small town for the census, Joseph and Mary were unable to find lodging in any house, and they sought shelter in a cave which shepherds used as a sheep-fold. In this cave-on the night between Saturday and Sunday, on the 25th of December-the Most-holy Virgin gave birth to the Savior of the world, the Lord Jesus Christ. Giving birth to Him without pain just as He was conceived without sin by the Holy Spirit and not by man, she herself wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, worshiped Him as God, and laid Him in a manger. Then the righteous Joseph drew near and worshiped Him as the Divine Fruit of the Virgin's womb. Then the shepherds came in from the fields, directed by an angel of God, and worshiped Him as the Messiah and Savior. The shepherds heard a multitude of God's angels singing: *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men* (Luke 2:14). At that time three wise men arrived from the east, led by a wondrous star, bearing their gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh. They worshiped Him as the King of kings, and offered Him their gifts (Matthew 2). Thus entered the world He Whose coming was foretold by the prophets, and Who was born in the same manner in which it had been prophesied: of a Most-holy Virgin, in the town of Bethlehem, of the lineage of David according to the flesh, at the time when there was no king in Jerusalem of the lineage of Judah, but rather when Herod, a foreigner, was reigning. After many types and prefiguring, messengers and heralds, prophets and righteous men, wise men and kings, finally He appeared, the Lord of the world and King of kings, to perform the work of the salvation of mankind, which could not be performed by His servants. To Him be eternal glory and praise! Amen.

REFLECTION

The Lord Jesus, born in Bethlehem, was first worshiped by shepherds and wise men (astrologers) from the east-the simplest and the wisest of this world. Even today, those who most sincerely worship the Lord Jesus as God

and Savior are the simplest and the wisest of this world. Perverted simplicity and half-learned wisdom were always the enemies of Christ's divinity and His Gospel. But who were these wise men from the east? This question was especially studied by St. Dimitri of Rostov. He claims that they were kings of certain smaller regions or individual towns in Persia, Arabia and Egypt. At the same time, they were erudite in the knowledge of astronomy. This wondrous star appeared to them, which announced the birth of the New King. According to St. Dimitri, this star appeared to them nine months before the birth of the Lord Jesus, i.e., at the time of His conception by the Most-holy Theotokos. They spent nine months in studying this star, in preparing for the journey and in traveling. They arrived in Bethlehem shortly after the birth of the Savior of the world. One of them was called Melchior. He was old, with long white hair and beard. He offered the Lord the gift of gold. The second was called Caspar, of ruddy face, young and beardless. He offered the Lord the gift of frankincense. The third was called Balthasar, of dark complexion and a very heavy beard. He offered the Lord the gift of myrrh. After their deaths, their bodies were taken to Constantinople, from Constantinople to Milan, and from Milan to Cologne. It can be added that these three wise men were representatives of the three main races of men that descended from Noah's three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. The Persian represented the Japhethites, the Arabian represented the Semites, and the Egyptian represented the Hamites. Thus it can be said that, through these three, the whole human race worshiped the Incarnate Lord and God.

HOMILY

on the birth of the Lord, the Son of God

I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world (John 16:28).

The only-begotten Son of God, brethren, begotten in eternity of the Father without a mother, was born in time of a mother without a father. That first begetting is an unfathomable mystery of the Holy Trinity in eternity, and the second is the unfathomable mystery of God's power and love for mankind in time. The greatest mystery in time corresponds to the greatest mystery in eternity. Without entering into this greatest mystery with the small taper of our understanding, let us be content, brethren, with the knowledge that our salvation had its origin not from man or from earth, but from the greatest heights of the divine invisible world. So great is God's mercy, and so great is the dignity of man, that the Son of God Himself came down from eternity into time, from heaven to earth, from the throne of glory to the shepherd's cave, solely to save mankind, to cleanse men from sin and to return them to Paradise. *I came forth from the Father, where I had everything, and am come*

into the world, which cannot give Me anything. The Lord was born in a cave to show that the whole world is one dark cave, which He alone can illumine. The Lord was born in Bethlehem-and Bethlehem means ``the House of Bread''-to show that He is the only Bread of Life worthy of true men. O Lord Jesus, the Pre-eternal Son of the Living God and the Son of the Virgin Mary, enlighten us and nourish us with Thyself. To Thee be glory and praise forever. Amen.



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Prot. No. 1192

+ B A R T H O L O M E W

By the Mercy of God

Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch

To the Plenitude of the Church

Grace, Peace and Mercy from our Savior Born in Bethlehem

“Christ is born again and the Angels sing once more:
‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among all.’ ”
(Luke 2.14-15)

Beloved brothers and sisters, children in the Lord,

The angels chant these three majestic proclamations and yet the great majority of human beings, although celebrating the feast of Christmas, cannot perceive the significance of the angelic song, instead asking themselves whether God is truly glorified today or why God should even

be glorified; where can one discern on earth the peace that is announced, and why should contemporary humanity live with good will?

It is because, in reality, most people do not glorify God – either in their deeds or through their words. Many of them doubt the very existence of God and God’s presence in their lives. There are also many people that attribute responsibility to God for the unfortunate occurrences in their lives. However, those who grumble against God err profoundly, since evil does not derive from Him. On the contrary, the loving incarnation of the divine Son and Word, together with the consequent events of His Crucifixion and Resurrection, reshape the human person to its former beauty, granting eternal life and the peace that surpasses all understanding, while rendering human beings co-heirs of the heavenly kingdom. This act of divine condescension, though embracing the ultimate humiliation, is in itself capable of glorifying humanity. Thus, even if many people fail to glorify God in their hearts, nevertheless glory is rendered – by all creation and all things that take place among humans – unto Him who dwells in the highest. We too, then, gratefully cry out with the Angels, “Glory to God in the highest,” for the immensity of His works and the incomprehensibility of His love for us.

Yet people also query the second angelic proclamation: “And on earth peace.” How can we speak of peace on earth when almost half of the planet finds itself either in the act of or in preparation for war? The sweet tone of the angelic proclamation regarding “peace on earth” is of course primarily a divine pledge that, if people adhere to the way indicated by the new-born Child, they will acquire internal peace and peaceful coexistence. But, alas, most people are moved and drawn by the cymbals of war, ignoring the sound of the pledge for peace on earth. We are not referring here to those who passionately support the use of weapons, but especially to those who transform gentle competition to unequal conflict, seeking the annihilation of any opposition. In this respect, war is experienced as reality among members of rival social groups and parties of all kinds – whether racial, political, partisan, financial, ideological, religious, athletic or any other kind, where the intense mindset of members is converted into militant rather than peaceful. However, this does not refute the truth proclaimed by the Angels, that – through the Nativity of Christ and the acceptance of His teachings – peace will indeed prevail on earth. Christ came bearing peace; and if His peace does not prevail in the world, then responsibility lies with those who fail to accept and embrace this peace, not with the God who grants it.

Since this is the stance of contemporary humanity in light of the peace offered by God, it is hardly surprising that good will is rare among people. The good intention of God toward humanity is assured, just as the favor-

able consequences of divine love are in principle apparent for all human beings and particularly tangible for all those who accept the angelic proclamations in practice. By contrast, for those who reject these proclamations and are given to exploiting and abusing others, the consequences are experienced as a crisis of stress and anxiety, as a crisis of economy and meaning, and finally as existential uncertainty.

Beloved brothers and sisters, children in the Lord,

All the proclamations of the Angels during the birth of the Lord are realities that exist and are experienced today in fullness by those who believe in Jesus Christ as the Divine-Human Savior of the world. Let us begin from this year to live Christmas in a way that pleases God, the giver of all good things, so that we might experience in our hearts the transcendent peace and the loving good will of God toward us. Let us render ourselves as loving human beings in our relationship to God and other people, becoming sharing persons rather than selfish individuals. Let us remove the masks that estrange and divide us from God and His human image, our fellow human being. And let us fulfill our destiny in the likeness of God by practicing our faith in Him. Let us, too, proclaim the angelic song to humankind, which is suffering terribly and cannot discover Peace and Good Will through its conventional ways. The only way of overcoming war and all forms of crisis, such as the financial one that plagues our world, is our Lord Jesus Christ, who assured us that His is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Therefore, we glorify God in the highest and Jesus Christ who condescended to dwell among us. And we proclaim with the Angels that Peace is accessible and truly exists on earth and within our hearts because we have been reconciled to God through His good will to assume flesh by His birth in the manger.

So let us experience the joy of the Nativity of Jesus Christ and the foretaste of all the benefits announced by the threefold proclamation of the Angels. Amen.

At the Phanar, Christmas 2011

+ Bartholomew of Constantinople

Fervent supplicant for all before God

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The Nativity of Christ

*What shall we offer You, O Christ,
Who for our sakes has appeared on earth as man?
(Vespers of the Feast)*

To the Most Reverend Hierarchs, the Reverend Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, the Presidents and Members of the Parish Councils of the Greek Orthodox Communities, the Distinguished Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Day, Afternoon, and Church Schools, the Philoptochos Sisterhoods, the Youth, the Hellenic Organizations, and the entire Greek Orthodox Family in America

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When we hear and contemplate the beautiful story of our Lord's Nativity, our hearts are filled with tremendous joy. In this marvelous event of God becoming man, He revealed His great love for us and the divine plan to restore our communion with Him. Through His Incarnation, Christ offered Himself for our total renewal and completed this gift of grace in the Cross and Resurrection. Through His birth, our Lord entered into our humanity, giving us a deeper understanding of our relationship with our Creator and offering us a greater experience of life and being. The Son of God who became human being for our sakes, the One in our midst who knows our pains and struggles, offers to each of us life and peace.

The Feast of the Nativity is a celebration of all that Christ has offered and continues to offer to us. It is also a Feast that challenges us with the question, "What shall we offer Him?" In the Holy Gospel, this question was answered by those who participate by their presence in the glorious Nativity. The Virgin Mary offered herself in obedience to God's will, conceiving and carrying Jesus in her womb and giving birth to Him (Luke 1:26-38). Joseph

followed the commandment of the Lord and provided for the Theotokos and the Christ child (Matthew 1:24-25). In response to the announcement of the angels and upon seeing the infant, the shepherds offered a witness of the wonderful things they had seen and heard (Luke 2:8-20). Following the star in the East, the wise men came to Jesus offering Him their worship and their gifts (Matthew 2:1-12).

These offerings to Christ show us how we should celebrate this great Feast and how we should offer to Him. In response to His love we are called to give ourselves completely to Christ, our heart, mind, body and soul. With the words of the Theotokos we express our obedience and our complete faith in Him saying, *Let it be to me according to Your word* (Luke 1:38). In seeing the magnitude of what God has done for humankind, we come to Christ in haste, just as the shepherds, and we go out into the world glorifying and praising God for all that we hear and see. As the wise men came and offered in great joy, we never cease to worship Him and to offer our gifts for His glory and always in the service of His eternal kingdom.

On this Feast of the Nativity of our Lord, may we seriously consider the question “What shall we offer Him?” In our worship and fellowship on this Feast, let us prayerfully examine our lives and seek the guidance of our Lord in our response to such a question. May you and your families have a blessed and joyful Nativity, filled with the love of God and the true life which He offers to us. And may the Incarnate God grant to all the dawning New Year 2012 filled with health and blessings.

With paternal love in Christ,

†DEMETRIOS

Archbishop of America



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE OF HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN ALEXIOS

“In the Virgin Birth, the rule of nature was overcome by God’s will and marvelous grace. He Who is the Timeless One became a Child. Assuming my flesh, He gives His Spirit that I may partake of the treasury of eternal life. He takes my flesh in order to make me holy. The miracle renders me speechless.”

St. John Chrysostom

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

I greet you with joy and love in the Name of our Incarnate Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I give thanks to Almighty God, by whose grace we have been given the opportunity to celebrate the Birth of His Son at the end of the year. Looking around, we still see hatred, mistrust, suffering and the absence of peace in our world. This reality of life in this world makes us cry out for God’s help, assistance and intervention.

My beloved ones, despite the suffering, sorrow, and injustice in the world, today joy comes to us once more. That’s why at this blessed time of year as we look forward to the Birth of our Savior, I send greetings and best wishes to all of you, as your spiritual father and Hierarch, with all my paternal love and prayers. May the joy of our Lord’s Nativity dispel the darkness and fill our hearts with hope, love, peace and compassion!

The holy gift of God’s Son at Christmas reveals to us His love and care for all humanity. As human beings, we are awed by the miracle of God become man: the divine glory revealed in a child born in poor circumstances, the omnipotent Creator a little baby in His Mother’s arms. Indeed on this night, the Redeemer becomes one of us, as St. John Chrysostom says, He took on our flesh to make us holy, and gave us His Spirit so that we can be reconciled with our Creator and enter into eternal life with Him.

Therefore, as we celebrate the miracle of His Birth, let kindness come with every gift, and compassion, forgiveness and love with every greeting. Let us

beautify our hearts with prayer and charity, so that all people may enter into the joy of the Feast with us. Let us give our families and friends, "those who love us and those who hate us, and those who have no one to pray for them" the true and lasting gift of forgiveness and reconciliation. Let us pray for one another, that we may forget about our own concerns and truly love our neighbor as ourselves, as we worship the One who came from the highest heaven to dwell with us on earth, to lift us from this world into the Kingdom of God.

I pray that God will send peace, joy and contentment and every blessing of His love and grace at Christmas and in the New Year to all my brothers and sisters in Christ, both near and faraway, the clergy, laity and monastics. Praying that the Lord will grant you His blessings of health, joy and peace of mind and heart in the New Year, I remain

Prayerfully yours with paternal love in our Incarnate Lord,
+ALEXIOS
Metropolitan of Atlanta

Christmas, 2011

*St. Helen Circle
of St. Sophia Ladies Philoptochos Society
Fundraiser Luncheon
Sunday, January 15th
Following Divine Liturgy*



AHEPA & Philoptochos scholarships are being offered. Call or email the church office for a form. **Deadline to return COMPLETE applications is May 1, 2012.** No application will be considered if all information is not included.

*OPA's Mardi Gras Glendi
Dinner Dance*



Sat., January 21st pm, 6 pm

Come join us for a delicious
Dinner followed by dancing

\$25. per person

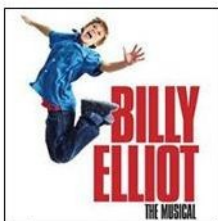
Appetizers, Salad, Chicken Jambalaya
& Dessert
Cash Bar

at St. Katherine's Community Center
5965 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne

Please call for pre-paid reservations
by Sun., Jan 15th

Linda Bilissis 609. 2672, Kiki Karas 984.7653
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OPA's proceeds go towards helping St. Katherine



On February 25th we will be
going to the Bob Carr Theatre to see
"Billy Elliot"

Bus & Brunch included \$111.00

Please make your checks out to Apollo Travel or call
Ann Xenakis 259-2754 or
Toni Zarnas 636-0607



STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

In the name of Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, our God, accept our offerings as You have accepted the gifts of Your people throughout the ages. We offer these gifts to Your glory, for the support of the ministries of Your holy Church, for the alleviation of suffering and hunger, and for the proclamation of Your Gospel to the whole world.

Grant us Your blessing, Lord our Savior, that we may always be faithful stewards, continuing to share the gifts you have given us, by the power of Your grace, mercy and love. May Your name be glorified forever. Amen

STEWARDSHIP



2011 STEWARDSHIP

200 Stewards Pledging \$167,090. Paid \$163,933.

24 Friends of St. Katherine Paid \$14,327

2012 STEWARDSHIP

51 Stewards Pledging \$128,834.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Luke 12:34



THE JESUS PRAYER

Κύριε Ιησοῦ Χριστέ, Υἱέ τοῦ Θεοῦ, ἐλέησόν
με τὸν ἁμαρτωλόν
(τὴν ἁμαρτωλὸν if prayed by a female)

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
Have Mercy on Me a sinner