Thanksgiving Is Thanking God

Throughout the year November brings to us so many beautiful events and celebrations. Even though on the 15th of November we begin the preparation for the Christmas Fast, we take a moment to at the end of the month to give thanks. America was the first country that dedicated a day to take a moment in the year to give thanks. There are so many stories about Thanksgiving whether the historical story of the Pilgrims or personal stories from individuals at their family gatherings. Either way they give us an opportunity to see what Thanksgiving means to them. I received this beautiful story from a friend and I would like to share it with you. Ultimately we will embrace our only special experiences whether it is around the dinner table, or the preparation before the gathering of family and friends. Either way enjoy it and remember that at the end of this beautiful day we should take a moment to give thanks to God our Father for it is through Him that not only the bountiful meal is given, but also the blessings of family and friends as well as the memories of past Thanksgivings have come into our lives. Please enjoy as much as I have.

‘My father used to tell me anything worth doing was worth doing right the first time. If you have time to do it the second time, you have time to do it right the first time. As fathers go, he was right. It seems most people have not learned this lesson, least of all politicians who are supposedly serving the interests of their constituency. I know there are good politicians in America today. Nobody seems to know who they are, though. The reason I have been thinking about this is I'm sitting here indulging in the delicate aroma floating in from the kitchen where the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage has begun her ritual of roasting the Thanksgiving turkey. I say turkey but really, she is roasting three turkeys. One is for our family Thanksgiving dinner and the other two are for the church Thanksgiving dinner.

Somewhere along the line, probably years before she met me, she learned the magnificent secret of doing things right the first time. Not like some people we hear of these days who don't have time to do it right the

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Parish Council

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Julie Tziolas and Renee Stevens
first time but seem to have plenty of time to do it over and over again, sometimes four times. Anything worth doing right the first time demands planning. If anyone knows planning, it certainly is my wife. If things were left up to me, nothing would ever get done. I plan to learn how to plan someday but my plans seem to have fallen apart.

At our home, it begins about the middle of October when my wife says rather pensively, Let's see. Thanksgiving is about five weeks away. Should we have a turkey this year?"I can never tell if this is a real question, a rhetorical question or if she is trying to set me up for something. Believe me; I've been set up so many times I have a hard time lying down. For the first hundred years of our marriage I always said, turkey. After all, what else do you have at Thanksgiving time? However, this year was a little different. When I responded with my usual answer she said, But we've had turkey for years. Aren't you getting tired of turkey?" If there's one thing I don't ever get tired of it's turkey. You can do so many things with turkey. There is roast turkey, sliced turkey sandwiches, turkey salad and turkey soup just to name a few. The only problem at our house is, the turkey rarely survives the first day, which is a tribute, not so much to our consumption as a family as to the genius of the family chef. I have often wondered what turkey soup really tastes like. This expertise in the direction of the Thanksgiving roast turkey did not come without cost. It took years for my wife to master the art of roasting a turkey. Unfortunately, much of this practice was on Yours Truly. She has been roasting me for years and still complains that I'm not quite done yet. That really burns me up. Only last week she complained I was a little hard on the outside and rather soft on the inside. I was tempted to shift the blame on her but when it comes to this area; I am more of a lame duck then a finely roasted turkey. My philosophy is along these lines, I'd rather let things happen and then try to adjust to the consequences. My good wife is of the opinion that you create your own consequences. Moreover, when she says this she is usually looking at me a little askew. Don't you know that the Thanksgiving Turkey does not roast itself? 'Being the lame duck I am, that thought never played with my mind. I have always enjoyed the results of the roasted turkey without a thought about how it got to my table.

While I was enjoying the aroma of the turkey roasting in the kitchen, I came up with several suggestions along these lines. First, I need to find things that are worth doing in the first place. How much time I have wasted on things not really worth my time or effort is beyond my computation. Like my wife, I need to be a little more picky about the things I choose to do. Not everything is worth my time. Second, those things worth doing certainly deserve my best efforts. If I have to redo something, it means I'm not putting my best effort into the project. And at my age, I don't have time to waste on things that are not worth my best effort. Third, there is no finer satisfaction than a job well done. I never understood this until recently. In the middle of our Thanksgiving dinner when everybody is enjoying the food and complimenting the chef, my wife is sitting in her chair smiling. I never knew why until now.

This must be how our heavenly Father felt with Jesus at his baptism. And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased. ” (Luke 3:22 KJV). The best way to celebrate Thanksgiving is to recognize the wonderful work God has done for our salvation, which did not come without the ultimate cost, the sacrifice of His Son. This was done once and for all.'

I wish all of you a blessed Thanksgiving and as we gather around the table that day, do not forget the very last paragraph of who to give thanks to, but also to ask our Lord in Heaven to protect not only all our family and friends, but to our sons and daughters who are serving in the military for our freedom for they will not be amongst their families this year, but they will be amongst their friends and comrades. It is in them and to our Lord our God that we should thank that He gave us such brave sons and daughters that they are willing to sacrifice their lives so that we may live the freedoms that our founding fathers have placed upon us.

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I end this with words and a prayer that were given by an individual by the name of Linus Van Pelt. We all know him as Linus sometimes the only friend that Charlie Brown ever had. He spoke about Thanksgiving and if we do not have a prayer that we say at the dinner table I ask you to read this one and it will speak volumes for the day. “In the year 1621, the Pilgrims held their first Thanksgiving feast. They invited the great Indian chief Massasoit, who brought ninety of his brave Indians and a great abundance of food. Governor William Bradford and Captain Miles Standish were honored guests. Elder William Brewster, who was a minister, said a prayer that went something like this: 'We thank God for our homes and our food and our safety in a new land. We thank God for the opportunity to create a new world for freedom and justice.” Very simply just say “Thank You God For This Day” and you have put the Thanks back into Thanksgiving.

A Blessed Thanksgiving and a Blessed Preparatory Period For The Season of Christmas.

Fr. John Kalomas

The Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians

To the St. Andrew’s Church Parish, the Women’s Philoptochos Society and the St. Andrew’s Choir Members:

The Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians extends their grateful thanks for your generous support which assisted in making the recent Choir Conference very successful. Between October 14-16, 76 choir members from our Metropolis attended to sing the Frank Desby liturgy at SS Constantine & Helen Church in Palos Hills. IL.

Participating in this event from the St. Andrew’s Choir were Theo Bartholomew and Georgia Karafotias. Also attending some of the events were John Bartholomew and Themis and Francis Tsaoussis.

Awards were given to Dr. Peter Jermihov for his many years of service in conducting many choirs for 43 years, including the St. Andrew’s Choir. The awards given were the 25 year Certificate of St. Romanos and the Icon of Kassiani for 35 years of service. Also, Dr. Blasé Polite was also honored for his 25 years of choir participation with the Certificate of Romanos. Congratulations to both these honorees!

The Federation thanks you again in assisting its endeavors to promote spiritual and uplifting fellowship among all choir members and to promote the study of the Greek Orthodox Divine Liturgy.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Orthros at 8:00 am Liturgy 9:30am
TO ALL PARISHIONERS WHO WISH TO RUN FOR
THE 2012-13 PARISH COUNCIL

Please begin making an appointment to see Fr. John Kalomas in order to sit and talk with him in order to obtain an application so your name can appear on the election ballot. No applications will be issued after November 6th 2011. Below are also some of the requirements for receiving an application and running for the Parish Council Board. Once you receive your application and fill it out, you will give it to one of the individuals who are on the board of elections so they can process your name into the ballot. Elections this year will take place on Sunday December 4th 2011 following the Divine Liturgy.

REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE AN APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION
TO THE ST. ANDREW’S PARISH COUNCIL 2012-2013

Qualifications to be a Candidate for the Parish Council

I. Must be spiritually, canonically, and financially in good standing.

A. Spiritually: Attend divine service regularly and receive sacraments; uphold the teachings and traditions of the Church.

B. Canonically: If married, married in the Orthodox Church. If divorced, have an ecclesiastical divorce. Must live his/her life and active ties in accordance with the faith and canons of the Church.

C. Financially: Must be a member of the Parish for at least one year immediately preceding the date of elections.

D. To attend the Parish Council Seminar which will be set by the Parish Priest at a designated time?

II. Must take the following oath and accept it fully:

I do solemnly swear that I will uphold the dogma, teachings, traditions, holy canons, worship, and moral principles of the Greek Orthodox Church as well as the constitutional charter, discipline, and regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, and I will fulfill faithfully and sincerely, the duties and obligations required of a member of the Parish Council. So help me God.

Additional Responsibilities

I. To participate in the sacramental life of the Church, thereby setting an example for the parish; mandatory is the sacrament of confession and communion; to collect the revenue of the Church and to administer the affairs of the parish in such a manner as to aid the Priest in the fulfillment of its aims and purposes.

II. After appropriate discussion, to support and cooperate with all majority decisions of the Parish Council.

III. To volunteer to serve actively on at least two parish committees.

IV. Never to use a church’s form or mailing list for one’s own financial gain or personal agendas.
As the end of the year draws near and we look towards celebrating our 85th anniversary, please take a moment to review your Stewardship pledge for 2011. It is your time, talent and treasure that support our ministry programs. To give you an idea of where we are at (through September 30th) Stewardship giving is at $225,000 which places us at 65% of our total year Stewardship goal of $345,000. We still have time to meet our goals and this is only possible with your help and love of our church! As I reported last month this has been a difficult year and we still have a deficit of $48,500 as of September 30, which we can eliminate with your continued support.

Last month, Fr. John Kalomas, Terri Mikuzis and I represented our parish at the Metropolis of Chicago Clergy-Laity Congress. We attended various meetings, seminars and were surprised to see and hear His All Holiness, Patriarch Bartholomew deliver a live message to us via the Skype video technology. Working with members of our fellow parishes, we discussed topics of concern and heard reports from the various ministries of the Metropolis.

Our fall General Assembly will be held on November 13, 2011 and we look forward to presenting our 2012 budget and other committee reports that will be of interest to our Stewards. Please make every effort to attend the meeting.

Godparent Sunday will take place on November 20th and is always a nice event bringing together our Sunday School children with their Godparents.

On November 30th we will celebrate the feast-day of St. Andrew and we wish all of you “Chronia Polla”.

On December 4th, we will hold Parish Council elections so please consider participating in this important ministry of our church.

And… on December 10th, we look forward to celebrating our 85th Anniversary Dinner Dance at the Westin Hotel in Rosemont. Invitations have been mailed and a reservation table will be in the gym on Sunday’s leading up to the event.

This year we have designated December 18th as Stewardship Sunday and this is a special day as it marks 85 years, since the founding of our beloved parish! In addition to supporting our ministries a portion of the proceeds will go to our Stained Glass Window Renovation Fund.

Committee members are busy planning our third annual lecture event to be sponsored by the Anne & Ted Phillips Memorial Speakers Fund, which is to take place in spring 2012. Watch for the details as plans are finalized in the coming months.

A noteworthy maintenance item...

Stained Glass Window Restoration-We completed work on two of the stained glass windows in the church that needed repairs. This work served as a test to determine the exact conditions, develop specifications and help provide us with a better idea as to the overall scope of work that will be needed on other windows in need of repair. The maintenance committee will be meeting with our contractors to develop the next phase of work.

As you can see a number of activities continue to have taken place over the last month and as our committee teams are busy making plans for the coming year, I look forward to reporting to you on these and other activities.

On behalf of the entire Parish Council we wish you a blessed Thanksgiving!
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
NOVEMBER 13, 2011
Immediately following Liturgy
In the auditorium

Please make every effort to attend

Save the Date
Saturday, December 10, 2011
St. Andrew’s
85th Anniversary Gala
at the Westin O’Hare, Rosemont, Illinois

A portion of the event proceeds will go to our Stained Glass Restoration Fund

Please send addresses of past parishioners/friends of the church to include them in this Gala event and/or any photographs for our collages (pictures will not be returned) by October 16, 2011.

Invitations to follow ☏ 773-334-4515 for more information
October 28, 2011

Dear Stewards and Friends of St Andrew’s,

This year marks the 85th Anniversary of the founding of our beloved parish!

On December 25, 1926, the St. Andrew’s parish celebrated its first Divine Liturgy. In celebration of this important milestone in the life of our church, we will be commemorating the event on Saturday, December 10, 2011, with our Anniversary Gala Dinner Dance at the Westin O’Hare Hotel in Rosemont, IL.

In conjunction with this event we are preparing a Program Book and we invite you to join us in this celebration by placing an ad in honor of our 85th Anniversary. Within this issue of the Anchor you will find the Program Book Sponsorship Form. In addition to supporting our ministries, a portion of the proceeds will benefit our Stained Glass Window Renovation Fund.

Again we prayerfully ask for your support and may St. Andrew continue to bless and protect you and your loved ones.

In His service,

Fr. John N. Kalomas
Proistamenos

Fr. John G. Kutulas
Proistamenos Emeritus

Nicholas G. Karafetis
President
St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church
85th Anniversary Gala Dinner Dance
December 10, 2011

PROGRAM BOOK SPONSORSHIP FORM

☐ Gold Full Page $1,000.00
☐ Silver Full Page $500.00
☐ White Full Page $300.00
☐ Half Page $200.00
☐ Quarter Page $100.00
☐ Listing $50.00

Please print your name and message as you wish it to appear in the Program Book.

Message:
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

Family/Company Name:
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

Please submit this form by November 30, 2011 with your checks payable to:

St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church
5649 N. Sheridan Road
Chicago, IL 60660
Phone: 773-334-4515

If you wish to include a logo or photo, please provide in PDF or JPG format and email to:
info@standreworthodox.org

Personal Information:

Name: ________________________________________________
Address: _____________________________________________
City, State, Zip Code: _________________________________
Phone/Email: _______________________________________
Signature: ____________________________

We greatly appreciate your support of the Parish!

RECEIVED: $_________ CHECK #_________ DATE:_________
SACRAMENTS AND MEMORIALS

BAPTISMS
9/24 Vasilios Christos, son of Marianthi and Christos Thanopoulos
9/25 Constantine Peter, son of Marie and Peter Sotos

WEDDINGS
9/17 Carmen Shamoun and Pantelis Zarras
9/18 Demetra Sarantopoulos and Theodore Palese
10/8 Connie Christopoulos and Matthew Brown
10/9 Angela Mitsas and Christos Palbas

MEMORIALS
10/2 Demetra Grammatikakis - 9 months

On Saturday, September 3rd the following volunteers represented St. Andrew at the First Presbyterian Church, in Evanston: Susan, Barron, Manuel and Christine Barron, Nick Varney, Timi Papas, Helen Deligiannis, Gwen Swackhammer, and Fofe Egon.

SOUP KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS

Stacy Diacou Patricia Perritt
Cathy Fasseas Evangeline Mistaras
Mattina Malas Frances Tsaoussis
As always thanks for your help and support!

ANCHOR/OFFICE MAILING

ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, November 5 at 11AM
Soup Kitchen in Evanston

Thursday, November 10 at 5:30PM
Dreams

Friday, November 18
Decorating church with Christmas Lights

Friday, December 2 at 7PM
Thanksmas (Thanksgiving-Christmas) Party

January 9-11
Ski Trip
St. Andrew Sunday Church School

Now throughout the months of September and October, our regular Sunday Church School Classes are continuing in earnest. We warmly welcome all of our families, new and returning, who have enrolled in our St. Andrew Sunday Church School Program. For those families who have not done so, you may still register your children in our Sunday Church School Office following Holy Communion. All of our very capable teachers have so much to teach our children that it would be wonderful to see all of them on time each and every Sunday.

Although all of our families received registration packets outlining our programs and curriculum, on Sunday, September 25th, we held our annual Sunday Church School Open House and Ministry Fair in our Auditorium. On that Sunday, each of our Sunday Church School Classes and Youth Programs were highlighted with displays, which depicted what our children are learning in their classes and the various ministries St. Andrew’s has to offer. Thank you to our Pastoral Assistant, Julie Tziolas, as well as all of the Sunday Church School teachers for putting together these displays.

As you may have noticed our St. Andrew’s Children/Youth Choir again has been chanting the responses to the Divine Liturgy on the first Sunday of each month. If you would like your son or daughter to participate with this choir, please contact our St. Andrew’s Choir Director, Dr. Peter Jermihov, by calling the Church Office. We also ask that you encourage all of our young choir members in their efforts.

Also on the first Sunday of each month, our Sunday Church School will continue to focus on teaching our students the inspiring hymns of our Divine Liturgy. As stated in last month’s Anchor Article, Mrs. Maria Kotsinis will be instructing our students in grades Kindergarten through fourth grade within a special classroom on the 2nd Floor, and Dr. Peter Jermihov will be instructing our students in our fifth through high school classes in our Holy Cross Chapel. These classes will be held as part our regular Sunday Church School Class instruction time. Parents, please help us in our efforts to teach our children the beautiful hymns of our Holy Orthodox Church, and to use their beautiful voices in singing praises to God!

On October 9, 2011, our Parish was blessed to celebrate Inclusion Sunday. In addition, to special prayers, sermon, and presentations during and following the Divine Liturgy, our Sunday Church School Students also completed a special project within their classrooms. Students in grades Kindergarten through High School discussed the talents and skills with which they have been blessed, and acknowledged how all of us, even those with special needs, have been blessed by God, with these attributes. After sharing their talents, each class completed a puzzle representing the Church as the Body of Christ. Our Students then learned that without all of the Church’s members and their talents, our Church and the Body of Christ would not be complete. May always be reminded of these blessings!

We would like to again remind everyone, that on Sunday, November 20th, we have our annual Godparent Sunday and Luncheon. Our Baptismal Picture Gallery is now displayed in our hallway. If you have not already done so, please submit your child’s baptismal picture by bring it to our Sunday Church School Office so that we can include it as well. We hope that all of our Parish children and adults will be present for this important celebration as we develop a deeper understanding and appreciation for our relationship between Godparent and Godchild, and grow together as one enriched spiritual family!

Finally during the month of November, our students are again asked to bring various nonperishable items for the annual Thanksgiving baskets, which are put together for the needy in conjunction with our Philoptochos. A flyer will be distributed in Sunday Church School for the items, which each class is asked to bring. Students should bring the following to their classes by Sunday, November 13th. These baskets will be put together on Friday evening, November 18th. A light Lenten dinner will also be provided. Please RSVP by Tuesday, November 15th if you can join us to: Vonnie at 630-378-4878 or at vonnie@karafotias.com.

Looking forward to seeing you!
With Love in Christ,
Kathy Siavelis

Note: We will soon begin preparing for our annual Christmas Pageant, which will take Sunday, December 18th. Our students will be receiving information regarding how they will be asked to participate in our pageant. Please assist them and us in preparing for this upcoming event.
SUNNYDAY SCHOOL  THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Please help us to help those less fortunate than ourselves by bringing various nonperishable items and make this a more bountiful Thanksgiving for someone in need!

Please bring your items to Church by Sunday, November 13th and put them in the bins in the hallway.

Students please bring the following:
2 year olds - peanut butter & jelly, pancake mix & syrup
3 year olds - canned fruit, canned vegetables
4 year olds – juice boxes, juice (plastic container), hot chocolate
Kindergarten – cereal, oatmeal, pop-tarts, breakfast foods
1st Grade – canned goods (soups, tomato sauce, etc.)
2nd Grade – canned goods (i.e., tuna, cranberry sauce, yams etc.)
3rd & 4th Grades – rice, pasta, spaghetti sauces, gravy & stuffing
5th & 6th Grade – oil & vinegar, salt & pepper, salad dressing
7th & 8th Grades – sugar & flour, mustard & ketchup
High School Class – brownie/cake mixes & frosting, cookies, coffee, tea

Please Note: If you would like to make a monetary donation, please leave it in the Church Office Attn: Vonnie

Sunday School Students and Parents
Please join us on Friday, November 18th along with Philoptochos & JOY
to prepare the baskets at 6:30 pm along with a light Lenten dinner provided.

Bring a desert to share.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, November 15th if you can join us to:

Vonnie at vonnie@karafotias.com or 630-378-4878.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Dear Philoptochos Members and Friends,

During these past months we have been very busy.

**Thursday, September 29th**, we had our Membership Mixer which was held at Maria Kotsinis’ house. It was a wonderful evening of fellowship. We had 30 women at this event. Maria, we thank you for opening up your home and being a very gracious hostess.

**Thursday, October 13th** we had a guest speaker, Paula Renee Burzawa (Akouris) who told us about her travels as a teenager to Vassara, Greece. It was a wonderful time. For those of you who were not able to attend, the name of the books is “Seasons of Sun.”

**Saturday, October 22nd** we held our FALL FLING fundraiser. I would like to extend a very special thank you to Mrs. Dena Anastos for chairing this event along with her committee, Pat Perritt, Cathy Fasseas, Becky Hatzopoulos, Fotine Bloom, Maria Kotsinis, Terri Mikuzis, Arlene Siavelis, Marilyn Tzakis, Patty Tsaoussis, Kathy Siavelis, Peggy Papaioannou, Nan Rumsey, Frances Tsaoussis, Shia Kapos and Hellena Chrones. I would also like to thank the ladies who helped with the mailings, Vasiliki Domer, Helen Giannakopoulos, Eugenia Leonard, Adeline Kalant and Evangeline Mistaras. Thank you everybody for all of your hard work to make this event a success. We presented a check for $5000 for the Women’s Behavioral Health Program of the Northwestern University Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences.

November Upcoming Event:

**Thanksgiving Baskets** - Join us on Friday, November 18th at 6:30 pm as we prepare our Thanksgiving Baskets along with JOY, and all youth, that will be taken to “Care for Real,” a food pantry in our Edgewater community. **Please bring items such as flour, sugar, canned fruit, canned vegetables, soups, tomato sauce, pasta sauces, pasta, tuna, cookies, tea, coffee or any other non perishable items.** If you are not able to join us that evening please bring all items by Sunday, November 13 but no later than Friday November 18 and put them in the bins in the auditorium hallway. A light Lenten meal will be provided. Please call Vonnie by Tuesday, November 15 at 630-378-4878 or email vonnie@karafotias.com if you plan on attending. **Also, if you’d like to make a monetary donation you may leave that in the church office, attn: Vonnie.**

**Tuesday, November 29th** St. Andrew’s Vespers and **Wednesday, November 30th** Feast day of St. Andrew’s. If anyone is available to help either day, please contact Vonnie at 630-378-4878 or email Vonnie@karafotias.com

We look forward to seeing you not only at these events, but other Philoptochos get-togethers. Everyone is welcome!

Vonnie Karafotias
Philoptochos President

**Philoptochos Meetings and/or outings for 2011 – Mark your calendars!!**

Friday, November 18th – 6:30 pm Meeting/light Lenten meal – preparation of Thanksgiving baskets

Thursday, December 15, 2011, PTO/Philoptochos Christmas Dinner Outing – location and time TBD

(Dates and times subject to change. See your Sunday Bulletin/Anchor)

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM PHILOPTOCHOS**
St. Andrew’s Philoptochos/Volunteer Form – 2011-12

Dear Members,

Please take a few moments and look at the list below to see where you would be interested in helping. Whether it is chairing an event or helping serve, it is with your help that we are able to do the things listed below.

Thank you,
Vonnie Karafotias

Please put a X next to what you’d like to volunteer or chair below:

Special Trays – 2011 – 12
___ Sunday, November 6 SS Cosmas/Damianos Ecumenical Patriarchate
___ Sunday, March 18 HC/HC Lenten Event

November, 2011
___ Monday, November 28 St. Andrew’s Vespers/ Set-up 10:00 am
___ Tuesday, November 29 St. Andrew’s Vespers
___ Wednesday, November 30 St. Andrew’s Names Day

December, 2011
___ Sunday, December 11 & 18 St. Andrew’s Vasilopita - selling tickets
___ Thursday, December 15 Christmas Dinner Outing Philoptochos/PTO – Location TBD

January, 2012
___ Sunday, January 8 St. Andrew’s Vasilopita (ordering Vasilopita, set-up, etc.)
___ Tuesday, January 31 Soup Kitchen – Annunciation Cathedral

February, 2012
___ Friday, February 17 Glendi/Set-up – 6:00 pm
___ Saturday, February 18 Glendi

March, 2012

April, 2012
___ Sunday, April 8 Palm Sunday Easter Bake Sale
___ Holy Thursday, April 12 Continental Breakfast – Hollywood House/Parishioners TBD

May, 2012

June, 2012
___ Thursday, June 14 End of Year Dinner Outing Philoptochos/PTO– Location TBD

Name: __________________________________________ (Please Print)
Phone Number: _______________________________ Email: _______________________________

Return to the church office or email it to Vonnie@karafotias.com or call her at 630-378-4878.

The Anchor
BAKERS NEEDED! We are looking for both Greek and American pastries. For more information please contact Sandy Alexopoulos @847-823-3999

GodParent Sunday Luncheon
Sunday, November 20, 2011
Sponsored by St. Andrew’s PTO; Catered by Graziano’s

Adults $12.00
Children 4-12, $10.00
Children 3 and under free

For reservations please call Sue Mouflouzelis at 847-329-8981 or email smouflouz@Coy.org by Monday, November 14th.

During Coffee Hour on November 6, 2011

Bake Sale
Sponsored by PTO
St. Andrew’s Greek Orthodox Church

BAKERS NEEDED! We are looking for both Greek and American pastries. For more information please contact Sandy Alexopoulos @847-823-3999

PTO ANNUAL THANKSGIVING RAFFLE

Raffle Tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5. We will be raffling off 5-$25 grocery store gift certificates. Tickets will be sold on November 6, 13 and on the 20th and the winners will be announced on 11/20 at the Godparent Sunday Luncheon. If anyone is interested in donating the cost of the gift certificates they can contact Sandy Alexopoulos @847-823-3999.
The PTO is a group of dedicated parents and teachers who are committed to providing for the continual fellowship and spiritual needs of all children of the parish. It provides services that benefit the Sunday School and Greek School Programs, as well as the youth and family ministries of the parish. Please take a few minutes to look at our many fundraisers listed below and please volunteer to help. With your support these events can be a rewarding, successful experience that directly benefits our children. Feel free to print this sheet and return to the church office at your earliest convenience Attn: PTO.

November, 2011
_____ Sunday, November 6 - PTO Bake Sale (Bake/Sell)
_____ Sunday, November 13, 20 - Thanksgiving Raffle tickets sale
_____ Saturday, November 19 - Set-up for Godparent Sunday Luncheon
_____ Sunday, November 20 - Godparent Sunday (Serve/Clean-up)
_____ Sunday, November 20 - Thanksgiving Raffle Drawing
_____ Sunday November 27 - PTO Meeting - Presidents’ Room immediately following liturgy

December, 2011
_____ Sunday, December 4, 11 - Frozen Pita orders for Christmas (Take Orders)
_____ Sunday, December 4 - Lenten Pizza Puff Sale
_____ Thursday, December 15 - PTO & Philoptochos Dinner outing (help plan)
_____ Saturday, December 17 - Christmas pageant Rehearsal
_____ Sunday, December 18 - Sunday School Christmas party & Frozen Pita delivery
January, 2012
_____ Friday, January 27 - PTO Movie Night
_____ Sunday, January 29 - Bougatsa Sale (Bake/Sell)

February, 2012
_____ Friday, February 10 PTO Fiesta Night (Cook/Serve/Bar/Clean up)
_____ Sunday, February 12 PTO/Philoptochos Meeting - Presidents’ Room
  Immediately following Liturgy
_____ Saturday, February 25 - Tarama/Lagana Making (10am)
_____ Sunday, February 26 - Tarama/Lagana Sale (Sell)

March, 2012
_____ Sunday, March 18 - Lenten Hot Pita Sale (Bake/Sell)
_____ DATE TBD Greek School Program (Set up Snacks and Drinks)
_____ Sunday, March 25 - Skordalia Sale (Sell)
_____ Sunday, March 18 & 25 Easter Raffle Ticket Sale (Sell)

April, 2012
_____ Sunday, April 8 - Easter Raffle Drawing (Sell)
_____ Sunday, April 22 - PTO Meeting President's’ Room/immediately following Liturgy

May, 2012
_____ Sunday, May 6 - Appreciation Luncheon
_____ Sunday May 20 - Sunday School End of Year Party

June, 2012
_____ DATE TBD Greek School Graduation Program (Set up Snacks and Drinks)

Parent’s Name ________________________________________________________________

Phone Number ________________________________________________________________

Email ______________________________________________________________________

Student’s Name(s) ___________________________________________________________________

Grade(s) ____________________________________________________________________
JOY Youth Program

FUN for kids in grades K-5

Friday, November 18
6:30-8 PM

Please join us for pizza, FUN, faith & fellowship. We will also help prepare the Thanksgiving baskets as part of our outreach activity.

Please RSVP to Julie at julie@standreworthodox.org

Mommy and Me

1st & 3rd Friday of each Month from 10:30AM-Noon

Mommy and Me is a playgroup which seeks to help our children develop socially, creatively, and spiritually from infancy through the toddler years. The group also fosters a sense of community for both the children, as well as the parents. We meet monthly on Fridays from 10:30am until noon in the Toddler classroom. Each class begins with circle time, which includes a prayer, singing, and a brief lesson on our faith, and is followed by a craft activity and/or free play.

Upcoming Meetings:

November 4
Angel Lesson and Craft

November 18
Thanksgiving Lesson and Craft

December 2
Saint Lesson and Craft
Ministry of Care

Ministry of Care is a group of caring individuals who are making a difference to the people around them who are in need. As an expression of true Christian Stewardship they give time to visit with parishioners who are homebound, in a nursing home, or in assisted living. The time commitment can be as much or as little as they can give. They are people helping people, teaching us to care for our brothers and sisters. Supervision and support is given by the clergy and the pastoral assistant. If you can give a few hours a week or month, you will experience the gift of giving as well as receiving. We welcome men and women—young and old alike!

For more information, please contact Julie at julie@standreworthodox.org.

Focus Meeting
Sunday, November 6
immediately following Divine Liturgy in President’s Room

St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church

Orthodoxy & Contemporary Issues

Everyone is encouraged and invited to join us. Participants will help to determine the discussion topics.

The discussions seek to help us learn about our Faith, while applying it to our daily life.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie at julie@standreworthodox.org.

Mondays at 7 PM
November 14
Topic: Saints & Relics
November 28
Topic: TBD
ST. ANDREW YOUTH BASKETBALL GAMES

COME AND SUPPORT OUR TEAM!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6
2:15 PM AT ST. ANDREW (HOME)
VS. ST. NECTARIOS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20
2:15 PM AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
VS. ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3
2:15 PM AT STS. PETER AND PAUL
VS. STS. PETER & PAUL

FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 773-334-4515.

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JR & SR GOYA

Friday, November 11
7PM
at the church

JR GOYA is for those in grades 6-8
SR GOYA is for those in high school

Please join us for pizza & fellowship!

Please contact Julie for more information at julie@standreworthodox.org.
Give us a Word...

A Weekly Adult Book Discussion

Sundays during Coffee Hour in the President's Room

Introductory Meeting: Sunday, November 6
We will read a biography of St. Seraphim of Sarov

"Give us a word..." is an opportunity to get together and reflect upon simple yet spiritually insightful books. Each week a commitment is made to read one chapter (~20 pages) and following Liturgy on Sundays there will be a discussion in the President's Room.

For more information, please contact Julie at 773-334-4515 or at julie@standreworthodox.org.
THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS A TIME FOR GIVING!

PICK UP A HOLIDAY WISH LIST FOR A DCFS CHILD

WISH LISTS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE AUDITORIUM OR IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

GIFT DROP OFF DATE NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 20TH AT THE CHURCH OFFICE

FOR QUESTIONS CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (773) 334-4515
With the holiday season rapidly approaching, St. Andrew’s is once again sponsoring a community Christmas card. For a $20 donation, your name will be printed on the Christmas card, which will be sent to all stewards of the community. Please complete the form below and return it to the church office by Sunday, December 11, 2011, along with your check made payable to St. Andrew’s Greek Orthodox Church.

Please **TYPE** or **PRINT** your name exactly as you would like it to appear on the card & return to the Church office

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FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 11TH
St. Andrew’s Winter Food Fest

January 28 – 29, 2012

Saturday 3 – 8 pm
Sunday Noon – 4 pm

Greek Food, Beer, Wine, Pastries & other Greek Delicacies, Orthodox Books, Raffle

50/50 Raffle:
5 tickets for $20 or $5.00 per ticket

Admission Free
For more information call the church office at 773-334-4515

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