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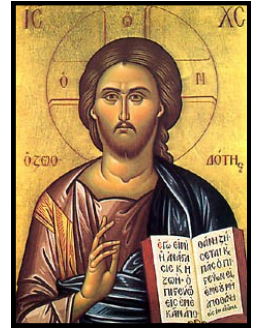
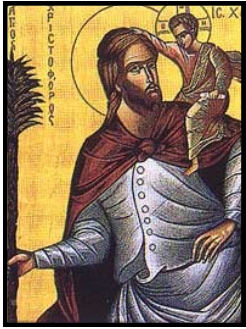
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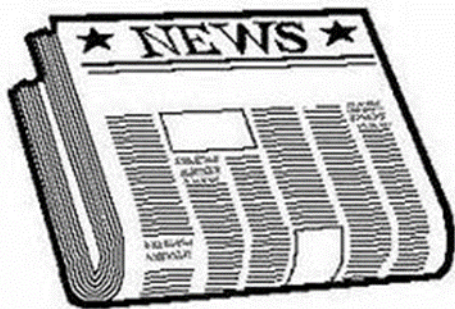
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Note of Appreciation ...



As we end another year, I would like to thank all the contributors of our monthly newsletter and Susan Kleto who compiles, edits, prints, and distributes it faithfully. We thank God for Susan's speedy recovery from her recent surgery. My reflection and other regular features were suspended this month to ensure her rest and recovery.

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Hands of Love: January



"For the poor will never cease from the land; therefore, I command you to do this word which says, You shall surely open your hands to your brother, to your poor and needy in your land." (Deut. 15:11)

January 7th Saint Christopher's Annual Vasilopita (Saint Basil's Bread) and Covered Dish Dinner

For those unable to attend the Vasilopita Dinner, donations for the children of the Saint Basil Academy will continue to be collected throughout January.

The Saint Basil Academy, a national not-for-profit philanthropic center of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America provides love, shelter, food, education, protection, and a home for her orphans, children of chronically ill or destitute parents, or children from broken homes.

The Saint Basil Academy ministers to the whole child: mind, body, and spirit. Its mission is to facilitate shelter, protection, love, and education in youth so they grow up to be healthy, wholesome, well-rounded Orthodox Christians, as well as productive members of society with vision and hope.

Saint Basil Academy Facts: Founded by Archbishop Athenagoras in 1944 • Located on the Hudson River across from West Point Military Academy on 252 acres of land • Financially dependent solely upon individual and group donations • National Philoptochos is major financial donor and property owner • Does not receive funding from the Archdiocese • Financially supported by AHEPA, Daughters of Penelope, organizations, and individuals • It is not an orphanage • Sending or recommending a child to Saint Basil Academy is not a stigma or social embarrassment, it is a moral and social obligation • Licensed by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services • Ultimate goal is to reunite the child with family when it is a safe and practical environment.

Services: Full tuition for public/private school education • Medical care on site • Dental care on site • Professional clinician counseling services • 24 hour live-in residential counselor • Purchases/provides all clothing and personal items • Offers extracurricular activities • Athletic fields, gymnasium, and indoor swimming pool on premises • Organized team sports • Offer Bridge program to high school graduates • College tuition assistance for Bridge program residence students • Bridge program students live at Saint Basil Academy through college and career placement • Attend daily Chapel services • Sunday Divine Liturgy attendance in the beautiful Chapel with local area parishioner participation.

For more information, please visit: stbasil.goarch.org

Schedule for Sunday Greet and Close Teams – January



We still need volunteers for the Greet and Close teams. However, if you would like to help but are unable to commit on a regular basis, please feel free to help clean up after services at your own convenience. The more the merrier.

Date	Volunteers
01/01	Cynthia Cromartie Gail Ericsson Tammy Soulakos
01/08	Danielle Dawkins Jeanie Lydia McGee George Psihountas
01/15	Pat Zenais Bassett Emilia Moraitis Julie Skouteris
01/22	Kim Haldopoulos Steve Sarantis Christ Vagotis
01/29	Becky Butler Tom Farmakis Sheryl Vasiliadis



A big Thank You to all our volunteers who help keep our Church clean and tidy!

We greatly appreciate everyone's help!
Please call or e-mail Claudia Sliwinski (678) 633-9916, claudia.sliwinski@yahoo.com or Tammy Soulakos (404) 625-4663, Tammy@peachcity.com.



January Prosfora Baking Schedule



The following families are scheduled to prepare Prosfora this month:

Sunday, Jan. 1 (due Fri., Dec. 30 by 4:00 pm)	Evangelos and Emilia Moraitis/Anna Pelky
Thursday, Jan. 5 (due Wed., Jan. 4 by 4:00 pm)	Susan Kleto/Effie Sakkas
Saturday, Jan. 7 (due Fri., Jan. 6 by 4:00 pm)	Costas and Tammy Soulakos/DeDee Panayis
Sunday, Jan. 8 (due Sat., Jan. 7 by 9:00 am)	Zenais Bassett/Lydia McGee
Sunday, Jan. 15 (due Fri., Jan. 13 by 4:00 pm)	Becky Butler/Presbytera Marinda Tsahakis
Tuesday, Jan. 17 (due Mon., Jan. 16 by 4:00 pm)	Helen Psihountas/Julie Skouteris
Sunday, Jan. 22 (due Fri., Jan.20 by 4:00 pm)	Pat MacDougall/Stella Christodoulopoulos
Tuesday, Jan. 24 (due Mon., Jan. 23 by 4:00 pm)	Evangelos and Emilia Moraitis/Anna Pelky
Sunday, Jan. 29 (due Fri., Jan. 27 by 4:00 pm)	Susan Kleto/Effie Sakkas
Monday, Jan. 30 (due Sun., Jan. 29 by 9:00 am)	Costas and Tammy Soulakos/DeDee Panayis

PROSFORA BAKERS: PLEASE BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Presbytera Marinda appreciates everyone's help and if needs arise, please contact her at mtsahakis@comcast.net or (770) 381-1842.

Community Calendar January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Circumcision of our Lord Jesus Christ & St. Basil the Great</p> <p>** Note Later Start Times **</p> <p>8:45 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil/Blessing of the Vasilopita Fast Free</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Fast Free</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Fast Free</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Fast Free</p>	<p>5 Eve/Vigil for the Feast of the Holy Theophany 4:00 pm Service of Great Hours of Holy Theophany 6:15 pm Divine Liturgy/Blessing of Waters 7:30 pm Community Dinner (non-fasting foods) Strict Fast (prior to services)</p>	<p>6 Feast of the Holy Theophany (celebrated on the Eve of Feast, 1/5)</p>	<p>7 Feast of St. John the Baptist 7:45 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>6:00 pm Hands of Love - Community Vasilopita Dinner and St. Basil's Bread Auction (set up begins at 5:30 pm) See flyer on Narthex table for location details</p>
<p>8 Sunday after Holy Theophany 7:45 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:15 am Memorial Service - Peter & Fotini Kalapodis (55 yrs. and 10 yrs. respectively) 10:30 am Oath of Office for Parish Council Members 11:45 am Parish Council Mtg</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 12th Sunday of St. Luke 7:45 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:30 am GOYA Mtg. 10:45 am Religious Ed. Classes 11:30 am Philoptochos General Mtg</p>	<p>16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday</p>	<p>17 Eve of Feast of Sts. Athanasios & Cyril, Patriarchs of Alexandria 5:00 pm Great Vespers 5:45 pm Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Community Dinner (non-fasting foods)</p>	<p>18 Feast of Sts. Athanasios & Cyril, Patriarchs of Alexandria (celebrated on the Eve of Feast, 1/17)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:30 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 15th Sunday of St. Luke 7:45 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:15 am Memorial Service - Nick Christodouloupoulos & Evangelia Pantazopoulos 10:45 am Religious Ed. Classes</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Eve of Feast of St. Gregory The Theologian & The New Martyrs of Russia 5:00 pm Great Vespers 5:45 pm Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Community Dinner (non-fasting foods)</p>	<p>25 Feast of St. Gregory The Theologian & The New Martyrs of Russia (celebrated on Eve of Feast, 1/24)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:30 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 Sunday of the Canaanite 7:45 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:45 am Religious Ed. Classes 11:45 am Let's Eat! Broadway Dinner, Fayetteville</p>	<p>30 Feast of the Three Hierarchs 5:00 pm Great Vespers 5:45 pm Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Community Dinner (non-fasting foods)</p>	<p>31</p>				