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**WEEKLY SERVICES: Wednesday January 6** - Holy Theophany Divine Liturgy at 10:00am with blessing of Waters to follow.

**Welcome** - Please join the parish in welcoming Fr. Demetrius Dogias and Presvytera Eleutheria to San Diego. Welcome Fr. Demetrius and Presvytera Eleutheria and we hope you enjoy your stay.

## CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Philoptochos Vasilopita** - Following today's Divine Liturgy we will offer the "cutting of the vasilopita" for the ministry of Saint Basil Academy in Garrison, NY. St. Basil Academy is a ministry of Philoptochos and serves children who are less fortunate. Following the cutting on the solea you will have an opportunity to be part of this worthy ministry. As you depart the church and receive a piece of vasilopita please leave a donation in the basket provided for you. Please make your check payable to St. Spyridon Philoptochos. All monies collected will be sent directly to St. Basil Academy. Thank you for your willingness to help.

**Epiphany Day Luncheon Celebration** - Please make your reservations today for the Epiphany Day celebration and luncheon taking place on Sunday, January 10, 2010 and the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina. Luncheon cost is \$35 for adults and \$15 for children under 12. Self parking at the hotel is hosted with the cost of your luncheon ticket. Please call Bill Navrides at 619-992-6775 for more details or the Church office 619-297-4165.

**Dance School** - Dance Board Meeting, Monday January 4, at 7:00pm.

**Philoptochos** - Philoptochos Meeting, January 5 at 7:00pm

**Thank you From the Mazis Family** - The Mazis family would like to thank Fr. Andrew, Presbyteria Diane, Doctor Eleni Searles/Capetanakis and the whole community for their recent prayers and assistance offered to Spero. Thank God he is feeling much better.

**AHEPA** - AHEPA Meeting January 6, at 7:00pm

### **Take the \$52.00 Challenge**

The Stewardship Committee would like to once again thank ALL the faithful financial stewards of Saint Spyridon GOC. The committee would especially like to thank the 70 families/individuals who gave \$14,500 more "up and above" their 2009 pledged amount. As a parish we have come such a long way in our stewardship giving but we still have a small gap to fill. To help close the 2009 operating budget gap the Stewardship Committee is respectfully asking you, if you have not yet done so, to follow the worthy example of the 70 and to accept the recent "\$52.00 Challenge." Please consider writing a check in the amount of \$52.00 (or more) and placing it in the tray as it is passed at the end of the Divine Liturgy. Or, you can mail it to the church office this week only as the parish's financial books will close at that time. The Stewardship Committee thanks you in advance for ALL your honorable efforts. God's blessings to you and your families in the New Year.

**Stewardship Envelopes** - Envelopes are available for pickup in the church hall. If you don't see your name, and you need envelopes, please call the church office. AS A REMINDER: Envelopes are only for those who contribute weekly.

**Support Our Monthly Newsletter** - We would like to thank all of you that chose to place ads in our new monthly newsletter that arrived this spring. We would also like to encourage those of you that have not participated and are interested, to contact Steven Karides at St. George Publishing to place your ads. All ads will be tastefully placed on the back cover and are available in Black and White, or Full Color. The New Monthly Newsletter is fully redesigned and in full color. With your ads, the newsletter will also be at no cost to the church! Please consider placing an ad and in turn supporting our church! Contact info: Steven Karides, St. George Publishing, ads@stgeorgepublishing.com, or Phone: 800-447-0030. **2009-816**

### **SUNDAY, JAN 3**

**Sunday before Theophany**

**Orthros: 8:45am - Divine Liturgy 10:00am**

**Epistle Reading: II Timothy 4:5-8 Liturgy book page 125**

**Gospel Reading: Mark 1:1-8 Liturgy book page 125**

### **ALTAR SERVERS:**

**St. Gregory: Co-cap. Gregory Gallanis, Co-cap. Tony Gallanis, Andrei Fratian, Mihai Fratian, Alex Gallanis, John Navrides, Paolo Quattrociocchi, James Saloufakos and Louie Thiros.**

### **PARISH COUNCIL:**

**Team C: Stephen Thiros, Team Leader, Evan Arapostathis, John Kalas, Julie Karagianides, Bess Michas and Anne Marie Shaw.**

### **A WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS:**

The Parish Council would like to welcome all those who are visiting with us today. To avoid any misunderstanding or embarrassment please be reminded that only Baptized and/or Chrismated Orthodox Christians may receive the Sacraments of the Church, which includes Holy Communion. Thank you for your understanding.

### **COMMUNION PRAYERS:**

The **Pre-Communion Prayers** offered **before** receiving Holy Communion can be found beginning on page 29 of the small red Divine Liturgy book.

The **Thanksgiving Prayers** offered **after** receiving Holy Communion can be found beginning on page 40 of the small red Divine Liturgy book.

### **THE ORDER OF PROCESSION WHEN RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:**

When Sunday School is in session please observe the following when coming forward to receive Holy Communion: Please allow our Sunday School children and their teachers to be the first to receive so they can depart for their lessons. Then, allow the choir to approach from the right side. Then, row by row, at the direction of the Parish Council members. Those remaining in the pews are asked to move into the center aisle, receive Holy Communion and return to their pew using the side aisles.

### **FELLOWSHIP:**

Today's fellowship and coffee hour is generously offered by Art and Greg Balourdas and their families in loving memory of their Father and Mother, Michael and Mary Balourdas. May their memories be eternal.