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CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office Update - The office will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26th. and Friday, Dec. 30th.

Stewardship Envelopes - Envelopes are available to pick up 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.

Epiphany Luncheon - January 8, 2012 at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina. \$40 for adults; \$20 for children. You will need to make your paid reservation in advance to join us for the Epiphany luncheon. For more information, or to make your paid reservations please contact **Bill Navrides at 619-992-6775** or **the church office at 619-297-4165**.

Opportunity Challenge 2011 - Don't forget to "step up" to the stewardship challenge. A concerted effort is being made by the parish to meet the honorable goal of covering our 2011 operating expenses using stewardship dollars ONLY. The challenge is asking each and every steward to add \$150 to their 2011 stewardship commitment made at the beginning of 2011. Please join hands with the over eighty individuals/families who have already given "up and above" their 2011 pledged amount. The Stewardship Committee thanks them and you in advance.

House Blessings: If you would like to have your home blessed during the season of Epiphany, please call the church office and speak to Fr. Andrew. He will be blessing homes between 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday up until the beginning of the Triodion (February 5th, 2012)

OCF - (Orthodox Christian Fellowship) invites all college students, from all schools in San Diego County, to meet every Thursday at **Saint Katherine College at 7 p.m.** for food, discussion, and fellowship. The address is 681 Encinitas Blvd., Encinitas Room 304.

E Scrip - Put helping St. Spyridon Sunday School on your shopping list. Register your **VONS** Club Card Today and Earn Money for your School. Go to **Escrip.com**. Group Name: St. Spyridon Youth Group ID#1490768, or send your Vons Club # to Paulette Gallanis at **paulette@cox.net**.

Fellowship and Coffee Hour - Philoptochos welcomes you to participate in offering Fellowship for a name day, birthday, memorial, or simply to make the offering. Please contact **Marian Dougenis** at 619-280-7711 or **mkdougenis@prodigy.net** to check for available dates. Your kindness, generosity and positive response is much appreciated.

News & Announcements - Stay up to date on the parish's news and announcements by joining our email listserv. You can join by going to our website **www.stspyridon.org** and clicking on "**Subscribe To Our News & Mail List**" (in the upper left hand corner).

The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation - is pleased to announce its 2011 application is now available online. Interested students can go to **www.panhellenicscholarships.org/apply.php** to download the complete application. **The application deadline is January 31, 2012.**

[GOYA cooking for Rachel's Women House. - Thursday, December 29th.](#)

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2012!

SATURDAY, DEC. 24 Nativity Eve

Orthros 7:00 pm; Divine Liturgy 8:00 pm
Epistle Reading: Galatians 4:4-7 **Red Divine Liturgy book pg. 121**
Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12 **Red Divine Liturgy book pg. 122**

The Hymn of St. Spyridon: can be found on the **back cover** of the red Divine Liturgy book.

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

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

The Memorial Service: can be found on **page 164** of the red Divine Liturgy book.

ALTAR SERVER TEAM: **St. Basil:** Co-cap. Daniel Berhe, Co-cap. Steve Terris, Stefanos Alexiou, Vladimir Bond, George Fratian, Tasos Moros, Theo Samouris, Alex Stokes, and George Terris.

PARISH COUNCIL TEAM: **St. Basil:** Bill Navrides, Team Leader, Dino Dougenis, Spero Tzathas, Anthony Kyriakidis and Jeff Mamalakis.

A WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS: The Parish 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.

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 wait to 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, quietly, 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.**

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Thank you for your patience and trust,

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