<u>ST. GREGORIOS ORTHODOX CHURCH, Elmhurst</u> <u>Announcements:</u>

<u>Welcome</u> Maria, daughter of Moni and Joseph, baptized this week into the Church family.

<u>Thanks</u>: We express our gratitude to HG Mar Gregorios, Rev Fr T E Issac and Rev Fr O Thomas for leading all the activities during the past week (prayers/devotional addressess/Holy Eucharist/...). We also thank all the acolytes for their active participation.

<u>Commemoration</u>: Today is the Sanctification of the Church, per church liturgical calendar. Also we are celebrating the feast of St. Geevarghese Mar Gregorios of Parumala, our Patron saint.

<u>Coptic Church</u>: Bishop Tawadrous was chosen as the 118th Pope of Alexandria and Patriarch of All Africa on the holy Apostolic See of the Coptic Orthodox Church.

Prayer Meeting: There will be a Prayer meeting Saturday, November 10th at ward 9 at 6:30PM residence of Reena & Mathew Oommen, Gurnee.

Ward Restructuring and General Body: Ward restructuring is in the final stages. If there are any concerns or issues, please contact Ciby Kuruvilla ASAP. An e-mail will be sent out giving more details. The ward restructuring is being done on the basis of the village/city that the family is presently residing in and whole city/village is being put in one ward so that the cities are not split and the few cities which are nearby physically form a ward.

Next Sunday, Nov 11, a brief overview of the new ward structure will be presented to the parish. This is being done so that the General Body scheduled for November 18th can finalize the proposal and Elections of the representatives can be done on the new ward basis.

Sunday School: Sunday School will resume next Sunday. All children and teachers are expected to be in the fireplace room at 8:45am.

<u>Library:</u> The library will re-open next Sunday. Please return any books so inventory can be updated. Orthodox Study Bibles are available for \$25 in the library. Please see Gladstone Mammen or Joe Varghese for details.

<u>Ecumenical Basketball Tournament</u>: is scheduled to be held this Sat Nov 10 from 8am at Ackerman Fitness Center, Glen Ellyn. Please register today itself with Jimmy Panicker.

<u>Subscription & Perunnal donations</u>: We remind all the members to please pay the annual subscription if they have not been paid and also make Perunnal donations. We thank and appreciate all those who have already paid.

<u>Senior Fellowship</u>: Senior fellowship meeting will be held next Sunday Nov 11th after Holy Qurbana. All seniors are invited.

Recycling: Everyone is encouraged to participate in the recycling; Please play your part and deposit recyclables in the Blue Bins kept in the Basement.