## ST. GREGORIOS ORTHODOX CHURCH, Elmhurst Announcements:

## December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012

## **Commemoration:**

25 day Nativity Fast starts on December 1. All parishioners are requested to observe the Fast with prayer, abstaining from Non vegetarian food, particularly at Church programs and events and set an example to the younger generation.

<u>Facility Arrangements</u>: Please place shoes in the shoe racks. Parishioners are reminded to use <u>the second entrance from the parking lot</u> and put the coats in the additional coat spaces on the way to the basement. <u>Please respect those areas where access is restricted</u>. It is for the safety of the children and for the proper upkeep of the facility.

Church Caroling: Today's Christmas caroling will start at the residence of Beena and Thommen Poozhikunnel and will cover Aurora, Bolingbrook, Darien, Hinsdale, Naperville, Plainfield, Warrenville, Westmont, Wheaton, Willow brook, and Woodridge. On December 8<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, there won't be Christmas Caroling due to the Ecumenical Christmas Celebration. On Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, we will resume with Morton Grove, Niles, Glenview, and Des Plaines. Please pick up a Flyer of the schedule from the Reception area. Detailed schedule with addresses are posted on the Bulletin board. Please review your address and bring any correction to the notice of the Secretary or the coordinators Mr. George Mathai or Dr. Joseph Abraham.

**Evening Prayer:** We will have evening prayer this Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 pm

Monthly Managing Committee: Meeting will be held on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7.15pm, after the evening prayer.

<u>Subscriptions</u>: It is heartening that parishioners are giving subscription checks when the Christmas carolers visit the homes. As approved in the last General Body, from this year onwards, subscription balance due will be posted as Arrears. As we plan to close the accounts on December 31<sup>st</sup> itself, please make sure that all donations that you want accounted in 2012 be paid by Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>.

<u>Ecumenical Christmas Celebration:</u> This Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at Maine East High School in Park Ridge the program will start at 5pm. Please pick up a Flyer from the reception area. Our program is the 10<sup>th</sup>.

<u>Family Night-Christmas Program:</u> This year's family night will be held on Saturday December 22<sup>nd</sup>, starting at 5pm with evening prayer and dinner. Those who plan to participate in / perform any programs like songs and skits, please give the names to Thommen or Beena Poozhikunnel (the coordinators) no later than Sunday December 16, 2012.

<u>Sunday School</u>: December 9th is the Sunday School Day. We plan to distribute the annual Sunday school awards on that day. Please keep Sunday school children, parents and teachers in your prayers.

<u>Other announcements:</u> FOCUS is collecting contributions for assisting Apna Ghar. Those who can, please give your donations by next Sunday (December 9<sup>th</sup>).