

Announcements:

Commemoration: Birth of St. John the Baptist; Memorial of H.H. Augen 1st Catholicose

Eternal Rest: H.G. Mar Barnabas moved on from this world at around 2:30 a.m., Sunday, December 09, 2012. A joint Evening Prayer and memorial service by all the 4 orthodox Churches will be held at our Church on Tuesday, Dec 11 at 7.00pm

Church Caroling: Today's Christmas caroling will start at the residence of Mary and Chandy Thomas, in Morton Grove and will cover Morton Grove, Nilis, Glenview, and Des Plaines. On Saturday, December 15th, caroling will be in Addison, Bloomingdale, Carol Stream, Elmhurst, Palos Heights and Homewood. And on December 16th caroling will be in Green Oaks, Gurnee, Lakeville and Waukegan. Detailed schedule with addresses are put up on the Bulletin board. Please review your address and bring any address corrections to the notice of the Secretary or coordinators Mr George Mathai or Dr Joseph Abraham.

Subscriptions: It is heartening that parishioners are giving subscription checks when the Christmas carolers come. 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 31st itself, please make sure that all donations that you want accounted in 2012 be paid by Sunday December 30th.

Ecumenical Christmas Celebration: Our children did a wonderful program last night. We especially appreciate the coordinators Sharon, Amanda, and Tina, all the children who participated and all the parents who helped them and who sent their children to participate.

Bible Study: There will be a Bible Study in Skokie on Friday, Dec 14th.

Church Website: A new YouTube channel has been activated in the name of our church. So, going forward, we can add all church-related videos that we capture to the channel - so that it will be available to everyone. As you know, people can subscribe to the channel and if they do, they will be notified by email of the addition of any new videos. The name of the channel is SaintGregorios.

The URL is: <http://youtube.com/SaintGregorios>.

A few videos have already been added: Church Consecration (Entire ceremony), Excerpt from Asianet broadcast of the consecration and a couple of carol singing videos from last week.

Audio recordings of Sunday (and other) sermons, will be uploaded to our website in the 'Media' section.

Senior Fellowship: MGSF (Mar Gregorios Senior Fellowship) has decided to honor our seniors age 80 and over on the occasion of this year's family night on Dec 22nd by presenting a "Ponnada". Please forward names of the seniors (age 80 and over) to Church Secretary or Thommen and Beena Poozhikunnel as early as possible.

MMVS: MMVS will be holding their monthly meeting next Sunday, December 16th, for conducting the elections for the 2013 committee. All ladies are requested to attend.

Family Night-Christmas Program: This year's family night will be on Saturday, December 22nd, starting at 5pm with evening prayer and dinner. If anyone plans to present any programs like songs, skits or would like to bring food, please give the names by Sunday December 16th, 2012 to Thommen and Beena Poozhikunnel, the coordinators.

Sunday School: Today is Sunday School day. We are distributing the Sunday school awards today. Please keep Sunday school children, parents and teachers in your prayers.