

**Announcements:**

**Commemoration:** December-16: Annunciation to St. Joseph

**H G Mathews Mar Barnabas:** The burial services of His Grace were held at Sts. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church, Valayanchirangara, Kerala on Wed Dec 12, 2012. Please visit the memorial website prepared jointly by both the American Dioceses in memory of His Grace.

<http://www.marbarnabas.com/>

**2013 Managing Committee:** Kalpana from the Diocesan Metropolitan confirming and approving the election of the Managing Committee and other Office-Bearers for 2013.

**Christmas/New Year's Service:** This Year's Christmas Service will be held on Monday, December 24th and will begin at 6PM followed by Dinner. New Year's Service will be held on January 1st at 9AM....

**Church Caroling:** Today's Christmas caroling will begin at 1PM – The carol group will congregate at the residence of George Varghese in Gurnee and then proceed to Dr. Binu's house in Milwaukee to start today's caroling, covering Green Oaks, Gurnee, Lakevilla, and Waukegan areas. We will not be having Christmas caroling on Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> due to the Family Night. Our final day of Christmas Caroling of the year will be on Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, which will cover Chicago, Skokie, and Morton Grove East. Detailed schedule with addresses are put up on the Bulletin board. Please review your address and bring any corrections to the notice of the Secretary or the coordinators Mr. George Mathai or Dr. Joseph Abraham. Family members of the homes which we have not visited for caroling, are requested to pick up their gifts from the office of the Trustee and Secretary.

**Subscriptions:** We want to thank everyone who has paid their 2012 subscriptions. Please feel free to give the checks when the Christmas carolers come. We request all the parishioners to give the 2012 subscription within the next 2 weeks. Tentative statements have been mailed to the homes. As approved in the last General Body, from this year onwards, subscription balance dues will be posted as Arrears. As we plan to close the accounts on December 31<sup>st</sup>, please make sure that all donations that you want accounted for 2012 be paid by Sunday December 30<sup>th</sup>. We also plan to publish a list of the paid subscriptions by next Sunday, on the bulletin board.

**Senior Fellowship:** MGSF (Mar Gregorios Senior Fellowship) has decided to honor our seniors aged 80 and above on the occasion of this year's family night on Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> by presenting a "Ponnaada". Please give names of such seniors (age 80 and over) to the Secretary or Thommen and Beena Poozhikunnel today itself.

**MMVS:** MMVS will be holding their monthly meeting today. Elections for the 2013 committee will be held today. All ladies are requested to attend.

**Family Night-Christmas Program:** This year's family night will be held on this Saturday December 22<sup>nd</sup>; it will start at 5pm with evening prayer followed by dinner. If anyone plans to present any programs (songs, skits) or would like to bring food, please give your names to Thommen and Beena Poozhikunnel (the coordinators), today itself.

**Sunday school:** We distributed the Sunday school awards last week; if you have not received your trophies/medals, please let Joe Varghese know.