ST. GREGORIOS ORTHODOX CHURCH, Elmhurst December 30th, 2012 Announcements:

Condolence: Isaac Joe in Dallas

<u>Commemoration</u>: 26th: Feast of St. Mary; 30th: First Sunday after Christmas (The Holy Family flee to Egypt).

Membership: Welcome new members Lebu, Reeja and Lily

<u>Christmas/New Years' Service:</u> New Year's Service will be held on Tuesday, January 1st at 9AM. All Managing Committee members of 2012 and 2013 are requested to be present for the handing over. Next Sunday (January 6th) we will have Denaha's special Service; Morning Prayer starts at **8.30am**.

Church Caroling: We thank the caroling team led by Dr. Joseph Abraham and Mr. George Mathai for their hard work, commitment and dedication and all the OCYM members and others who wholeheartedly joined in the festivities and led the caroling. Through their leadership and the wholehearted cooperation of the parishioners, about \$21000 was collected. May God bless them for spreading the nativity message in almost all the houses of our parish. This is the last request for all families that we have not visited for caroling, to pick up their gifts from the office of the Trustee and Secretary.

<u>Subscriptions</u>: We want to thank everyone who has given the 2012 contributions and other obligations to the parish. We plan to close the accounts on December 31st, so please make sure that all donations that you want accounted for 2012 are paid today itself. Please feel free to put all your contributions/checks in the offertory. Donations received afterwards will not be included in 2012.

Sunday school: On Sunday, January 27th, there will be a parent teacher conference.

<u>Midwest Regional Family and Youth Conference</u>: is scheduled to be held from July 10th to 13th of 2013. Please pick up a "save the date" post card outside.

<u>Christmas Family Night</u>: Donations are requested for taking care of the expenses incurred in the conduct of family night. Please give your donations to the Trustee.

2013 Calendar: We remind all leaders and coordinators of ministries to forward their planned schedule of events and activities for 2013 to Mrs. Shinu Punnoose as soon as possible.

MGOCSM: Will be having their 2-Day Winter Conference on January 11th and 12th.

<u>Thanks</u>: We want to appreciate all the leaders of the ministries and all the families of the parish for working together with us in the process of acquiring the Church building, cooperating with us in all other activities and allowing us to be of service throughout the year 2012.