

**ST. GREGORIOS ORTHODOX CHURCH, Elmhurst**      **January 6, 2013**

**Announcements:**

**Welcome** to Rev. Fr. James Cherian, Jake Chandy and Aaron Panicker from St. Thomas Orthodox Church of Warren, Michigan. **Thank you** Achen for leading us in worship and to Jake and Aaron for joining us today.

**Congratulations** to Ashok Poozhikunnel for winning Jeopardy not once, but twice! He will be on Jeopardy for a third time on Monday at 2:30 PM on Channel 7 - ABC. Continued good luck, Ashok!

**MMVS** will be having its first Chicago Area Meeting of 2013 on Saturday, February 9th at 10:00 AM at St. Thomas Church, Chicago. Please make time to attend this event.

**Remembrance of HG Barnabas:** All of the Chicago-area Orthodox churches are remembering H.G. Mar Barnabas Thirumeni's 40th day of death on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be a combined celebration of Holy Qurbana at our (Elmhurst) church at 9am. There will be a donation sign-up sheet downstairs if you're interested and willing to help cover the costs of food for that morning.

**Sunday School:** There will be mid-term examinations next Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. Parents should contact their child's teacher to learn if an exam will be held for their child's class. On Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, there will be a parent teacher conference.

**Midwest Regional Family and Youth Conference** is scheduled to be held from Wednesday, July 10th through Saturday, July 13th of 2013. Please pick up a "save the date" post card outside.

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

**MGOCSM** will be having its 2-Day Winter Conference next week on Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at our church.

**Cleaning:** If anyone is interested in coming to the church to help clean the church and the premises, please join us on Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. If you're interested in coming another day during the week, please contact the facility manager Mr. Chacko Abraham so that the building can be opened. It is our responsibility as the parishioners of this church to be good stewards of this beautiful facility, so let us come together for the same.

**Youth:** There will be a mandatory youth meeting after the Holy Qurbana next Sunday. We'll be discussing and planning for the upcoming year. Please make this meeting a priority to attend.

**FOCUS:** FOCUS is starting a new ministry of Bible Study Fellowship geared towards post-College married and single adults - called the WAY, whose first meeting will be held on Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Please contact Steve Thomas/Leju Yohannan/Nuni (Mathew Mani) for details.