ST. GREGORIOS ORTHODOX CHURCH, Elmhurst, IL Sunday, January 13, 2013

Announcements:

<u>We would like to welcome Dn. Daniel Dennis Mathai</u>, who is serving in Houston, to our parish. He is also the MGOCSM General Secretary for the American Diocese. Semassen was here for the MGOCSM Winter 2-Day Conference. Semassen, thank you for assisting us in worship today.

Newly Married:

We would like to welcome the newly married couple, Liju and Rini Varghese.

Remembrance of HG Barnabas: All of the Chicago-area Orthodox churches are jointly remembering H.G. Mar Barnabas Thirumeni's 40th day of death on this coming Saturday, January 19th. There will be a combined Morning Prayer & Holy Qurbana at our Elmhurst church at 9am, followed by a public meeting and lunch. A donation sign-up sheet is available if you're interested and willing to help cover the cost of food for that morning. Flyers about the event can be picked up here at the front table.

<u>Sunday School Song:</u> As a part of the public meeting for Barnabas Thirumeni's remembrance, the Sunday School children will be learning a song to sing. Parents of Sunday School children, please bring your children to the fireplace room for a short practice immediately after the Holy Qurbana.

<u>MMVS</u>: Today after Holy Qurbana there will be a MMVS committee meeting. MMVS will be having its first Chicago Area Meeting of 2013 on Saturday, February 9th at 10:00 AM at St. Thomas Church, Chicago. All MMVS members are requested to please make time to attend this event.

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 Wednesday, July 10th through Saturday, July 13th of 2013. Please pick up a save-the-date post card outside.

<u>Cleaning:</u> Thank you to those who helped with the cleaning of the Elmhurst property yesterday. All parish members are requested to help maintain a clean facility, especially the bathrooms.

FOCUS: On Friday, January 18th at 7 pm, FOCUS will be hosting the WAY – A Bible Study Fellowship geared towards post-College, married and single adults led by Speaker Rev. Fr. Gheevarghese John of Philadelphia. This will be taking place here at the Elmhurst Church.

Facility Manager: The managing committee met on January 1st, 2013 and nominated Mr Chacko Abraham as facility manager for this year. He is doing a wonderful job. He will be assisted by Dr Joseph and Ciby Kuruvilla.

<u>Directory:</u> We are planning to publish a family directory for our parish. Mr Varghese John and Mr Ciby Kuruvilla have been authorized by the managing committee and may contact you for information for the same.