## Christmas and Weekday Calendar

**December 4<sup>th</sup>, Thursday**St. Barbara
Divine Liturgy **9:30am** 

December 7th, Sunday 10th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45am Divine Liturgy 9:30am

December 14th, Sunday 11th Sunday of Luke Orthros 8:45am Divine Liturgy 9:30am

**December 21<sup>st</sup>, Sunday** Sunday Before the Nativity Orthros **8:45am** Divine Liturgy **9:30am** 

**December 24th, Wednesday**Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord
Vesperal Liturgy **5:00pm** 

December 25th, Thursday
Nativity of Our Lord
Orthros 8:45am
Divine Liturgy 9:30am

December 28th, Sunday Liturgy after Nativity Orthros 8:30am Divine Liturgy 9:30am

Tuesday Evening Bible Study December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> 6:15pm - 7:45pm

Thursday Morning Bible Study

December 18<sup>th</sup>

11:00am - 12:30pm

Bible Study and Jamming with Fr. Chris December 11th 11:00am

## Christmas Pageant, Sunday, December 7th

Following Divine Liturgy, please come and enjoy our Sunday School and Greek School performance!

## Annual Christmas Party, Sunday, December 14th

All children and families are invited to come to the Hellenic Center at **9:45am**. The morning will start with a marionette show followed by lunch and will conclude with a magical visit with Santa! To **RSVP**, please text or call **Elaine** at **978-618-3844**.

Parish Outing at La Salette Shrine for the Christmas light display Sunday, December 28th

All parishioners are encouraged to attend. The bus leaves at the **3:00pm**. Please **RSVP to elainakberry@me.com** 

## More Blessed to Give

John was a devoted uncle that dedicated his life to his family.

One day he was sitting on the couch watching Saturday morning cartoons with Peter, his eight-year-old nephew. Peter said "Theo John, I cannot wait to open all of the presents under the tree. Are all of those presents for my brothers and me?" John replied "Yes my boy." Peter then asked "Did you buy any of them?" John laughed and while shaking his head answered "yes my boy; about half of them." Peter then asked "Theo John, do miss being a kid and getting all kinds of presents for Christmas?" John replied "Not really my boy." Peter asked "why not Theo John?" John answered "It is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35). I find myself much happier giving gifts to you and your brothers than receiving gifts for myself." Smiling ear to ear Peter said "I love you Theo John." John softly replied "to the moon and back paidi mou."

Brothers and sisters in the Lord, how very true Theo John's words are when he says "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Brothers and sisters, may the Lord bless and keep us. May His face shine upon us. May our hearts be filled with joy and with gladness, and may cultivate within our own hearts a spirit of generous giving.

Καλά Χριστούγεννα!

Merry Christmas!

Your brother in Christ the Lord,

Father Christopher Kolentsas