



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AUSTRALIA  
**ST STYLIANOS NEWSLETTER**

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December 2023 to  
January 2024

Dear Parishioners,  
How moving is it that we are able to experience the Creator becoming the pinnacle of His creation, which is the Human Person, by being born into the world for the love and salvation of His creation? Despite our unworthiness, clergy and laity, we have received His mercy once and for all. It is for this reason we are able to live and grow in this Christian Community we belong to. It is almost like living in a village where each person communicates with the other to generate a fruitful and blessed lifestyle. We are one, as Christ is one with the Father and the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel before Christmas we read the genealogy of Christ. We read name after name to establish that Christ is the Messiah who in His humility is a historical person that became as one of His creation. This was to save and fulfil the whole of creation and especially the human person who is made in His image and likeness. This is how much God loves us. We are called to believe in Him and to love God and our fellow human beings, even our enemies! This is the new world order that can transform the world around us if only we allow Christ to be born in our lives. Fr Constantine

*HOPE YOU HAVE A BLESSED  
CHRISTMAS AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024*

*Καλά και Ευλογημένα  
Χριστούγεννα και με υγεία ο  
Καινούργιος Χρόνος 2024*



ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΙΕΡΩΝ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΩΝ - ΔΕΚΕΜΒΡΙΟΣ 2023			
3	ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ	7.30 - 10.30 πμ	ΙΔ' Λουκά - Θεοδώρου ιερο.
4	ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ	7.30 - 9.30 πμ	Βαρβάρας μεγαλομάρτυρος και Ιωάννου Δαμασκηνού, Σεραφείμ
5	ΤΡΙΤΗ	7.30 - 9.30 πμ	Σάββα του οσίου του ηγιασμένου
6	ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ	7.30 - 9.30 πμ	Αγ. Νικολάου Αρχιεπ. Μύρων της Λυκίας
8	ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ	7.30 - 9.30 πμ	Αγ. Παταπίου
9	ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ	7.30 - 9.30 πμ	Η Σύλληψις της Αγ. Άννης - μητρός της Θεοτόκου
10	ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ	7.30 - 10.30 πμ 4.00 μμ	Ι' Λουκά - Αγ. Μηνά <b>ΑΓΙΟ ΕΥΧΕΛΑΙΟ</b>
12	ΤΡΙΤΗ	7.30 - 9.30 πμ	Σπυρίδωνος επ. Τριμυθούντος
15	ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ	7.30 - 9.30 πμ	Ελευθερίου Ιερομ. και Ανθίας μητρός
17	ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ	7.30 - 10.30 πμ	ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΠΡΟΠΑΤΟΡΩΝ Αγ. Διονυσίου, Δανιήλ & 3 Παίδων
22	ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ	7.30 - 9.30 πμ	<b>Ακολουθία Μεγάλων Ωρών των Χριστουγέννων-Αγ. Αναστασία</b>
23	ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ	6.00 μμ	<b>Κάλαντα στην Αρχιεπισκοπή</b>
24	ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ	7.30 - 10.30 πμ 5.00 - 6.00 μμ	ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΠΡΟ ΤΗΣ ΧΡΥΣΤΟΥ ΓΕΝΝΗΣΕΩΣ Αγ. Ευγενίας - <b>Μέγας Εσπερινός των Χριστουγέννων - Αγγλικά και Ελληνικά</b>
25	ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ	<b>5.30 πμ (το πρωί)</b>	<b>Η ΓΕΝΝΗΣΙΣ ΤΟΥ ΣΩΤΗΡΟΣ ΗΜΩΝ ΙΗΣΟΥ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥ</b> Όρθρος, Θ.Λειτ.
26	ΤΡΙΤΗ	7.30 - 9.30 πμ	Σύναξις της Υπεραγίας Θεοτόκου
27	ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ	7.30 - 9.30 πμ	Στεφάνου Πρωτομάρ.
31	ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ	7.30 - 10.30 πμ	ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΠΡΟ ΤΩΝ ΦΩΤΩΝ

## PROGRAMME FOR SERVICES - DECEMBER 2023

3	SUNDAY	7.30 - 10.30 am	14th Sunday of Luke - Martyrs Theodore, Agapios, Angelis
4	MONDAY	7.30 - 9.30 am	Great Martyr Barbara, St Damaskinos and St Seraphim
5	TUESDAY	7.30 - 9.30 am	Savva the Sanctified
6	WEDNESDAY	7.30 - 9.30 am	St Nicholas Archbishop of Myra
8	FRIDAY	7.30 - 9.30 am	Patapios of Thebes
9	SATURDAY	7.30 - 9.30 am	Conception of St Anna mother of the Theotokos
10	SUNDAY	7.30 - 10.30 am 4.00 pm	10th Sunday of Luke -Martyrs Menas and Companions <b>HOLY UNCTION SERVICE</b> - (Efchelion) - Healing Service
12	TUESDAY	7.30 - 9.30 am	Spyridon Bishop of Trimythous
15	FRIDAY	7.30 - 9.30 am	Eleftherios Hieromartyr and Anthia
17	SUNDAY	7.30 - 10.30 am	Sunday Holy Forefathers-St Dionisios of Zakynthos & Daniel & Youth
22	FRIDAY	7.30 - 9.30 am	<b>Great Hours for Christmas</b> - St Anastasia the Great Martyr
23	SATURDAY	6.00pm	<b>Christmas Carols at the Archdiocese - Cleveland Street, Redfern</b>
24	SUNDAY	7.30 - 10.30 am 5.00 - 6.00 pm	DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS-Matins & Holy Liturgy - St Eugenia <b>Vespers for Christmas (Greek/English)</b>
25	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>5.30am</b> early morning	<b>CHRISTMAS</b> Matins & Holy Liturgy <b>CHRIST IS BORN. GLORIFY HIM !</b>
26	TUESDAY	7.30 - 9.30 am	Synaxis of the Most Holy Mother of God
27	WEDNESDAY	7.30 - 9.30 am	Stephanos the Archdeacon and First Martyr
31	SUNDAY	7.30 - 10.30 am	Sunday before Epiphany

## PROGRAMME FOR SERVICES - JANUARY 2024

1	MONDAY	7.30 - 10.30 am	NEW YEARS DAY - 2024 Circumcision of our Lord and feast day of St Basil. At the end of the Liturgy we chant a Doxology for the New Year and cut the Vassilopita for all the Parishioners to share.
4	THURSDAY	7.30 - 9.30 am	Synaxis of 70 Apostles and St Nikiphoros the Leper
5	FRIDAY	<b>6.30 - 11.00 am</b>	DAY BEFORE EPIPHANY - <b>Great Hours for Epiphany.</b> Vespers Holy Liturgy & Blessing of Water - Fasting Day. <b>BLESSING OF HOUSES BEGINS AS PER PROGRAMME</b>
6	SATURDAY	<b>7.00 -10.30 am</b>	<b>EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD:</b> Matins and Holy Liturgy and the Blessing of Waters.
7	SUNDAY	7.30 - 10.30 am	Synaxis of St John the Baptist - Sunday after Epiphany We continue with the <b>Ceremony of the Holy Cross at Carrs Park at 1.00 pm. We need to make our way quickly after Church.</b> This is a combined celebration of all Parishes in Sydney.
14	SUNDAY	7.30 - 10.30 am	After Feast of Epiphany and Fathers of Raitho
17	WEDNESDAY	7.30 - 9.30 am	St Anthony the Great
18	THURSDAY	7.30 - 9.30 am	Sts Athanasios and Kyrillos
21	SUNDAY	7.30 - 10.30 am	12th Sunday of Luke - Timothy the Apostle
28	SUNDAY	7.30 - 10.30 am	15th Sunday of Luke - Ephraim the Syrian
30	TUESDAY	7.30 - 9.30 am	The Three Hierarchs

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1	ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ	7.30 - 10.30 πμ	ΠΡΩΤΟΧΡΟΝΙΑ- Η κατά Σάρκα περιτομή του Κυρίου και εορτή του Μεγάλου Βασιλείου. Στο τέλος ΔΟΞΟΛΟΓΙΑ για την έναρξη του ΝΕΟΥ ΕΤΟΥΣ και το κόψιμο της ΒΑΣΙΛΟΠΙΤΤΑΣ.
4	ΠΕΜΠΤΗ	7.30 - 9.30 πμ	Σύναξις 70 Αποστόλων και του οσίου Νικηφόρου του Λεπρού
5	ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ	6.30 - 11.00 πμ	ΠΑΡΑΜΟΝΗ ΤΩΝ ΦΩΤΩΝ (νηστεία). Αι Μεγάλοι Ώραι και ο Μέγας Εσπερινός των Φωτών και Θεία Λειτουργία & ΜΕΓΑΛΟΣ ΑΓΙΑΣΜΟΣ. *ΑΓΙΑΣΜΟΣ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΩΝ ΑΡΧΙΖΕΙ*
6	ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ	7.00-10.30 πμ	ΤΑ ΑΓΙΑ ΘΕΟΦΑΝΕΙΑ - Στο τέλος της Θείας Λειτουργίας Αγ. Βασιλείου θα τελεστεί η Ακολουθία του ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΓΙΑΣΜΟΥ.
7	ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ	7.30 - 10.30 πμ	Κυριακή μετά τα Φώτα - Σύναξις Βαπτιστού Ιωάννου Εν συνεχεία το εκκλησίασμα θα μεταβεί εις το Carss Bush Park όπου θα γίνει η κατάδυσις του Τιμίου Σταυρού, στις 1.00 μμ, με τη συμμετοχή όλης της Παροικίας.
14	ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ	7.30 - 10.30 πμ	Αποδ. Θεοφανείων και των εν Σινά Ραϊθω πατέρων
17	ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ	7.30 - 9.30 πμ	Αντωνίου του Μεγάλου
18	ΠΕΜΠΤΗ	7.30 - 9.30 πμ	Αθανασίου και Κυρίλλου Πατρ. Αλεξαν.
21	ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ	7.30 - 10.30 πμ	ΙΒ΄ Λουκά - Μαξίμου του ομολογητού
28	ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ	7.30 - 10.30 πμ	ΙΕ΄ Λουκα - Εφραίμ του Σύρου
30	ΤΡΙΤΗ	7.30 - 9.30 πμ	Των Τριών Ιεραρχών

ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΑΓΙΑΣΜΟΣ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΙΩΝ ΤΑ ΑΓΙΑ ΘΕΟΦΑΝΙΑ - PROGRAM FOR BLESSING HOUSES. Enquiries: fr.con58@gmail.com

DATE 2024	SUBURB
Jan 5 Friday	Sylvania
Jan 6 Saturday	Sylvania and Kangaroo Point
Jan 8 Monday	Sylvania Waters & Sylvania North (North of Pt Hacking Rd)
Jan 9 Tuesday	Taren Point
Jan 10 Wed	Cronulla, Woollooware, Burraneer
Jan 11 Thursday.	Gymea and Gymea Bay
Jan 12 Friday	Kirrawee and Gray's Point
Jan 13 Saturday	Yowie Bay
Jan 14 Sunday	Lilli Pilli, Port Hacking and Dolans Bay
Jan 15 Monday	Caringbah
Jan 16 Tuesday	Menai and Bangor
Jan 17 Wed	Lucas Hts and Alfords Pt
Jan. 18 Thursday	Illawong and Woronorra
Jan 20 Saturday	Sutherland and Kareela
Jan 21 Sunday	Oyster Bay, Como, Jannali and Bonnet Bay
Jan 22 Monday	Miranda
Jan 23 Tuesday	Loftus, Engadine, Heathcote, Yarrawarra, Woronorra Hts, Bundeeena and Kurnell

HYMNS DEDICATED TO EPIPHANY

When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity was made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to You, calling You His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of His Word. O Christ our God, Who has appeared and enlightened the world, glory to You. On this day You have appeared unto the whole world, and your light, O Sovereign Lord, is signed on us who sing your praise and chant with knowledge: You have now come, You have appeared, O Light unapproachable.

HYMNS DEDICATED TO CHRISTMAS

Make ready, O Bethlehem: let the manger be prepared, let the cave show its welcome. The truth has come, the shadow has passed away; born of a Virgin, God has appeared to humanity, formed as we are and making godlike the garment He has put on. Therefore Adam is renewed with Eve, and they call out: 'Your good pleasure has appeared on earth to save humankind'

You have come to dwell in a cave, O Christ our God, and the manger received you; shepherds and Magi worshiped You. Then was the preaching of the prophets fulfilled, and the angelic powers marvelled, crying aloud and saying: 'Glory to Your condescension, O You who alone love humankind'

Your Nativity, O Christ our God, has shone upon the world with the light of knowledge: for thereby they who adored the stars through a star were taught to worship You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know you the Dayspring from on high. O Lord, Glory to You.



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PARISH OF SAINT STYLIANOS FOR OUR

# Annual Fundraising Dance

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE GREEK  
ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AUSTRALIA

MARCH  
SATURDAY **02** AT 6:30PM  
2024

**DOLTONE HOUSE**  
(223 BELGRAVE ESPLANADE, SYLVANIA WATERS)

GREEK DANCING  
DJ THEO MAESTRO  
RAFFLES & PRIZES  
CAR RAFFLE

ADULTS \$140  
CHILDREN \$70



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## ART UNION RAFFLE



Limited Tickets only

**\$50**  
**PER TICKET**  
**5 TICKETS**  
**FOR \$200**

### Grand Prize:

Toyota Corolla Hybrid 1.8L Automatic  
Hatchback Driveaway Price \$36,499

### Second Prize:

Ladies 14CT White Gold Diamond and Citrine  
Pendant with Gold Chain. Total value: \$6,000

### Third Prize:

Travel Voucher. Donated by Kyrenia Travel.  
Total value: \$1,500

**To be drawn at Annual Dance & Fundraiser**  
**Doltone House Sylvania Waters - 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2024**  
Ticket price: \$140 adults, \$70 children

### HOW TO PURCHASE ART UNION RAFFLE TICKETS

CHURCH Office - payment methods accepted cash and credit card.  
Tickets will be issued via post for all bookings made:

- ONLINE - Credit Card purchases - scan the QR CODE
- ONLINE - Credit Card purchases - log onto <https://www.trybooking.com/CLUPF>
- DIRECT DEBIT - email: [events@saintstylianos.org.au](mailto:events@saintstylianos.org.au) with remittance with Your Name, Address and Phone number

Account Name: Greek Orthodox Archdiocese - Sutherland Parish Philoptochos  
BSB: 082-057 Acct: 45-357-0188



## TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE ANNUAL DANCE AND CAR RAFFLE

### Things to remember for 2024 ...

#### 1) Modern Greek Lessons

**\*Primary School:** Firstly, enrolments at GyMEA in Church Hall Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st January, 4-5pm. Classes start Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th February. Secondly, Tharawal Primary Enrolments and First Lesson 5th of February, at the School. ALL CLASSES ARE 4.00 - 6.30pm.

**NB: FOR GYMEA: CLASSES FOR GRADES 1 & 2 ON TUESDAYS. FOR GRADES 3,4,5 & 6 WEDNESDAYS**

**\*Adult Greek Lessons.** Those interested in Adult Greek Lessons for 2024 please ring Fr Constantine

#### 2) Greek Dancing Registration and 1st Lesson with Maria Karabelas.

A) At GyMEA Church Hall Tuesday 30th January (beginners only) at 6.30 pm. B) At Sylvania Hts Primary School Hall Wednesday 31st January for all ages. For any enquiries please call or text Maria on 0431 152 159.

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR YOUTH TO PARTICIPATE SOCIALLY AND GROW TOGETHER.

**3) Orthodox Cafe & Bookstore** starts on Sunday 4th February at 11am after Holy Liturgy and also every second Friday from the 23rd February. An initiative for young adults to mix and learn more about their Faith over coffee! For information please visit: [facebook@orthodoxcafe.com.au](mailto:facebook@orthodoxcafe.com.au)

**4) Teen Cafe** begins 23 February 7.00 pm. They will be held every second Friday in tandem with Adults above.

**4) Sunday School** begins 3rd March. Please gather in Church and then go to the Hall.

**5) Paraklesis & Seniors Group** (Tuesdays 9.30am) starts 16th January in the Church and then the Hall.

**6) Play Group** (Thursdays 10am) starts mid- February in Hall.

**7) Byzantine Music Lessons** starts Friday 9th February from 5.30pm

**9) Please register** your email with us for Newsletter online: go to [www.saintstylianos.org.au](http://www.saintstylianos.org.au) and join our mailing list.

**10) Please enroll** your children in "Scripture" at your Public School. Also volunteers needed for Scripture teachers.

**11) Annual Dance & Fundraiser** with Car raffle Saturday 2nd March at Doltone Sylvania Waters - details above.

