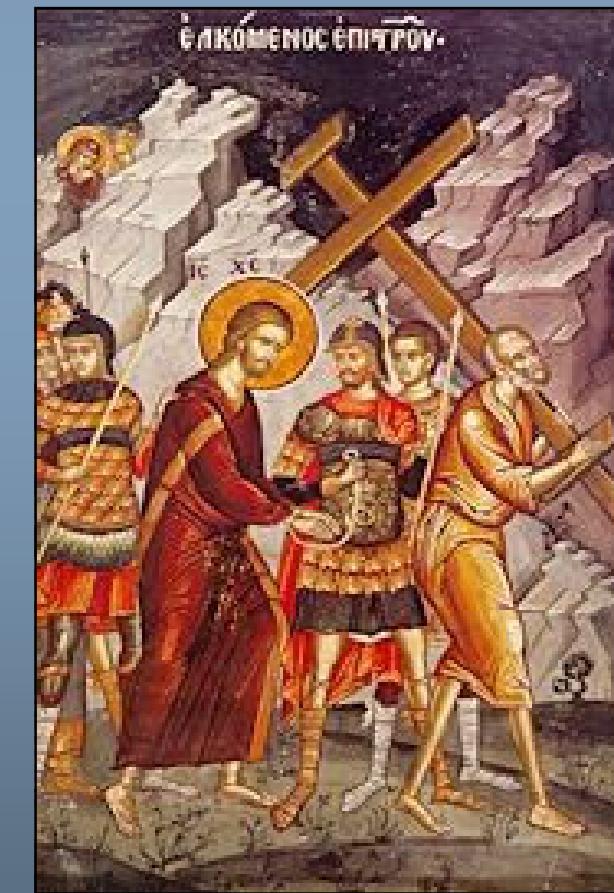


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PASTORAL NOTE

Please telephone the Church office (847) 729-2235 during daytime hours for all spiritual emergencies. For evening emergencies contact Fr. Jim at (312) 929-2268 or Fr. Dimitri at (847) 558-9849. God bless you always!

PASTORAL MESSAGE

Dear Faithful:

"O Lord, grant us to fight the good fight, to finish the course of the fast, to keep the faith, to shatter the heads of unseen dragons, and to show ourselves victorious over sin..." (From the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy)

As we prepare ourselves spiritually these Holy Days of Great Lent; let us be mindful of self-examination, fasting, abundant prayer, reading of the Holy Scripture and participation in the Holy Sacrament of Confession...the cleansing of one's sins and offenses. These weeks of Lent are not a sad and dismal period of Church Life...these are days of Spiritual Renewal and Gladness. We prepare our hearts, souls and minds for His Passion and Sacred Resurrection.

Let us all reflect on this Lenten Meditation!

Let our eyes have no part in any evil sight;

Let our hearing be inaccessible to all idle words;

Let our tongues be purged from unseemly speech;

Purify our lips which praise Thee, O Lord;

Make our hands to abstain from evil deeds;

And to work only such things as are acceptable unto Thee;

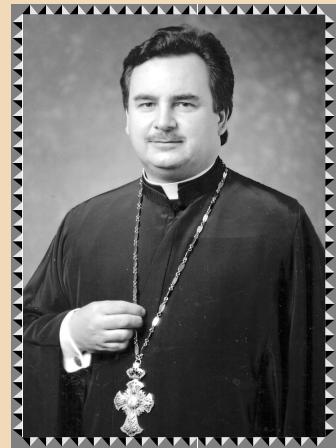
Strengthening all our members and our minds by Thy grace...

May God bless you all with His Fatherly Love and Compassion as we walk the Walk of Faith in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

God be with you always,



Rev. Fr. James Dokos
PROTOPRESBYTER



ASK Father Jim

QUESTION:

I suffer from anxiety attacks. Give me a thought or prayer to give me direction. (Confidential)

ANSWER:

May I share the following thought:

"Do not look forward to what might happen tomorrow: the same everlasting Father who cares for you today, will take care of your tomorrow, and everyday. Either He will shield you from suffering or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations."

Go to your Church and offer your heart to our Lord. Lift up Your arms and ask our Father to hold you, comfort you and bless you. Always remember: Ask and you shall receive.

I will keep you in my prayers daily. I promise!

QUESTION:

Repentance is a word we hear so often in the Orthodox faith. Please note for me examples where we experience forgiveness through the Church. (T.A.)

ANSWER:

We experience total forgiveness in the Sacrament of Holy Confession. An Orthodox Christian also experiences examples of forgiveness in personal PRAYER, in the petitions and supplication prayers in our Church Services. Forgiveness is also found in the Sacrament of Holy Unction and also with receiving Holy Communion...the Servant of God receives the Body and Blood of Christ for the "FORGIVENESS OF SINS" and eternal life.

It should also be said that the "LORD'S PRAYER" reminds us of the words: "Forgive us our Trespasses as we forgive those who Trespass against us".

When we sin we separate ourselves from Jesus Christ, His Church and our fellowman. Unite yourself with Christ by confessing your sins, loving your brothers and sisters and keeping the Ten Commandments. (cont.)

Await your greatest Gift from God..."Your sins are forgiven!"

QUESTION:

When did Holy Unction (oil) become part of the Church? (N.T.)

ANSWER:

The Sacrament of Holy Unction became part of our Holy Tradition with Jesus Christ and His Apostles. Healing was a frequent miracle in the Life of our Lord. We remember that Jesus instructed the Disciples to do the same.

"And He called the twelve together and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every infirmity." Matthew 10:1

"Is any sick among you? Let him call for Priests of the Church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the Name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven." James 5:14-15

QUESTION:

As a Greek Orthodox Christian; can my daughter be a godmother to a child baptized in the Lutheran Church? (A.Z.)

ANSWER:

NO! As a Greek Orthodox Christian; one must fulfill this sacred role ONLY in a Canonical Orthodox Church. I understand our faithful grow up and associate with all religions; but a Godparent must spiritually raise a Godchild in one's own faith. Godparents uphold, proclaim and teach the faith to the child or adult candidate for Baptism. How does an Orthodox Christian proclaim another faith? It doesn't happen.

A Godparent is a religious commitment...not a social obligation!

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT: "OH COME, LET US WORSHIP AND BOW DOWN; LET US KNEEL BEFORE THE LORD OUR MAKER: Psalm 95:6

Parish Council News

Since Lent has already begun, I hope you all have been attending the Wednesday and Friday night services. They are an excellent way for you to “connect” so don’t miss the opportunity.

We are all glad that Arturo has returned to the Church as our custodian. You may see little of him but he does a great job keeping the premises clean, neat and in shape. He makes the coffee on Sunday and arranges the chairs/tables for all the events as well as a great many other things. You will all be pleased to know that we are negotiating with a company to upgrade the sound system in Church. Hopefully the work will be done by late April.

Our congratulations to Maria Boyle. She began the Divorce Rebuilders and Relationship Group here at SS Peter and Paul several years ago and is now being recognized for the great value she and the group offers. The group, with the Blessing of Fr. Jim, will now move to the Metropolis level and eventually the national arena, under the auspices of SS Peter and Paul. Bravo Maria.

On February 18 the Council hosted lunch at the Glenview Senior Center in the Glen. Good food provided by Dengeos and home baked cookies made by Council members was served. Steve Koulogeorge serenaded all with his guitar and singing. If anyone is interested in being a part of any Outreach activities, contact Jim Santos or Therese Speropoulos (Co-Chairs of the Outreach Ministry).

The Agape Pre-School will be adding a Kindergarten class in September, 2013. It is an accredited class and adds to the great work they are doing. If you have an interest, please contact Rene Tzakis at agape60025@gmail.com

There are many opportunities for you to participate. There was the OCMC dinner at St John’s In February and the Choir was honored with a dinner on February 21. The Philoptochos Glendi and the Quilt-A-Thon were in March. The IOCC Banquet is on April 11 and Holy Week begins April 28 (Palm Sunday – where the entire Parish Council are Ushers). Check the Church website sspglenview.org and get involved in one or more of the great Ministries we have.

To reach me, my email address is jimgot@comcast.net.

Faithfully,

Jim Gottreich
Parish Council President

OFFER your 2013 STEWARDSHIP to support
our Parish Ministries and Community Life.
TIME...TALENT...TREASURE!

DONATIONS *HOLY WEEK*

ITEMS NEEDED FOR 2013 EASTER HOLY WEEK: APRIL 28th - MAY 5th

Holy Week

- Incense (Six Pounds)

Palm Sunday - April 27th

- Two Palm Solea Arrangements
- Palms (2,300 for Palm Crosses)
- Narthex Icon Floral Wreath of Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday Evening - April 28th

- Christ Bridegroom Wreath

Holy Monday - April 29th

- Christ Bridegroom Wreath

Holy Tuesday - April 30th

- Christ Bridegroom Wreath

Holy Wednesday - May 1st

- Oil/Unction - *DONATED*
- Holy Flour for Prosphora / Cotton Balls
- Last Supper Icon Wreath

Holy Thursday - May 2nd

- Floral Wreath for Crucifix with Three Candles - *DONATED*
- Basket of White Trumpet Lilies at the Foot of the Cross
- Twelve Candles for the Passion Gospels

Holy Friday - May 3rd

- White Linen Sheet
- Rose Water and Rose Petals and Green Bay Leaves
- Eight Gardenias for Epitaphion
- 2,000 Epitaphion Carnations

Holy Saturday - May 4th

- 2,500 Red Easter Eggs
- Resurrection Banner Floral Wreath
- Resurrection Banner Ribbon and Lilies
- Priest's Pascha Candles (2)
- Solea Floral Arrangement/Icon of Christ
- Solea Floral Arrangement/Icon of the Theotokos
- Easter Lily Plants
- Spring Plants

Pascha - Sunday May 5th

- Narthex Resurrection Icon Wreath

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Easter Lilies and Spring Floral Arrangements also available, please call the Church Office at 847-729-2235.

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James and Priscilla Betzelos
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John and Roberta Blaseos
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George and Theodora Bokios
Gus and Bonita Boznos
Bart and Irene Brotsos
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Gregory and Maria Brown

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Carol and Kevin Burke
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Kim and William Cadman
Nicholas and Diane Canellis
Constantin Caparos
Mark and Mindy Caras
Peter and Kimberly Cardis
Beatrice Castanes
Chris and Helen Catsaros
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Peter N. and Sarah Christopoulos
Lorraine Christy
Jeffery,Sr and Hellen Chrones
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Stavroula and Hugh Colburn
George and Minou Colis
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Nancy Colis
Ismene Collins
Valerie and Kevin Comprelli
Peter and Anastasia Coorlas
James and Andrea Copetas
John and Joanne Copetas
James and Mary Lee Corolis
Elaine Costakis
James and Victoria Costakis
Angelo and Maria Costas
Helen Costas
John and Kathryne Cotromanes
Kevin and Elizabeth Cox
George and Joan Cromydas
Valerie and Martin Crowley
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Carmine and Xanthe DiCicco
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Kathryn Economou
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James and Georgia Karantzis	Georgia Makris	Harrison Pappas
George and Sandra Karas	George Maniates	Nicholas J. and Linda Pappas
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*Philoptochos News
by Milly Pappas*

COMING EVENTS – APRIL 2013

06 – Saturday PHILOPTOCHOS FUNDRAISER. Private Lagos Trunk Show, Bloomingdale's Store, Old Orchard, Skokie.

11 – Thursday IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities), Annual Grand Banquet, Rosewood Banquets, Rosemont, Illinois

16 – Tuesday PHILOPTOCHOS GENERAL MEETING
6:30 p.m. – Social Hour 7:00 p.m. – Meeting

28 - Sunday PHILOPTOCHOS PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE
Immediately following Divine Liturgy. The Bake Sale Committee will appreciate your donation of homemade Greek or American pastry. Please bring to the church kitchen. We thank you.

Philoptochos News (cont.)

On Saturday, February 2, SS Peter and Paul Philoptochos hosted The Metropolis Philoptochos President's Meeting. Attending were Presidents and Board members from Metropolis chapters from Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Iowa. About 100 ladies attended. Metropolis President Irene Arsoniadis conducted the meeting. We were honored to have Fr. James Dokos present, who also spoke to the ladies. A delicious gourmet luncheon followed the meeting. Our many thanks to the Philoptochos Chefs , Tiana Cocallas and Eleni Soukoulis.

On February 12, 2013, SS Peter and Paul Philoptochos hosted The Metropolis Feed The Hungry Program which takes place at the Annunciation Cathedral in Chicago. Chairlady Niki Tsitsis and her committee members served a delicious luncheon to about 40 men and women. We distributed Valentine candy, fresh fruit, gently used clothing, new warm socks, caps, and gloves. Thank you to all of our ladies and gentlemen who came to prepare and serve the food. This is the 22nd year for the Feed The Hungry Program.



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ATTENTION GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS. The Saints Peter and Paul Philoptochos Society will be offering a \$1,000 Scholarshp to be presented on Graduate Sunday. A Second \$1,000 Scholarship – The Paulette Kappos Scholarship will be given by the Kappos Family for Education and Teaching. A Third \$1,000 Scholarship – The Nicholas J. Corolis Scholarship for Medicine or Engineering will be given by the James Corolis Family.

All three scholarships are open to qualified high school seniors whose families are members of SS Peter and Paul Church and will be attending a College/University in the Fall and who have a cumulative grade point average of B. Application forms are available in the church office and must be returned by Monday, April 29, 2013.

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms

Deana, daughter of Peter and Joanna (Poulopoulos) Soukoulis
Sponsor: George and Harriet Pappas
Sofia, daughter of Thomas and Megan (Farfalla) Spathis
Sponsor: Catherine and Paul Gorecki
Myles, son of Warren and Johanna (Sarlas) Abend
Sponsor: Stacia Whitney
Samantha, daughter of Kassandra Cadman
Sponsor: Beth Copetas
Kryssa, daughter of Joseph and Vicki (Latrides) Perna
Sponsor: Pete and Vicki Parthenis
Lena, daughter of Michael and Jennifer (Agnos) Figurelli
Sponsor: Brad Bauer

"All who have been baptized into Christ,
are clothed with Christ."
(Galatians 3:27))

Chrismations

Theresa Beeson
Sponsor: Sophia Michalek



Our Condolences to the families of

George Gekas, Theodore Panoplos,
George Maniates, and Tom Thomas.
May their memory be eternal.



For the trumpet will sound, and the
dead will be raised imperishable."

(1 Corinthians 15:52)

PARISH NEWS

Welcome to our New Members:

- Justin and Sara Brown
Chicago, IL
- Angie and Gary Franchi
Northbrook, IL
- Helen Lucaitis and Jon Lafayette
Glenview, IL
- Harrison Pappas
Northbrook, IL
- Gregory Raphael
Glenview, IL

Senior Outreach: The Glenview Senior Center offers a monthly luncheon to its members, each one hosted by a different Glenview church. Every February for the past several years our outreach committee has provided a Greek buffet luncheon and home-made pastries to the members. This year's luncheon was on February 18 and was followed by Steve Koulogeorge's entertaining us with his guitar and beautiful voice! We have earmarked the funds raised from the lunch towards the Senior Center's efforts to send care packages to our troops. The items they send are readily available and donated, but postage is quite expensive, so our donation helps cover mailing costs.



Balancing Great Lent

Do you fast? Give me proof of it by your works. If you see a poor man, take pity on him. If you see a friend being honored, do not envy him. Do not let only your mouth fast, but also the eye, and the feet, and the hands and all the members of our bodies. Let the hands fast, by being free of avarice. Let the feet fast, by ceasing to run after sin. Let the eyes fast, by disciplining them not to glare at that which is sinful. Let the ears by not listening to evil talk and gossip. Let the mouth fast from foul words and unjust criticism. For what good is it if we abstain from birds and fishes, but bite and devour our brothers?

-St. John Chrysostom

Like the tripod, our approach to Great Lent should include three equal supports that will give us the balance we need in our spiritual climb—fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. From the earliest days of the Church, the Great Fast was not solely about abstaining from food. The physical fast was always accompanied by increased prayer and almsgiving. As families, we should look at all three of these elements in order to put into practice a broader and more fulfilling approach to Great Lent. Regardless of varying ages and levels of spiritual maturity, your family can share the joys and struggles of the journey towards the Resurrection.

THE PHYSICAL FAST

Fasting from food is an important facet of our Lenten discipline. Jesus Christ, Himself, prepared for the rigors of His ministry by fasting from food for forty days and resisting Satan's temptations. And after casting out a demon which inhabited a child, His disciples wondered why they were not able to perform the exorcism. After rebuking the disciples for their lack of faith, He said, "However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting," (Matthew 17:21) thereby extolling the virtues of proper fasting. Abstinence from rich and heavy foods as well as monitoring our portions is cathartic for the body and refocuses our hunger and desire for God.

INCREASED LITURGICAL PARTICIPATION AND PRAYER

Just as Jesus prayed during periods of great temptation and troubles, so are we to turn to God in prayer to guide us through the 40 -day period. This Lenten period affords numerous services which help to strengthen the faithful in preparation for the Resurrection. Services such as Great Compline, Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, Salutations to the Theotokos, as well as the five special designations for each Sunday in Lent serve to strengthen our resolve. And while liturgical participation and prayer are year-round necessities of our lives as Orthodox Christians, these tools and weapons are to be especially honed during Great Lent a time when the great deceiver, Satan, will tempt us endlessly with diversions to take our focus away from God. Private prayer, in addition to corporate prayer, should be increased.

ALMSGIVING

Almsgiving is often completely ignored during the Lenten season. Many times, it seems that Christian philanthropy is limited to a food drive at Thanksgiving or charitable gift-giving at Christmas. As wonderful as these generous acts are, how can we neglect our duty to assist others as we prepare to celebrate the Feast of Feasts and crux of our faith —the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ? We know as Christians, there is no particular season for human need and suffering. How much more should we address the needs of humanity at this blessed time!

Above all, we should abide in love. As a family, choose your words wisely when addressing others. Be patient and considerate. Forgive past grudges and seek understanding. If you are not regularly going to the Sacrament of Confession, this is a most-blessed time to seek the Church's forgiveness and sanctification before receiving Holy Communion and Holy Unction. We should be aware these sacraments are administered in love and bestow upon us God's ever-abundant grace.

Fasting, prayer, and almsgiving—like the tripod, we need all three supports to keep us in balance during Lent. When in balance, we are able to fully experience the resplendence of the Resurrection and proclaim: Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

PARISH NEWS

Athletic Update: Our Church Basketball season has come to an end. We began the season in early October and finished in early March, five long but very fun months for all our kids and families. We had many successes this season. Our 3/4th grade team finished 1st in the Christmas tournament. Our 5/6th grade team finished 2nd in the league and 3rd in the final tournament. Our High School Girls team finished 2nd in the final tournament. Our High School Boys team finished 2nd in the league, 2nd in the Thanksgiving tournament and 2nd in the final tournament. The biggest success we had was the fact that 72 children and families participated in the Athletic program this year.

We ended the season with a very fun event. The Moms and Dads of the 3/4th grade, 5/6th grade, High School girls, and High School boys challenged their kids to a game. The games were very competitive and entertaining. Congratulations to the Moms who beat the 3/4th grade team, the Moms and Dads who beat the 5/6th grade team, the Dads who beat the High School boys team. The High School girls vs. the Moms and Dads game ended in a tie. After the games, we all gathered in Fellowship Hall for a pizza party to celebrate the season.

I want to thank Fr.Jim and Fr. Dimitri for their support of the program. I also want to thank Coaches: Angelo Costas, Jim Kanellos, Rob Mastros, Dan Garbis, Peter Maris and John Hatzigiannis for their dedication to the kids and the program.

Next up for Athletics is the Junior Olympics in May over Memorial weekend. We will be signing up the kids and forming teams during coffee hour and on our web page. Please check out the Church website for many pictures of this years basketball season. www.ssppglenv.org

In Christ,

Chris Atsaves
Athletic Coordinator

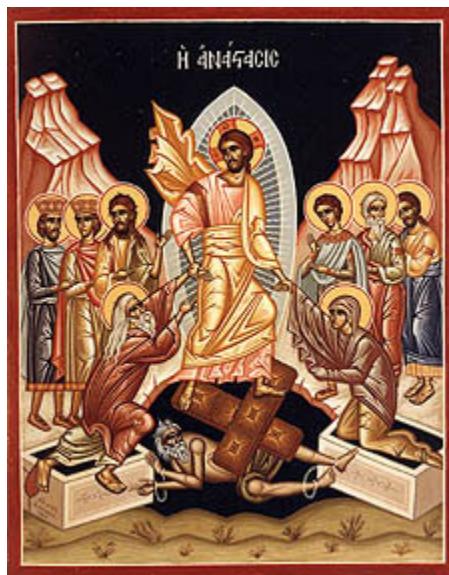


Coffee Connection: Connecting in Faith and Fellowship - An Educational Ministry open to all adults. Come join us for coffee and conversation for back-to-back sessions in April as we continue to prepare for Pascha. April 14th - "Honoring the Theotokos in Orthodox Worship" & April 21st - "Exploring Palm Sunday & Pascha through the Icons of the Feasts". Meet in the youth room under the gym following Holy Communion until 11:40 a.m.



SATURDAY OF LAZARUS YOUTH RETREAT

April 27, 2013 * 9:00am – 1:30 pm



"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (John 11:25)

We invite you to bring your children to this special half-day retreat to prepare them for Holy Week. This day is designed for children in Nursery 3-5th grade. **Teen helpers ages 6th grade and up welcome.** Complete the form below and put it in the offering tray at church **OR** email to Cynthia Olson at cynthiabaiolson@yahoo.com by April 20th so we can plan for your child.

The day will include:

- *Worship in church with your children
- *Lenten breakfast of cereal, fruit, juice, bagels and more
- *Different teaching stations with hands-on activities
- *Special Paschal craft
- *Music class will highlight a special hymn
- *Gym time (supervised)

Child's Name: (list any food allergies)

Grade:

Parent's Name:

Cell Phone:

Email:

Teen or Parent Volunteer Name:

Cell Phone:

Email:

YOUTH CORNER

SS. Peter & Paul Youth & Family Ministries

Report:

The Month of March began not madness, but sobriety as our Youth respectfully began the Lenten Journey

On, Friday, March 1st for the Monthly Outreach Event, the Youth came to the church to begin Part 1 of their mini - Quilt-A-Thon. They met to cut their blankets for tying and enjoyed an open forum of questions and answers about their faith.

On, Tuesday, March 12th the Youth returned for their Youth Night and finished their quilts which were brought to collaborate with the Philoptochos Quilt-A-Thon, another job well done!

Ministries

HOPE: The children learned about the Annunciation of the Theotokos, about fasting, and Great Lent.

FAITH/LOVE/JOY: Due to snow, FLJ had to be postponed, but when we met later in the month a great time as had by all. They made six quilts for the Quilt-A-Thon in craft and learned about the Annunciation.

Jr. & Sr. G.O.Y.A.: As these ministries continue to grow it is abundantly clear that our youth are hungry for their faith. They have excellent questions and want to know so much more. Fr. Jim and I could not be prouder of GOY-Ans.

As the year is already in swing, consider inviting a friend to participate in Youth Ministries. It is a rewarding experience for your children socially and spiritually!

For Upcoming Activities:
Check the website, Facebook, and Emails for upcoming information.



Your servant in Christ,
+ Fr. Dimitri





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Fall Registration 2013-14

If you have a child who is eligible for preschool or Kindergarten in the fall, please consider AGAPE Preschool. Registration for the 2013-2014 year is in progress. AGAPE Preschool is committed to providing an educational experience emphasizing the Orthodox Christian faith in a nurturing environment with a center or play-based approach to learning.

Provided below are the program options:



Saints Class

(Kindergarten) 9:10am to 2:00pm

Age 5 by 9/1/13

1 to 12 teacher/child ratio

Monday through Friday

Kindergarten State Standards for reading, writing, math, social studies and science

Come and See Time with Father Dokos and Father Tobias

Catered hot lunch program

Specials include Greek School, Art, Music, Cooking and Gym



Apostles Class

(Pre-K) 9:10am to 1:00pm

Age 4 by 9/1/13

1 to 6 teacher/child ratio

Monday through Thursday

Friday enrichment program (available) (9:10am to noon)

Come and See Time with Father Dokos and Father Tobias

Catered hot lunch program

Specials include Greek School, Art, Music and Cooking



Disciples Class

9:10am to 1:00pm

Age 3 by 9/1/13

1 to 5 teacher/child ratio

Monday through Thursday (9:15am to 1:00pm)

Friday enrichment program (available) (9:10am to noon)

Catered hot lunch program

Come and See Time with Father Dokos and Father Tobias

Specials include Greek School, Art, Music and Cooking



Fishermen

9:10am to 11:30am

Age 2 by 9/1/13

1 to 5 teacher/child ratio

Three Day Program (T,W,TH)

Specials include Greek School, Art, Music and Cooking

If you have any questions, please contact Renée Tzakisby email agape60025@gmail.com



April 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FASTING ALL MONTH +	1 9:30 am HOPE Group 4:30 pm Greek School	2 10:00 am Clergy Syndesmos Meeting 10:15 am Agape Come and See 6:15 pm Faith, Love & Joy 6:30 pm Philoptochos Board Meeting	3 FAST DAY + Confessions 10:00 am Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy followed by Fellowship Meal with Reflection - Spiritual Healing within the Church	4 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 5:00 pm Greek Independence Day Program	5 FAST DAY 7:00 pm Salutations	6 9:30 am Greek School
7 8:15 am Matins 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Holy Cross Sunday 7:00 pm Solemn Vespers, St. Demetrios, Libertyville, IL	8 9:30 am HOPE Group 10:00 am Clergy Syndesmos Meeting 4:30 pm Greek School	9 10:00 am Metropolis Spiritual Court 10:15 am Agape Preschool Come and See 6:30 pm Jr. and Sr. G.O.Y.A.	10 FAST DAY + Confessions 10:00 am Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy followed by Fellowship Meal with Reflection - The Jesus Prayer	11 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 9:30 am Agape Mommy & Me 4:30 pm Greek School 7:00 pm Parish Council Executive Meeting IOCC Banquet	12 FAST DAY 7:00 pm Salutations	13 9:30 am Greek School
14 8:15 am Matins 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Coffee Connection Greek Parade 7:00 pm Solemn Vespers, St. Haralambios, Niles, IL	15 9:30 am HOPE Group 4:30 pm Greek School 6:30 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting	16 10:15 am Agape Come and See 6:30 pm Philoptochos General Meeting	17 FAST DAY + Confessions 10:00 am Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy followed by Fellowship Meal with Reflection - The Holy Week Experience	18 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 4:30 pm Greek School	19 FAST DAY 7:00 pm The Akathist Hymn	20 9:30 am Greek School
21 8:15 am Matins 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:30 am Altar Boy Meeting Coffee Connection 7:00 pm Solemn Vespers, St. Demetrios, Hammond, IN	22 4:30 pm Greek School	23	24 FAST DAY + Confessions 9:00 am Presanctified Liturgy	25 4:30 pm Greek School 7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting	26 FAST DAY Palm Cross Workshop	27 8:30 am Matins 9:00 am Divine Liturgy - Saturday of Lazarus and Saturday of Lazarus Retreat
28 Palm Sunday 8:15 am Matins 9:30 am Divine Liturgy No Church School Palm Sunday Bake Sale 7:00 pm Nymphios Service	29 + Holy Monday 7:00 pm Nymphios Service	30 + Holy Tuesday 7:00 pm Nymphios Service	+Holy Lent... No Social Activities Prayer and Fasting.			



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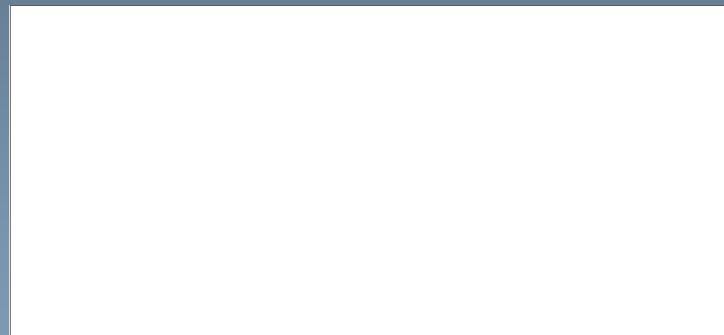
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