Sunday & Weekly Services
Matins 8:15 am
Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Church Office Hours:
Mon.-Thurs. 8:30am-4:30pm
Fri. 8:30am - 3:00pm

Please telephone the Church office (847) 729-2235 during daytime hours for all spiritual emergencies.
For evening emergencies contact Fr. Rick at (651) 470-1350. God bless you always!
Liturgical New Year

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I am continually grateful for everyone’s welcoming and patience as I get to know you and the culture of the parish. It is certainly providential that I begin my ministry at Saints Peter and Paul so very near the beginning of the Ecclesiastical/Church New Year on September 1st. And it is certainly no accident that church ministries and activities begin again around this time.

Many of you may know that our liturgical (church) year starts this month on September 1st. Just like the world marks a new year on January 1st. Most of us do not know why the church year begins here. Fr. George Poulos, in his book *Lives of the Saints and Major Feast Days*, states that the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea 325 AD decreed Sept. 1 for the following reasons:

1. Before the Julian (devised under Julius Caesar 44-45 BC) calendar, which established the January-December year (today we use the more accurate Gregorian calendar established by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582 AD), the Romans began their year on September 1st. This may be because Constantine the Emperor defeated Maxentius, an enemy of Christians, in September. Subsequently, he legalized Christianity early in the 4th century.

2. According to Holy Tradition, it was on Sept. 1st that our blessed Lord first entered the Jewish Synagogue (Luke 4:16-21) to preach His mission to mankind. On that day Jesus quoted from Isaiah 61:1-2, "The spirit of the Lord is upon me; because the Lord has anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek, he has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the openings of the prison to them that are bound. To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all that mourn.” Therefore, these particular scripture passages are read for the Feast, Isaiah at Vespers and Luke during the Liturgy.

3. Tradition also tells us that it was during the month of September that the Hebrews finally entered the Promised Land. Their civil year began at that time. (see Ex. 12:2)

4. It has always been accepted within the church community that the month of September was the time to gather all the fruits of the summer months and prepare for the beginning of the winter months ahead. At the start of the new year hymnographers also prepared beautiful songs to be chanted during the services. The hymns are offered to Almighty God so that we might receive His divine blessings throughout the coming year.

In the book *The Year of Grace of the Lord*, a Monk of the Eastern Church wisely reminds us that the liturgical year is not merely a calendar of events. It has an educational and pedagogical function, but its primary significance is much deeper. The liturgical year is, for us, a special means of union with Christ. We share in the whole of His life from Birth to Resurrection. In addition, we share in the sacred events and saints of history which, again, lead us ultimately to Christ. Just as we make New Year resolutions on January 1st, we should resolve, on September 1st, to live a more spiritual life-thinking and doing all things which are pleasing to the Lord. The liturgical year acquires its true meaning to the extent that it becomes an adoration in spirit and in truth.

Fr. Rick
First Things First

Throughout the year, many of our events are lead by volunteers, all of which do outstanding work on behalf of the parish. As the new church year starts this September 1, I want to recognize and thank our parish staff for their dedication and enabling efforts throughout the year. Diane Bravos, our part-time Parish bookkeeper and most-tenured staff member, ensures our financial records are in top order, which enabled another successful external financial audit to be completed this August. Peter Savas, our full-time Parish Youth Director of 15 months, drives youth programming and church school to ensure parish youth have a place to connect, learn, and serve—including the Project Mexico trip that culminated in early August. Sandra Glisic, our full-time Parish Administrator of 8 months, leads our Ministry Council and parish operations, managing the office, establishing communication policies, and implementing parish council projects. Jenny Sciortino, our part-time Communications Coordinator of 8 months, provides creative and consistent communications through the web-site and beyond.

The Heart of the Matter

As we begin the new church year this September, the council brings strategic planning full circle. In 2015, our parish completed a first ever Strategic Plan, based on parish demographics and opinion surveys, to chart a course to 2025. The plan has driven many changes from that starting point to now, including the staff roles and changes that we now have in place. The timing is opportune to revisit the opinion survey. The survey will again be established around three goals:

- Assess current functioning of parish life
- Provide an update versus baseline for comparisons
- Engage stewards

We will again be asking questions to assess: • How satisfied are parishioners with overall parish life? • Is the parish meeting parishioner needs for spiritual growth, fellowship, and outreach? • Is the parish offering enough ministries for all ages and demographic groups? • Is the parish being administered effectively? • What ideas do respondents have for improvements to parish life? • Are there correlations between demographics and opinions or between engagement and opinions? Each of these broad questions allows an assessment of parish life to be used in further planning for the future.

This fall please look for the new opinion survey and take the opportunity to provide feedback on our parish progress and considerations for course corrections.
Welcome to our New Members!

Peter and Costadina Costianis
Frank and Theodora Kokosioulis
Jenny O’Donnell

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+Baptisms
Leonidas, son of Alexander and Kimberly Tsoronis
Sponsor: Pete Mavraganes and Vasi Benjamin

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Sponsor: William Peterson

+Weddings
Jeanetter Zissis and George Karras
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+40 Day Blessing
Dylan, son of Anthony and Katie Marsh

God’s Blessings and Love!

Condolences to the family of Lisa McCarthy, Constance Maimonis, Claire Livaditis, Arthur Koutsoukos, and Christine Gehopolos.

May Their Memory Be Eternal
THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE GREEK FEST 2019 A GREAT SUCCESS!

Congratulations to Christy Gouletas and George Logothetis, Greek Fest 2019 co-chairs; Julie Stefanski and Nick Colis, coordination leads; and the entire coordinating committee (listed here) for another hugely successful Festival. Their hard work in planning and carrying out this year’s event, along with the support of hundreds of volunteers and many donors, greatly contributed to the tremendous results.

The Fest not only achieved its financial goals, but helped strengthen our relationship with our neighbors in Glenview and surrounding communities. A portion of our proceeds will go to Family Service Center, a mental health agency serving the North Shore, and Orthodox Christian Fellowship, a campus ministry with 200 university chapters in the U.S. and Canada.

A big thanks to all involved in the preparation and hosting of this major fundraiser. Hopefully, Greek Fest 2019 was an enjoyable experience for participants of all ages!

COORDINATING COMMITTEE:
Gen.Admin./Logistics: George Logothetis, Julie Stefanski
Beverages: Maria Chakos, Suzanne Chakos
Decoration: Elaine Carrozza
Entertainment: Steve Callas
Environmental Tent: Megan Ladner
Field Logistics/Runners: Anne Marie Adams
Finance: Evan Adams, Louis Pappamichiel
Food Procurement: Chris Atsaves, Frank Bolos, Nick Colis, Christy Gouletas
Food Service: Julie Stefanski
Grilling/Gyros: Chris Atsaves
Ice Cream/Frappes: Anne Marie Adams
Kitchen/Cooking: Nick Colis, Christy Gouletas, Alvaro Lima, Mike O’Neill, Ted Pappas
Loukoumades: Vanessa Adinamis, Martha O’Connell, Andra O’Neill
Pastries: Petroula Bazianos, Pat Nassos, Nancie Poulos
Promotion: Elaine Buscaglia, Alyssa Machinis, Chris Sarandos
Taverna: Fr. Panagiotis Boznos, Sandra Glisic
Ticket Sales: Christy Gouletas
Transportation/FieldNeeds: Dean Economos, George Logothetis
Volunteer Staffing: Julie Stefanoski
Welcome Tents: Elaine Buscaglia
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Parent Youth Ministry Orientation

Sign-up for our youth programs for children ages infant to 22 years old

Come and see a layout of our Youth Ministry year and sign-up for our youth programs while waiting for your child to finish Church School. This event is for parents with children ages infant to 22 years old.

Sunday, September 8, 2019
Fellowship Hall
11:15 am – 11:45 am

Questions? Contact Peter at youthdirector@ssppglview.org
Church School & Care for Creation Ministry

Gardening God’s Creation

Church School and Care for Creation Ministry will be teaming up to learn about how humanity should love and nurture God’s Creation and then go out and plant God’s Creation!

Sunday, September 15, 2019

10:45 am – 12:00 noon

For Youth N3-High School, their parents and the Care for Creation Ministry

Questions? Contact youthdirector@ssppglenview.org
Orthodox Couples Club (OCC)  
Fall Kickoff Party  
at  
Ten Ninety Brewing Company  
1025 Waukegan Rd in Glenview

The OCC enables couples to create a deeper connection within our community.

Whether you are newlyweds or celebrating your 40th anniversary, we invite you to join us for some fellowship, friendship and fun at our kickoff party!

September 20, 2019  
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm  
$20 per person  
(includes buffet and one drink)  
RSVP at https://ssppglenview.org/occ-2019

Questions? Contact us at sspp.occ@gmail.com
COME JOIN THE PHILOPTOCHOS
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Tuesday, September 24
in the Community Center Atrium

6:00 pm: Light dinner
7:00 pm: Presentation and Discussion

Presentation by
Father Kerhulas, author of “Parent Points”

Fr. Chris Kerhulas’ book “Parent Points” is small but mighty. In its 107 pages, he blends his 40+ years of ministry experience with personal experience from parenting and grand parenting. Each chapter offers stories, wisdom, and insights into life as a young person, explained in a way, which their significant adults can understand. Each chapter ends with “points,” takeaways for the reader to both meditate on and work on in their relationship with their children/youth.

To RSVP contact Olga Panagakis at olgapanagakis@comcast.net
or Maria Costas at costasa@comcast.net
AGAPE PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN

Summer is over; it’s time to head back to Agape!

Agape Preschool and Kindergarten begins September 3rd! We are excited for another wonderful year filled with engaging and educational activities to help your son or daughter learn more about themselves and our Greek Orthodox Faith.

For questions regarding the Agape Preschool and its programs or to enroll your 2 ½, 3, 4, or 5 year old child, please call Renée Tzakis at 847-729-5814.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 IMMEDIATELY AFTER CHURCH IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

HOSTED BY AGAPE PRESCHOOL
Coffee Connection

"It is Proper and Right to Sing to You, O God..."
Exploring the Hymns and Prayers of the Divine Liturgy

Come join us in Coffee Connection this year to learn all about the common hymns and prayers of the Divine Liturgy. We promise not to make anyone sing, but after learning the meaning behind each hymn and prayer, you may want to sing out loud!

- Where did all the hymns from the Divine Liturgy come from?
- How were they chosen and why?
- Why don’t we pick our own hymns to sing?

September 22, 2019
Immediately following Holy Communion
in the Youth Room under the gym
Open to all adults

Questions? Contact sspp.coffee.connection@gmail.com
or visit
https://ssppglenview.org/education/adult-education/coffee-connection
MARK DAMISCH
HABITAT BENEFIT CONCERT

Bring the family and join us for this opportunity to hear a fellow parishioner and support the Habitat Ministry.

Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 am.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2019
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
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An accomplished pianist, Mark has performed in over 40 countries, raising more than $1 million for charitable causes worldwide. His 2019 tour will include concerts in Serbia, Croatia, Egypt and Cyprus. Mark will again perform his annual concert to benefit Habitat for Humanity Lake County in his home parish of Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church in Glenview.

Questions? Contact Brad DeSent at bdesent@gmail.com or 847-998-1525
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