“Just Joachim and Anna have worthily offered their holy fruit to God in the Holy of Holies while yet a child in the flesh, she is the nourisher of our life. Unto her, the sacred Zacharias gave blessing, let us all in the faith pronounce her blessed, for she is the Mother of God the Lord.”
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

November is typically the month devoted to the theme of stewardship. I offer an introductory reflection and a brief discussion on the stewardship of time...Blessed Thanksgiving to All!

+Fr. Rick

Introducing Stewardship!

Stewardship is about a way of life. Stewardship is not merely about money. All things are from God. As stewards/oikonomoi we are caretakers of the blessings God bestows upon us. Part of stewardship is taking care of Jesus Christ’s ministry through God’s Holy Church. We are entrusted with not just preserving but building up the ministry of Christ.

We are created in the image and likeness of God. We fulfill the image by accepting the responsibility of being a steward. Returning a tithe of God’s gift of time, talent and treasure is an expression of thanksgiving and glorification. In the Divine Liturgy, the priest exclaims “We offer to You these Gifts, from Your own Gifts, in all and for all.”

Stewardship of Time

God is the author and creator of time! When we were young, time took forever. As children, we thought summer used to take a long time! At ten years old, turning 40 seemed like an eternity away. As we grow older, time seems to fly by more and more quickly. What happened ten years ago seems like yesterday.

The point is that earthly time is a precious gift from God. Thus, we must use it to prepare ourselves for the heavenly time of eternity in the Kingdom. “Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of the prophecy, and blessed are those who hear and who keep what is written in it; for the time is near.” (Rev. 1:3).

Therefore, we must be productive and not waste time. It is a matter of salvation. We will be judged on how we use our time. Consider Christ’s Parable of the Last Judgment in Matthew 25, and of the Rich Man and Lazarus in Luke 16).

We must be careful. For once it is gone time can never be reclaimed. We are to offer not only a part, but our whole life to God. We repeatedly petition the Lord in worship: Let us commit ourselves, one another and our whole life to Christ our God. Thus, Stewardship of Time is also a commitment.

How can we return our time to God in thanksgiving? We might think immediately of all the items listed on the Stewardship Pledge Card. However, we first must remember the most foundational activities including a) Daily Prayer, b) Reading of Scripture, c) Worship on Sundays and other days, and d) Spiritual Reading.

We must put God first in our lives. “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?... But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well. (Matthew 6).

We must give God our time freely and with a generous heart. You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him; because for this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. (Deuteronomy 15:10)
We must store up treasures in heaven. "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. (Matthew 6:19-21)

As for the rich in this world, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on uncertain riches but on God who richly furnishes us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good deeds, liberal and generous, thus laying up for themselves a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life which is life indeed. (1 Timothy 6:17-19)

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption; but he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. (Galatians 6:7-10)

Some say, “Father, I just am too busy with work, with my family, with school. I’d like to come to church but I just don’t have time.” We must heed the warnings of the Lord and wake up from our spiritual lethargy. The busyness that we allow to invade our life causes us to be lazy in our spiritual life.

"32 Everyone therefore who acknowledges Me before others, I also will acknowledge before My Father in heaven; 33 but whoever denies Me before others, I also will deny before My Father in heaven. 34 “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35 For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; 36 and one's foes will be members of one's own household. 37 Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; 38 and whoever does not take up the cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. 39 Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for My sake will find it. (Matthew 10:32-39)

Self-Denial is absolutely necessary to follow God. 34 

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become My followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for My sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38 Those who are ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." (Mark 8:34-38)

Taking up of the Cross in Holy Baptism is just the beginning of the life in Christ. Stewardship is a choice, and we have the free will to choose good over evil, or to choose evil over good. Jesus said to His disciples: “Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16).

Our stewardship theme for year 2020 is “To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven.” (Ecclesiastes 3:1). Let us be good stewards of the time God has entrusted to us!
First Things First

The parish is approaching an anniversary milestone in 2020, recognizing 60 years as a community. Milestones offer a time for reflection, celebration, and hope. My reflection this month looks at the start, growth, and current state of our parish. Indeed, we must know the past in order to understand the present, as Carl Sagan said.

The Heart of the Matter

Looking back at the beginning decades provides a reminder of what the founding and early members built for us in Glenview. Archbishop Iakovos authorized our ecclesiastical charter on March 25, 1960. A temporary altar table made in Kathy (nee Cardis) Lucas’s dad’s basement was used for the initial worship services at Crow Island School in Winnetka. The church building was completed in two years with the first service held in 1964. The building reflected a simple aesthetic of the Midwest plains, avoiding indulgence and enabling focus on worship. By the late 1960s the Sunday School had swelled to 450-500 students, and parish growth was on track to the original estimate of 450 families. The community center with gymnasium was completed in one year, opening in 1974 to provide a permanent space for the schools, the offices, and community gatherings.

Beyond the buildings, the next decades continued to establish the community, with members, their children and grandchildren, friends and family gathering in worship and fellowship together. Those years saw the continuing effects of the parish decision to worship predominantly in English. Families joined our community north of Chicago because their kids or their spouses could understand the services. The 1977 adoption of a stewardship program to replace dues enabled the parish ministries and ministry leaders to expand through the next decades and eventually to retire the accumulated mortgage debt. The period also saw continued dedication to the youth, establishing in 1981 the first full-time paid youth director within the Diocese to ensure that the children of the parish could have vibrant life in the Church, developing faith in the Orthodox way.

After a half century characterized by community building, this last decade was difficult for our parish. Three changes of clergy leadership occurred in the 10-year period, compared to two changes in the first fifty years. Despite the impact of change on the parish family, the recent period of listening, calming, and planning has stabilized emotions and directions. A strategic plan was completed for the first time in 2015 to guide change, to focus on welcoming and inviting visitors and members alike, to expand our ministries for unmet needs, and to adapt staffing and technology infrastructure for better reach and support across our diverse membership. The council is currently pursuing an annual approach to capital maintenance and expansion projects, seeking to avoid complications of deferring needs. The passing sixth decade stands as a testament to our community, facing change from within and without that has ultimately strengthened our resolve and purpose.

As we approach our 60th anniversary milestone in 2020, I recognize that the community of our founder’s vision remains viable and thriving. An anniversary steering committee has been formed and is planning events to let us come together under a common theme: “Lord, it is good for us to be here.” Appropriately, these words were spoken by St. Peter to Christ after witnessing His transfiguration, as in Matthew 17:4. The anniversary plan includes events that celebrate us, like a parish Talent Show, and that celebrate us here, like a Farm Liturgy or marching in the Glenview Days parade. A culminating gala event is in the works for the fall on 10-11-2020 (adding up to 60 plus 1 to grow on!). After the last decade, it is indeed still very good for us to be here and ready to start a new decade. Let us give thanks this month and pursue our purpose next month.
Welcome to our New Members!

Theofilos and Victoria Asimos
Hercules Logothethis

Condolences to the family of Frances Palmer, Constance Tapas, Dean Kollias, Eva Chandiles,

*May Their Memory Be Eternal*

Axios to Father Rick and Congratulations to Anne Marie Adams

Fr. Rick was bestowed with the Offikion of Protopresbyter by His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael, in recognition and honor of his years of faithful service as a priest of the Metropolis of Chicago.

Our very own Parish Council member, Anne Marie Adams, was elected to the Metropolis Council.

May God bless them both as they continue serving our parish.
Monthly Reflection:

I hope everyone enjoyed their Halloween! But now, it’s time to get ready to change gears with the coming cold weather and prepare for Thanksgiving. We hope that everyone takes the much needed time this month to reflect on all the joys and people in their lives. Approaching Thanksgiving, we should be thankful that we are all connected under the Lord and seize the opportunities given to us in order to extend his love to those in our community. This month, our GOYA will do this through their outreach event, just like we did last month at Feed My Starving Children. For this month we will be making pizzas that we will give to a soup kitchen in order to aid with the meal process and to show appreciation for what they do. We hope that, with the holiday season approaching, everyone shows at least one act of kindness towards another person, familiar or not, to spread the love of God. Happy November and happy Thanksgiving!

-Tess Tryfonopoulos, GOYA Vice President

HOPE Group will meet on Nov. 4th and Nov. 18th at 10:00am in the playroom!

Faith, Love & Joy will meet on Nov. 15th from 6:30-8:00pm

Jr./Sr. GOYA RETREAT - Nov. 1-3, 6:00pm-12:00pm
Sr. GOYA - November House Meeting - Nov. 4, 6:30-8:00pm
Jr. GOYA - October Meeting - Nov. 11, 6:30-8:00 in Youth Room
Sr. GOYA - Vespers & Bonfire - Nov. 16th 5:00-7:00pm @ SSPP
Sr./Jr. GOYA- Pizza Making - Nov. 19, 6:30pm-8:00pm @ SSPP
Jr. GOYA - Friday Funday - Nov. 22nd 6:30-8:30 @ SSPP
Saints Peter and Paul Golf Outing

On Saturday October 5th, our Parish held its 7th annual golf outing. There were 75 golfers that participated. The golf event was held at the Glenview Park Golf Club on Shermer Avenue in Glenview. The Glenview Park District has been a terrific partner for our Parish. We began the morning with a 7:00 am breakfast and registration. After prayer, we all began golfing at 8:00 am. Everyone went to the North Branch Restaurant for lunch and distribution of prizes. It was great weather, great fun and great fellowship. There were many who participated by playing. There were also many who made donations and sponsorships to help make this event a success. They are all listed on the next page. All proceeds will be used to support our Youth Group and Athletic ministries. I want to thank both Fr. Rick and Fr. Panagiotis for their support and for participating in the golf outing. Please visit our website to see pictures at www.ssppglenview.org. Thanks to everyone for their support.

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Glenview Park Golf Club
Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at Agape!

For questions regarding Agape Preschool and Kindergarten, please contact Renée Tzakis at 847-729-5814 or Agape60025@gmail.com
The 2020-2022 Saints Peter and Paul Parish Council Candidate Applications are due on or before Sunday, November 3, 2019

The Saints Peter and Paul Board of Elections remind all interested parishioners who wish to be considered for candidacy and nomination for the upcoming Parish Council Elections, should remit their applications on or before Sunday, November 3, 2019, to Fr. Richard D. Andrews (frick@ssppglenview.org) or Fr. Panagiotis Boznos (frp@ssppglenview.org) via respective email, postal mail, fax or direct delivery to the Parish Office.

The 2020-2022 application and information forms can be downloaded from online, by visiting the parish webpage under Parish Council or https://ssppglenview.org/parish-council.

The qualified candidates will be presented for nomination at the Fall Parish Assembly on Sunday, November 17, 2019.

The 2019 SSPP Parish Council Elections will immediately follow Divine Liturgy on Sunday, November 24, 2019, and will conclude at 1:30 p.m.
CARE FOR CREATION

ONLINE INITIATIVE TO FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE

As you know climate change, better described as global warming, is a major environmental issue worldwide and primarily for the younger and future generations. On September 20, over four million youth around the world went on strike to bring greater awareness to this issue that is affecting their future. It is very important that we all do something to mitigate this problem.

Here is a very simple way that you can help fight the carbon emissions that are warming the planet. A company called UCapture (https://www.ucapture.com) has formed a relationship with about 7,500 companies that sell products and services online. If you go to any of these 7,500 company websites, you will notice that a UCapture window will open for you to click on it for activation. Then, if you make a purchase, a small percentage of your expenditure (1% to 20%) will be refunded to UCapture. UCapture will then take 66% of this money to fund high quality carbon offset projects. In addition, 5% of the funds received by UCapture will be sent to Saints Peter & Paul.

If you wish to participate:

1. Go to https://www.ucapture.com/sspp
2. Click on the green window in the middle
3. Add UCapture and sign up

(You may have to switch your browser to Chrome or Firefox)
Coffee Connection

The Powerful Meaning of “Only Begotten Son of God: Singing Our True Beliefs about Christ”

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?

November 3rd

Immediately following Holy Communion until 11:40 am
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
Saints Peter and Paul Philoptochos

HOLIDAY FAIRE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2019
10:30AM TO 4:30PM

GREEK CUISINE- DINE IN/ CARRY OUT
HOMEMADE GREEK PASTRIES
SANTA CLAUS
BOUTIQUES
RAFFLE & AUCTION
TAKE PHOTOS IN FRONT OF OUR FABULOUS TREE

COMMUNITY EVENT-ALL ARE WELCOME!

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Saints Peter and Paul's Philoptochos held their annual membership drive on Tuesday, September 24th. The event was chaired by Olga Panagakis and Maria Costas and was successfully attended by over 110 women and men renewing their membership or becoming new members. The always entertaining Father Chris Kerhulis, former Prostamenos of St. Basil's Church in Chicago was the guest of honor. He did a chat and signing of his current book, “Parenting Points”.

Thank you to everyone for your support!

MISSION STATEMENT

To promote charitable, benevolent and philanthropic outreach to preserve the sanctity of life and family and to perpetuate and promote our Orthodox faith and tradition.

National Philoptochos disburses $25,000.00 to IOCC earmarked for Hurricane Relief in the Bahamas

We are always looking for volunteers! Please consider donating your time for any of the following:
- Holiday Faire
- Quilt-a-Thon
- Greek Fest
- Baking Days
- Pastry Donations
- Event committees
- Chapter Challenge - Elyssa’s Mission

Upcoming Events
- Sunday, November 3: Philoptochos Sunday
- Saturday, December 7: Holiday Faire
LAST MONTH AT SSPP

JR. AND SR. GOYA AT FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Our Jr. and Sr. GOYAn’s went to Feed My Starving Children on Monday and met with some GOYAn’s from St. Haralambos. We arrived there, we took off our jewelry, put on our hairnets and went to work. With a group as large as ours, we took up half of the room! Split into our packing teams, we worked and packaged as many meals as we could. When we finished packing and cleaning up, we went into the warehouse and prayed over the food before our day was done. When it was all said and done, we had packed 88 boxes of meals, totaling 19,008 meals. That will feed 52 kids for an entire year! It is amazing what you can do with a mission, intention, and great volunteers who are ready to work.

Feed My Starving Children gave our GOYAn’s an opportunity to connect with one another while serving a community in need. It was awesome seeing our 6th graders bonding, our high schoolers reconnecting and new friendships forming between SSPP and St. Haralamabos. Like any successful day, it ended with a trip to Culvers.

Finally, I would like to thank our parents. Without all of them we could not have been so successful. It’s always a blessing to watch families serve together. Thank you for your dedication and time. We truly appreciate it.

-Peter Savas, Youth Director

ORTHODOX COUPLES CLUB KICKOFF

The 2019 Fall Kickoff at Ten Ninety Brewing Company was a huge success! 50 couples joined us for food, beer (of course!), and fellowship. Over the course of the evening we also played a rousing game of Bingo. Congratulations to Calliope Nicolandis who won two tickets to our 2020 winter social event.

For more events, go to ssppglenview.org/events and/or check your weekly update
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**GREAT COVERAGE** - 97% of all households attending church take at least one church bulletin home every Sunday.

**GREAT VALUE** - 70% of all households are aware of and look at the advertising in the church bulletin and 68% of households surveyed when making a choice between businesses are inclined to choose the one who advertised in the church bulletin.

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**GREAT PRODUCT** - 62% of households keep the church bulletin the entire week as reference.

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