

# SAINTS PETER & PAUL GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

YEAR 2023

## Annual Lenten Lecture Series

### HOLY WEEK JOURNEY

#### WEDNESDAYS

DATE	TOPIC	SPEAKER
March 1	Lazaros Saturday / Palm Sunday	Nick Kasemeotes, MDiv
March 8	Bridegroom Services	Jason Schrik, MDiv
March 15	Mystical Supper / Holy Passion	Deacon Perry Hamalis, PhD
March 22	Descent from Cross / Lamentations	Anna Kallis, MDiv
March 29	Descent into Hades	Dr Helen Theodoropoulos, PhD
April 5	Anastasi-Resurrection / Agape Vespers	Christina Kidonakis, MTS/MDiv

#### SCHEDULE

5:30pm Ninth Hour Service; 6:00pm Presanctified Liturgy, 7:30PM Lenten Community Meal, 8:00pm Lecture; 8:45pm Q&A; 9:00pm Conclude.

To host a meal, contact the office at [office@sspplglenview.org](mailto:office@sspplglenview.org) or 847-729-2235.

#### -Location-

Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church, 1401 Wagner Road, Glenview Illinois 60025

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#### Wednesday's Theme: **Holy Week Journey**

After progressing through the Fast of Great Lent, Orthodox Christians arrive at the doorstep to Holy Week. The next nine days include a plethora of worship services that help us journey with Christ during the last week of His earthly life. Beginning with Lazaros Saturday and extending all the way through Great and Holy Pascha, come learn about the liturgical services that occur during this most special week of the year for Orthodox Christians.

### Holy Week Journey - Biographies of Speakers

#### About our community:

The parish of Saints Peter and Paul in Glenview Illinois was established in 1960. The sanctuary was completed in 1964 and the community center in 1974. We have over 700 individuals, couples, and families with about 30 different ministries. Our worship services are in English, we have a robust Sunday Church School, and active youth programs for all ages including basketball and Greek School. Agape Day School has classes for pre-school and kindergarten. We are located at 1401 Wagner Road, on the corner of Lake Avenue, across the street from the historic Wagner Farm. For more info, visit [www.sppglenview.org](http://www.sppglenview.org).



## Holy Week Journey 2023 - Biographies of Speakers

**Nick Kasemeotes** is a Gift Officer for IOCC. Education includes Bachelor degree from the University of Wisconsin – Madison; Masters of Divinity degree from Holy Cross Greek Seminary in Brookline, Massachusetts. Nick served as an ordained priest in St. Louis for 3 years and Rochester, Minnesota, for 25 years. He also served as a hospital chaplain for the Mayo Clinic, and as prison chaplain to Orthodox inmates at two federal and one state prison. Before coming to IOCC Nick worked in development at FOCUS and St. Iakovos Retreat Center. He and his wife Beth now live in Pewaukee, Wisconsin.



**Jason Schrik** is a Property Tax Appeal Consultant for the Cook County region and currently the chanter at Kimisis tis Theotokou in Racine, Wisconsin. He received his bachelor's degree from California State University San Marcos in Global Business Management (2006) and subsequently a Master of Divinity from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology (2010). He has been married for 11 years to his wife Sarah and are parents of five children.

**Rev. Dr. Perry Hamalis** is a married deacon and is the Cecelia Schneller Mueller Professor of Religion at North Central College (Naperville, IL). He earned a B.A. in Philosophy from Boston College, an M.Div. from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, and a Ph.D. in Religious Ethics from the University of Chicago. At North Central College, he teaches courses in Christian Ethics, Philosophical Ethics, Religion and Politics, and related topics. He, Diakonissa Pat, and their children (Michael & Gia) are members of Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church in Westchester, IL.



**Anna Kallis** is a youth and young adult ministry professional and currently works as the Telos Project Director for CrossRoad Institute. Anna earned her Masters of Divinity from Holy Cross School of Theology in 2013, emphasizing her studies in Religious Education and Youth Ministry. Anna has worked for CrossRoad Institute in many different capacities since 2011 including CrossRoad Summer Institute Assistant Director and Co-Director, Telos Gamma Director, and Telos Operations. She has youth ministry experience in other avenues as well including working as a curriculum developer for Faithtree Resources, assisting in building up the youth and young adult ministries at SS. Peter and Paul in Glenview, IL, and serving as the assistant Director of Lighthouse.

Anna and her husband Fr. Kosmas live in the suburbs of Chicago with their two children.

**Dr. Helen Creticos Theodoropoulos** is a lifelong member of Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church (SSPP) in Glenview, IL. She received a Masters Degree in Theological Studies from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology (1981), and both an M.A. in Theology (1978) and a Ph.D. in Theology (1995) from the University of Chicago Divinity School. Dr. Helen is currently adjunct professor of theology at St. Sava Serbian Orthodox School of Theology in Libertyville, IL. In addition, she is a Lecturer at the University of St. Mary of the Lake/ Mundelein Seminary (Roman Catholic) in Mundelein, IL. She also leads adult bible studies at SSPP and Ascension GOC in Lincolnshire IL, and co-leads the bimonthly adult education class at SSPP. She and her husband Evan are parents of three, and grandparents of two.



**Christina T. Stavros Kidonakis** is Protosaltria/Lead Cantor at All Saints Greek Orthodox Church in Joliet, IL. She holds a Certificate in Byzantine Music from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology - Boston, MA (2014), Masters of Divinity degree from Regent College - Vancouver, BC CANADA (2005), and Bachelors Degree in Religion from Hope College - Holland, MI (2001). She is certified to Level 4 in Hospital Chaplaincy/Clinical Pastoral Education. Christina is also the Religion instructor for grades 6-8 at Koras Elementary School in Palos Heights, IL and a Cohort Coach in the Effective Christian Ministry Program of the Greek Orthodox