

The Messenger





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Lord, save Your people
and bless Your inheritance,
granting our rulers to prevail over
adversaries, and protecting Your
commonwealth by Your Cross.
(Apolytikion of Sunday of the Holy Cross)

A Message from Father Rick

Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

Great and Holy Lent began on Clean/Pure Monday (Feb.27). Not only is it a time for fasting from certain foods (meat, dairy) and amounts (eat less food at meals and reduce to one or two meals per day), but, more importantly, it is also a time for increased/intensified worship and prayer. We will offer three extra services per week with Monday Compline, Wednesday Presanctified Liturgy and Friday Akathistos/Salutations. Please join us for these important and inspiring services. Also, seek out additional opportunities for almsgiving—offering material assistance to the poor and needy. Why are these important? Because they are all tools that help us grow closer to God.

Lenten Lectures on Wednesday evenings after Presanctified Liturgy. This year's theme is Holy Week Journey in which we will examine the worship services of Great and Holy Week. We have great slate of speakers including Nick Kasemeotes, Jason Schrik, Dcn. Perry Hamalis, Anna Kallis, Helen Theodoropoulos and Christina Kidonakis. We will also have Lenten Meals on Wednesday evenings. Please contact the office or Christy Gouletas to volunteer to provide a meal. We encourage ministries, families or even pairings/groupings of families to host the meals.

Our *Lenten Retreat* – *March 10-11-12* with theologian *John Panagiotou* speaking on the theme: Stewardship as a Way of Life. Subtopics include: The Problem and Need for Renewal, Old Testament Obligations, and New Testament Freewill. Look for online sign-up for Friday dinner and Saturday lunch.

Please note that *Akathistos/Salutations* services will be starting earlier (6pm) on Friday evenings of Great Lent.

By the time you receive this, *Angela Tsarouhis* will have already left SSPP after being our youth director for 2.5 years. I thank Angela for all her hard work and dedication, calm demeanor, steadfast faith, love for our children, along with so many other talents and gifts. We will truly miss her presence but pray all of God's blessings for her and husband Brayden. Congratulations for their wedding on January 15th. They will reside in Madison Wisconsin while Brayden is finishing his doctoral degree.

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OUR LIFE TOGETHER

40-Day Churching for Kristin Ryan & baby Theodore on January 29th. Congratulations to all including dad Kyle!





Welcome to the newly baptized and chrismated servant of God Luke on January 21st! Congratulations to parents Mike & Elaine Carrozza and godparents Anne Marie & Evan Adams!

Welcome to Brooks Howard who was baptized and chrismated on January 28th! Congrats to him and parents Maren & Benjamin Hilgendorf and godparent Patricia Scaros.



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OUR LIFE TOGETHER (CONTINUED)



Welcome to the newly illumined/ Chrismated servants of God Trish Panayiota Melidones & Sonia Magdalene Mendez on January 22nd! Congratulations to them and their sponsors Presvytera Toni Mihalopoulos & Sophia Sarkos Barnes!

Crown them with honor and glory! Congratulations to *Brayden Schott* and SSPP Youth Director *Angela Tsarouhis* who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on January 15th at St. Spyridon Church in Palos Heights!



FUNERALS

Our condolences to the family of *Evangelos "Evan" Ypsilantis* (1/19) and *Helen Bair* (2/13) **May their memory be eternal!**

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Ann Chang, Spiros and Vaso Diakatos, Nick and Katie Gongorek and Spero and Patricia Melidones

PASTORAL MESSAGE (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Our *youth programs advisory board* has been reviewing applicants as well as the youth director job description. Anticipating the possibility of being without a youth director for a period, the board held two meetings to recruit parent volunteers for the Faith-Love-Joy (FLJ) and middle school (JRGOYA) groups. Several parents have stepped forward to help in various ways. We look forward to working with them. Even when we engage a new person for the position, we plan to have robust parent involvement and support.

Welcome to our new part-time administrative assistant, *Jolynn Ruggerio*! She brings a wealth of knowledge about Orthodox Christianity, a track-record of church service and dedication to the Lord. She is currently a member of St. Haralambos but is very familiar with our parish community. She will be an excellent addition to our staff.

Mark Needs a Liver! Please continue spreading the word for Mark Damisch who is a long-time parishioner at our church. Also consider becoming a donor. Thank you! Please see video here: https://vimeo.com/773921105

Month in Review

Godparent/Godchild Sunday took place on February 5th and it was huge success. Thanks to everyone who came for Divine Liturgy, especially from other towns and parishes. Special thanks to our Agape staff for hosting the luncheon.

Basketball season is now over. Thank you to our athletic director Christ Atsaves and his trusted assistant Tommy Mantice as well as the coaches and parents who helped this season. Next up-Junior Olympics in May!

I wish to thank the parish council and the Metropolis of Chicago for their support as I have been selected to participate in *clergy leadership training and coaching program* through Full Focus (formerly Michael Hyatt Co.) in Franklin, TN. I will be part of small cohort of clergy, including Metropolitan Nathanael, who will be meeting monthly and traveling to Franklin quarterly for full-day intensive seminars. The program will overcome the typical challenges that all clergy face: 1) task and calendar chaos, 2) no clear time to focus and do high-leverage work, 3) emergencies, interruptions, and distractions, and 4) subpar meetings.

We are fully into our 2023 theme: "Giving Thanks: Eucharist Stewardship." This relates well to our parish purpose: To deeply connect with God and each other. There is no deeper way to connect with Christ than to receive Him in Holy Communion (to commune with Him). And because we all partake of the same Cup, we are connected through Christ to one-another.

Three stewardship mailings were recently sent including: end of year 2022 statements, pledge reminder letters for 2023, and letters to non-contributors in 2022. We are also publishing a list of all 2022 stewardship contributors as a thank you and recognition for their support. We are also publishing a list of persons who have submitted a pledge card for 2023. We know that those who pledge typically give two to three times more than those who do not. Pledging is a thankful promise to God and a sacramental experience of His grace.

A new *Memorial Donation Policy* was recently approved by the parish council. It accompanies a cover letter sent 2-3 months after a funeral encouraging surviving family to contemplate uses of memorial donations given in memory of their dearly departed loved-one. It suggests some possible funds and projects and allows for suggestions by the family. It sets forth an outer limit of 13 months to designate the memorials.

This month of *March activities* include Sunday of Orthodoxy/Icons on Mar.4 (kids bring an icon for procession); Veneration of the Cross on Mar.11 including our Oratorical speeches middle and high schoolers, Lenten Retreat Mar.10-11-12; Annunciation Feast Mar.24-25

Looking ahead into April, Holy Week begins April 9 and Pascha is April 16. We will have youth retreats on Lazaros Saturday 8th and Holy Friday on 14th; Bright/Renewal Week (no fasting) is 16-22nd; Even farther into May Mother's Day is 14th, Junior Oympics is 26-27; Memorial Day is 29th. We will host the Fall of Constantinople Commemoration event in Chicago on June 1st.

Blessed Lent! Kali Tessarakosti! +Fr. Rick

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE Steve Koulogeorge, Parish Council President

First of all.... Thanks to YOU!!

On behalf of myself, Father Rick and the entire Parish Council, a big "**THANK YOU**" for your support of our 2022 Stewardship initiatives! With your help, we were able to meet and exceed our budgeted operating target of \$825,000.

Our 2023 budget is a 13% increase over our 2022 target. That increase reflects the impact of inflation on our operating costs as well as salary increases.

Those of you that have been faithful Parishioners of Saints Peter and Paul, know that we talk a lot about "Stewardship". And in the annual pitch for the spirit of giving, it tends to be forgotten that we are <u>not always</u> just talking about money. The three "T's" of "*Time, Talent and Treasure*" is our way of letting everybody know, that we all give based what we have to give. So, take the opportunity to look at the activities going around in our very own community:

- **1. Parish Council** We have four openings to serve on the Saints Peter and Paul Parish Council. Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM (CST). You must be a steward in good standing. Interested parties can contact Steve Koulogeorge (Parish Council President) at pcpresident@ssppglenview.org. or Father Rick at frrick@ssppglenview.org.
- **2.** Youth Group Support Parents with children in any our Youth programs (Faith, Hope and Joy, Jr. GOYA and Sr. GOYA) are encouraged to participate as volunteers to help coordinate the youth group activities. For further information, please contact our Parish Administrator (Elea Bentley) at parishadmin@ssppglenview.org, or Father Rick Andrews at frrick@ssppglenview.org.
- **3.** Usher We can always use people to help as ushers during our Church services: Sunday services, Holy Week Festivities and feast days. To get yourself on the list, please contact Bo LaMotte at sspp.ushering@gmail.com.
- **4. Saints Peter and Paul Choir** One of the most precious gifts that you can give to God is to raise your own voice, in song. Choir practice is held on Wednesday nights. For more information, please contact Therese Speropoulos at sspp.church.choir@gmail.com.
- **5. Office Volunteer** Help in the office includes: answering phones and administrative work office work, under the guidance of the Parish Administrator. Please contact Elea Bentley at <u>parishad-min@ssppglenview.org</u>.

More opportunities to follow.

In Other News...

 We are pleased to announce that Jolynn Ruggerio has accepted a position with Saints Peter and Paul as our new Administrative Assistant. Some of you may remember Jolynn, her husband Raymond and their children as members of our church a while back. Please join me in welcoming Jolynn as a member of our office staff.

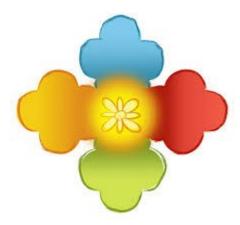
PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE (CONTINUED)

- We have narrowed down our search for a Youth Director to replace Angela Tsarouhis, who will be leaving at the end of February. We hope to have a new director in place in March.
- Father Rick has been given the honor of participating in a new Clergy Leadership Training program, being offered as part of the Metropolitan's Strategic Plan. The pilot program will include Father Rick and other priests chosen for the four-part seminars in Franklin, TN, this year; on March 9, June 9, September 15, and December 5.
- Fr. Rick is reaching out to fellow clergy, including deacons, to help with pastoral duties including hospital and home visits.
- SSPP has been asked to host the annual commemoration of the Fall of Constantinople on June 1. Sponsoring organizations are the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago, the Archons of Chicago, and the Hellenic Society of Constantinople in Chicago. SSPP has hosted this event in the past. In addition to the technology necessary to make the various presentations, we will provide food and refreshments.
- In January, we received a \$40K special donation to refurbish our kitchen. The Parish Council has set up a committee to begin to assess the current upgrade needs for the kitchen, headed by Nick Colis. The Committee to date, includes Nick, Brad DeSent, Alvaro Lima, Christy Gouletas and Nancie Poulos. The first meeting will be held on March 7th.
- And... YES! We will be having a Parish Festival in 2023. Details to follow....

Coming Up..

1. Great Lent Begins February 27th:

- a. Pre-Sanctified Services followed by Lenten meals and lectures (Theme: Holy Week Journey) Wednesday evenings beginning March 1
- b. Friday evening Salutations services begin Friday, March 3
- 2. Holy Week begins on April 9th with Palm Sunday
- 3. GREAT & HOLY PASCHA on April 16th.



Thank you to our 2022 Contributors

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OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2023

SUNDAYS

THEMES / GOSPEL READING

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Fast - Free Week **FEBRUARY 5th**



TRIODION WEEKS Publican and the Pharisee

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14

Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.

Normal Fast Week **FEBRUARY 12th**



The Prodigal Son Returns!

1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Epistle: Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.

Meatfare



The Last Judgement

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Matthew 25:31-46 Gospel:

Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.

Cheesefare



FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY

Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! FORGIVENESS SUNDAY

Romans 13:11-14:4 Epistle: Matthew 6:14-21 Gospel:

Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.

1st Sunday of Lent **MARCH 5th**



GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS

SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY

Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Epistle:

John 1:43-51 Gospel:

Bring an icon to church for a procession.

2nd Sunday of Lent

MARCH 12th



ST GREGORY PALAMAS

Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Mark 2:1-12 Gospel:

Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.

3rd Sunday of Lent

MARCH 19th



VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

HALF WAY TO PASCHA!

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Mark 8:34-9:1 Gospel:

Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!

4th Sunday of Lent

MARCH 26th



ST JOHN of the LADDER

Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Mark 9:17-31 Gospel:

Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!

5th Sunday of Lent

APRIL 2nd



ST MARY of EGYPT

Hebrews 9:11-14 Epistle: Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.

FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY!

APRIL 9th GREAT WEEK BEGINS



GREAT AND HOLY WEEK

ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 John 12:1-18 Gospel:

Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home

and in your car!

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

APRIL 14th



GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE

Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.

FEAST OF FEASTS!





BRIGHT WEEK

HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17

Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!



Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church Lenten Retreat March 10-12, 2023 Please RSVP By March 7th

Stewardship as a Way of Life

Guest Speaker: Dr. John Panagiotou Sponsored by the Saints Peter and Paul Creticos Memorial Lectures

Friday, March 10

Akathistos/Salutations Service 7:30PM Lenten Meal 6:00pm

The Problem and the Need for Renewal 8:00pm

> Dr Panagiotou will share a little bit about his faith journey. He will speak about some of the systemic problems regarding stewardship in the Orthodox churches, especially in the parish context. The goal of renewal is to gain a proper understanding of stewardship, based on a biblical ethic avoiding dysfunctional extremes of only talking about money or never talking about money.

Saturday, March 11

10:00am Coffee and Fellowship

10:30am Old Testament Obligations

> Dr Panagiotou will review how tithes and offerings were understood in ancient Israel. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, and moving through the Mosaic Law, he will share how first fruits and the Sabbath year were understood and lived among the Judeans and what role they played in the support of the Temple and the priesthood.

12:00pm Lenten Luncheon

1:00pm New Testament Free Will

> Dr Panagiotou shares Jesus' radical teachings on Time, Talent and Treasures that relate to each person's relationship to their wealth. Moreover, he will share our patron Apostle Paul's teachings on tithing and giving. Then, he will convey the teachings of the Church Fathers on tithing. Finally, Dr John will give us some ideas for practical applications to enhance the lives of parish and parishioners.

3:00pm Great Vespers Service

Sunday, March 12

8:15am Orthros Service

9:30am Divine Liturgy – Homilist Dr John Panagiotou

Dr. John Panagiotou is a theologian, scholar, professor, and churchman. Spanning nearly three decades, he has deep experience in pastoral ministry in the Orthodox Christian Church. His research interest and teaching focus are on the early centuries of Christianity and Christian stewardship. He is the author of the book The Path to Oikonomia. numerous scholarly and popular articles. John is a graduate of Pontifex University (ThD cand.). Erskine Seminary (DMin), St Vladimir Seminary (MA), Wheeling Jesuit U (BA). He is the new (Dec. 2022) chairperson for the Orthodoxy Cognate Page. John is married to Correna who is an expert in digital media and evangelization. They reside in Charleston, South Carolina and belong to Holy Trinity Church. John has worked in the financial industry since 2006 and is currently Wealth Manager and owner of Zeon Financial Group (since 2014).



Anastasia and Angelo Creticos were founding and longtime members of Saints Peter and Paul who established this fund 50, as, to encourage all parishioners in the continuing study and growth in our faith, in part by bringing the best thoughtful and faithful educators to speak at Saints Peter and Paul.

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@ssppglenview.org or 847-729-2235.

-Location-

Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church, 1401 Wagner Road, Glenview Illinois 60025 www.ssppglenview.org

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.



YOUTH Angela Tsarouhis, Youth Director



Faith Love Joy enjoyed a movie night on January 20th, and on February 17th during *Love at Lent* night they learned about God's love and made heart shaped crafts! Parents of FLJ and Jr. GOYA also met in February to discuss volunteer leadership as Angela prepares to pass the baton! If you are interested in assisting in our youth activities, please email Fr. Rick at frrick@ssppglenview.org





CHURCH SCHOOL

On Sunday, February 19, Church School presented a Festival of Faith. Thank you to students in grades N3 to 6th for sharing what they have learned about the Orthodox faith so far this year!















SAINT STEPHEN MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Social returned to an in-person gathering and was held at the Doubletree in Skokie on February 2nd. There was a great turnout for an evening of fellowship. Thanks to Steve Callas, John Livaditis, Evan Adams, George Logothetis, Mike Carrozza, and Frank Bolos for putting together a great event. Special thanks to Frank Bolos and Jameson's Charhouse for catering a delicious dinner and always supporting our parish. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit Saints Peter and Paul and the Leukemia Foundation.

Other upcoming activities include (details to follow):

- Saturday April 22 -- Family Nature Walk
- Thursday April 27 -- Informal Fellowship at North Branch
- Sunday May 21st -- Habitat Benefit Concert featuring our own Mark Damisch









SAINT STEPHEN MEN'S GROUP (CONTINUED)







The Saint Stephen Men's group brings men closer together through Orthodox Christian fellowship, philanthropy, and educational programs. Our Thursday Morning Study Group meets from 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM via Zoom and we're discussing the recently released Metropolis video series. Please consider joining us. To learn more about our ministry and to keep updated on these activities, consider joining the email list at https://ssppglenview.org/st-stephens-mens-group/ Or, send an email to mens-group/ Or, send an email to mens-group@ssppglenview.org.

CELEBRATIONS

Dynamis

Twenty-six seniors enjoyed salad, pizza, birthday cake and many fun games of Bingo on February 8th. John Vranas began the day with prayer and Vasilopita distribution, followed by calling Bingo numbers. AGAPE kindergarteners later arrived with cake and a beautiful rendition of *Happy Birthday* for Angie Anast who was celebrating her 100th year. Angie received flowers and handmade cards from the children. The children then joined the seniors for a few Bingo games.















CELEBRATIONS (CONTINUED)

Angie Anast's 100th-birthday celebration continued on Sunday, February 12th, when her family offered an artoklasia in her honor. After liturgy, the choir and friends of Angie hosted coffee fellowship to further celebrate this founding member of the SSPP choir.



OTHER MINISTRY NEWS

St. Basil's Philanthropy

Thank you to our *Feed the Hungry* crew who prepared, delivered, and served 65 homemade mostaccioli meals on January 22nd! Thanks also to our donors for their support! We're seeking volunteers for this next opportunity on March 5th.

Additionally, every time a month has five Fridays, we prepare, deliver, and pass out about 50 sack lunches. We're Seeking volunteers for this next opportunity on March 31st. Please join us!

Our December blood drive was on the 6th. We collected 22 units with a goal of 30. Our next drive is Tuesday, May16th. Make a plan now to help save a life by giving the gift of blood.









Book and Icon Store

Your Book and Icon Store is prepared for helping families with prayer and reflection. We have Lenten cookbooks, and prayer books for readers of all ages. We'll be happy to help fill those Easter baskets with goodies and surprises for all our Orthodox Christians. We are open every Sunday, immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Anything you're unable to find, we'll be happy to order. Please stop in and see us soon!

OTHER MINISTRY NEWS (continued)

AGAPE Registration Is Open

Registration for the 2023-2024 AGAPE school year is open! We are committed to a high-quality educational experience that emphasizes the Orthodox Christian faith and we are DCFS approved.

Contact AGAPE Director Julie Mantice at 847-849-7870 or agape@ssppglenview.org with any questions or to schedule a tour.



AGAPE students watch and learn about Vasilopita and the New Year tradition with Fr. Rick

Don't Forget About Summer Camp!

Also available — AGAPE Summer Camp! Plan now to enroll your child in this a 6-week session, offered from June 5th to July 21st, 9am to 1:30pm, Monday through Friday. Children ages 3 to 6 are welcome to join the programs. For more information and to entroll, visit www.ssppglenview.org/agape-preschool/

Coffee Connection Spring 2023 Schedule

Connecting in faith and fellowship, Coffee Connection is an educational ministry open to all adults. This year's theme is *Discovering the Feast Days of the Orthodox Church*. Sessions are in person on Sundays following Holy Communion. Each session is an opportunity to learn more about the faith, while the discussion emphasizes how to practice Orthodox traditions in our everyday lives.

Date	Topic						
March 12	The AnnunciationWhat is Mary's agency in this moment?						
	How does the iconography foreshadow Christ's conception/birth?						
March 26	8 111						
	Why is her falling asleep of such great significance?						
	Why is this feast day called, the Assumption in the West and "Falling Asleep" in						
	the East?						
April 2	Palm Sunday						
	What are the prophesies related to the iconography of Palm Sunday?						
	What's the other title of this feast day?						
April 23	Feast Day of Saints Peter and Paul						
	Why do we celebrate these two Saints together?						
	Why is there a fast associated with this feast day?						

PHILOPTOCHOS

Our Lenten Project Blankets for Babies Launches April 1!

Help us as we join with our Youth Ministry in creating much needed "no-sew" blankets for children in the University of Illinois Pediatric Unit. Last year, along with volunteers from Ascension Church, we donated over 200 blankets! In 2023, we hope to make another substantial contribution, and with your help, we can! Pick up a kit in Fellowship Hall beginning April 11. You have until June 30 to complete your blanket.



Too busy to "no-sew"? No problem! You can also help by making a monetary donation to cover the cost of the supplies. Donate on-line at https://ssppglenview.org/philoptochos/ or by mail to SS Peter and Paul Philoptochos – Attn: Blankets for Babies Committee, 1401 Wagner Road, Glenview, IL 60625. Contact Tru Bazianos – trubazianos@gmail.com, our Philoptochos Chair of the activity, or Julia Bazianos – jbaz3b@gmail.com, our Youth Ministry Chair, for more information.

Save These Dates!

Tuesday, April 25: Philoptochos General Meeting and Presentation at SSPP

You don't need to be artistically inclined to make a memorable Charcuterie board! Join us and Chef-Owner Dave Esau of Dave's Specialty Foods who will demonstrate how to create your own special board for your next party or family gathering.

6:30pm Meeting; 7:15pm Presentation

Tasting and beverages to follow.

Saturday, May 13: Ladies Spring Luncheon/Fundraiser at the Glen Club

This event will feature Sally Lou Loveman, author of SPEAK, and is benefitting Chicago's *The Night Ministry*. Watch for details!

In Other News...

Remember – it is not too late to join our Philoptochos chapter or renew your membership! We would love for you to share your time, talent, and treasure with us, and we have established a QR Code for those of you who are tech savvy so you can join with just a click of a few buttons on your phone. "Old School" also still works, so if you prefer to send a check, please mail it to the church and indicate "Philoptochos Membership+ on the envelope.



Pascha will be here before you know it and we are busy preparing for the Palm Sunday Bake Sale. Please join us on in making everyone's favorite *glyka*- we will begin at 9:30am. We welcome you to donate as much time as you have. It is really a rewarding, fun experience – and a portion of funds raised by this year's bake sale will go to aid the victims of the earthquake in Syria and Turkey.

- March 9 Koulouria
- March 16 Paximathia
- April 6 Tsourekia



Along with the American Heart Association and Philoptochos chapters across the nation, members of SSPP "Go Red For Women" on February 5. Standing left to right: Pat Nassos, Joanne Trahanas, Pam Paradies, Julie Mantice, Patti Damisch, Julie Anastos, Georgia Ryerson, and Elaine Buscaglia.

March 2023

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