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Each Other



*O Christ our God, You ascended in Glory
and gladdened Your disciples by the
promise of the Holy Spirit. Your blessing
assured them that You are the Son of God,
the Redeemer of the world.
(Apolytikion of Holy Ascension)*

A Message from Father Rick

Greetings Brothers and Sisters: CHRIST IS RISEN!

What a beautiful Holy Week and Pascha, thank you to the many people who worked diligently to prepare the sanctuary and help lead the worship services. Lots and lots of people came to many liturgical services. Special thanks to *Adam Peterson* and his crew for taking on the Paschal lamb dinner. We had a great turnout!

During the joy of Bright/Renewal Week, sadly our dear *Fr. Angelo Artemas* fell asleep in the Lord. Our parish was honored and blessed to host the wake/visitation, Trisagion, Divine Liturgy and Funeral service for him and his family. Thank you to all in the community who came together to help minister to him and his family. This loss may affect people differently. Please contact me (or any of the Grief Support volunteers) if you would like talk it through. Please see page 6 for *Fr. Angelo's* full bio. May God remember his priesthood in His Kingdom forever!

We have a **new youth director!** *Steven Thell* will begin his role around *June 1st* and is excited for the opportunity to minister to the young people of our community. See page 9 for Steven's letter of introduction. Our *youth programs advisory board* will continue to be involved in guiding the youth program. We thank the parents and youth advisor volunteers who stepped up to help during this interim period. We plan to continue this practice as parent involvement and support is essential to any youth program.

We are pleased to welcome *Bishop Neofitos Kongai* of Eldoret and Northern Kenya on Pentecost *Sunday, June 4th*. Please join us that day to hear from this inspirational person and about his ministry. Be prepared to offer tangible support to the Church in Kenya. See separate page for full bio and photo.

The *Winter/Spring Catechism Course* has concluded. The next course will be offered next Fall beginning in mid-September. This is open to anyone and everyone but is required for those who wish to convert to Orthodox Christianity by Baptism and/or Chrismation.

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FOR EMERGENCIES...

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OUR LIFE TOGETHER



40-Day Churching for *Vanna Logothesis* & baby *Alexandros* on April 23rd.
Congratulations to all including dad *Hercules*!



Parish Council member *Sophia Lehocky* and *Levi Castleberry* were recently engaged!
Congratulations to them and *Kala Stefana*/
Blessed Crowns!

OUR LIFE TOGETHER (CONTINUED)



Welcome to the newly Chrismated servant of God, *Desiree (Irene) Peterson* on Palm Sunday April 9th. Congrats to her and sponsor *Diane Blanas* and husband *Adam Peterson*!



FUNERALS

Our condolences to the family of *Christos Skafidas* (April 7), *Helen Karkazis* (April 13)
+*Fr. Angelo Artemas* (April 27th)

May their memory be eternal!



PASTORAL MESSAGE (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Blessed Mother's Day on *May 14th* to all our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers and mother figures. Thanks for all that you have done and still do for us. We remember also the greatest mother of all, the Panagia Virgin Mary Theotokos!

The annual International Orthodox Christian Charities (**IOCC**) **Chicago banquet** will be *Thursday May 11th* at the Concorde Banquet Center in Kildeer. For more info and to purchase tickets, contact national board member *Kim Adams-Angelos* or *Patty Damisch*. This is great way to support the continuing relief efforts around the world, as well as the US Frontline Chaplains, Action Teams and HomeFront programs.

Month of May winds down the school year and we will celebrate our High School and College graduates on **Graduation Sunday** *May 21st*. Please send your graduate's name, school, degree, significant accomplishments and future plans to the office no later than *May 8th*

We will also celebrate our **Church School Promotion Ceremony** on the same day. We will recognize our students and staff and take photos of each class.

Our second annual **Animal/Pet Blessing service** has been rescheduled to *Saturday June 17th at 4:00pm*. Please be sure your pet is leashed, caged or otherwise under control to make sure everyone (including the pets) are safe and happy.

Orthodox Couples Club will meet in small groups the evenings of *May 12 and 21*. This is a great opportunity to have fellowship with other couples and learn more about marriage relationships. For more info, contact Trish & Marco Ianezza.

The annual **Memorial Day prayers** will be offered at the SSPP Greek Orthodox section of Memorial Park Cemetery in Skokie on *Monday May 29th, 10am*. Please bring names to the cemetery for the clergy to read at the central gathering and prayers.

A new **Memorial Donation Policy** will accompany 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.

Our 2023 campaign season is winding down:

"Giving Thanks: Eucharist Stewardship." Giving is based on gratitude for what we have received. And there is no greater gift and no greater thanks than to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our operational expenses in 2023 will be nearly \$1.5M and with necessary capital projects our total is over \$1.7M. With approximately 610 families we need an average stewardship of \$2,824 per individual/couple/family. Statistics show the average household income for the Northshore area is about \$160K. So, that gives a gauge for being above or below the average. Some might say the hurdle is too high or the increase is too large. Think of it this way: ***if everyone gave \$3.56 more per day, we would meet this goal.*** Now some can afford to give \$10, 20 or 30 more per day. Our proportional giving must be generous and sacrificial, giving to God and His Church the first and best fruits of His gifts to us!

This month of **May activities** include Metropolis Clergy Retreat (May 1-4), Spring Parish Assembly & AHEPA Sunday (May 7), Philoptochos Spring Luncheon (May 13), Mother's Day (May 14), Sts. Constantine & Helen & Graduate Sunday & Habitat for Humanity Concert (May 21), Ascension Feast at our sister church (May 25); Junior Olympics (May 26-27), Memorial Day (May 29).

Looking ahead into June – We will host the Fall of Constantinople Commemoration event (June 1); Pentecost and Bishop Neofitos visit (June 4); Feast Day of Holy Trinity Church in Chicago (June 4-5); Clergy Homiletics seminar (June 8); Animal/Pet Blessing service (June 17); Fanari Camp Week 1 (June 18-24) & Week 2 (June 25-July1); Patronal Feast of Saints Peter & Paul--our parish feast day! (June 28-29); Feast Day of Holy Apostles Church in Westchester (June 29-30).

Truly He is Risen!
+Fr. Rick

REV. PROTOPRESBYTER ANGELO ARTEMAS

March 21, 1965—April 20, 2023



Below is transcript of an article issued to local Glenview media on the falling asleep of Fr. Angelo.

Parishioners of Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church bid a final farewell to their former pastor for 11 years, Fr. Angelo Artemas, during his funeral at the church on April 27. They were joined by his family members and friends, as well as more than 50 fellow clergy from

across the country. His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago and His Grace Bishop Timothy of Hexamilion, Chancellor of the Metropolis, presided over the service.

Fr. Angelo, 58, died on April 20, just three and a half months after being diagnosed with glioblastoma. He had most recently served as Dean of the Metropolis Cathedral of St. John the Theologian in Tenafly, NJ. His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America presided over a prayer service for Fr. Angelo at the cathedral on April 23.

Fr. Angelo was raised in the Greater Chicago community while his father John, also a Greek Orthodox priest, served at several churches in the area. In 1985 Fr. Angelo received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Canisius College, in Buffalo, NY. He also met Patricia Guethlein that year and the two married in August 1986. Continuing his education at St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary in Yonkers, NY, he received a Master of Arts degree in Religious Education and a Master of Divinity degree in 1988. He completed his course work in the Doctorate in Ministry program there in 1996.

Ordained to the diaconate in 1987 and to the priesthood in 1988, Fr. Angelo was first assigned as pastor of Holy Trinity Cathedral in Toledo, OH. In 1991 he was named National Youth Ministry Director for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, headquartered in New York. While there, he implemented several programs, including establishing a team of youth directors assigned to each Diocese. By the time he left there in 1997, his department had expanded to encompass family and parenting issues and was renamed the Office of Youth and Family Ministries. Besides Glenview, Toledo and Tenafly, NJ, Fr. Angelo also served at churches in Downey, CA; Milwaukee, WI; Charlotte, NC; and Clifton, NJ, during his career.

Fr. Angelo was pastor at SSPP from 2001 to 2012. His predecessor, Fr. George Scoulas, was planning his retirement and asked the parish council to seek a successor who was a strong, young priest and could connect well with the youth. The council had already begun discussions with Fr. Angelo when, sadly, Fr. George died suddenly in late 2000. By the following June, Fr. Angelo was assigned to SSPP. He and Presbyteria Patricia, along with their three daughters – Katie,

age 10 at the time; Maria, 8; and Eleni, 7 – relocated to Northbrook, where the girls enjoyed their tween and teen years.

The immediate focus for Fr. Angelo was on following through with several projects begun during Fr. George's tenure: completing the icons on the inside of the church's dome; installation of an elevator in the community center for improved accessibility; and construction of the north parking lot for shared use with Wagner Farm/Glenview Park District.

Yet his true passions involved working with young people, newly married and new parents. Fr. Angelo guided the 2002 establishment and continued growth of the church's AGAPE Preschool. He relished gathering the preschoolers every week for a "Come and See" session with him in the church. He was instrumental in expanding the youth athletics program to include younger children, while insisting the children attend Sunday church school and youth ministry programs to participate in athletics.

While the kids met for activities with the youth ministry director and volunteer leaders, Fr. Angelo brought their parents together for informal discussions on relevant topics or concerns. He also enjoyed conducting pre-marriage seminars, saying it was important to give couples the tools to help them build a thriving marriage.

His extensive knowledge of music, movies, sports and pop culture enabled Fr. Angelo to add a contemporary twist to his sermons and youth group discussions, creating an impactful connection with whomever he engaged. He introduced innovative ways to link the church with everyday aspects of life – such as celebrating the Divine Liturgy outdoors at Wagner Farm, holding pet blessings in the parking lot and inviting his fellow Greek American Motorcycle Association members, other motorcyclists and bicyclists to a bike blessing on church grounds.

Fr. Angelo was predeceased by his mother, Presbyteria Nikie, and his brother Peter. In addition to his father, Rev. John Artemas, Presbyteria Patricia, daughters Katie and Maria Artemas and Eleni (Brandon) Putre, he leaves behind his siblings Elaine (Chris) Tikka and Lucy (Mike) Banks; sister-in-law Stephanie McElroy and several nieces and nephews.

In his remarks after a prayer service the night before the funeral, His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael told the congregation "The final service of Fr. Angelo is here because he loved Chicago and he loved the Saints Peter and Paul parish. To his family, I add, please know that you will always have a home amongst the Greek Orthodox community here."

"Our parish was honored and blessed to host the visitation and funeral for Fr. Angelo," said Rev. Dr. Fr. Richard Demetrius Andrews, current pastor of SSPP. "The prayers of our church community are with Presbyteria Patricia, their children, Fr. John and their whole family. We also pray fervently that our Risen Lord will forever remember Fr. Angelo's Holy Priesthood in His Heavenly Kingdom. Fr. Angelo's memory will always live in our minds and our hearts."

REV. PROTOPRESBYTER ANGELO ARTEMAS (continued)



Fr. Angelo and family.



Fr. Angelo enjoys getting down to eye level with AGAPE preschoolers during a 2007 “Come and See” session in the church.



At a pet blessing service in the church parking lot in 2010, Fr. Angelo comes prepared with doggie treats.



His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago (center) presides over the funeral of Fr. Angelo, with more than 50 fellow clergy participating. Fr. Angelo served as SSPP priest from 2001 to 2012.

BISHOP NEOFITOS OF ELDORET AND NORTHERN KENYA

SSPP is planning to invite and host His Grace on *Pentecost Sunday June 4th*. Please join us that day to hear about his ministry in Kenya and support the Church there!

His Grace Bishop Neofitos David Kiplagat Kong'ai is the second Kenyan Bishop elected by the Holy Synod of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Alexandria and all Africa and the Bishop of Orthodox Diocese of Eldoret and Northern Kenya. He was born in 1972 in the village of Kesengei, Nandi County- Kenya. He is a graduate of the Archbishop Makarios III Patriarchal Seminary in Nairobi. His Grace later graduated with Higher Diploma in Counseling Psychology from the Kenya Institute of Professional Counseling in Nairobi in 2013. He continued to pursue counseling and later graduated with Bachelor's Degree in Counseling Psychology at Kenya Methodist University.

He was ordained a Deacon on 13th September 1998 and Priest on the 27th September 1998 by His Eminence Archbishop Seraphim who is now the Metropolitan of Zimbabwe and Angola. On 27th February 2003 he was elevated to the rank of Archimandrite by His Eminence Archbishop Makarios, the current Metropolitan of Nairobi. He served in Parishes within Nairobi, Nandi and at the Patriarchal Seminary as Deputy Dean from 2008-2014. While serving in Nairobi as a priest after returning from his studies abroad, he founded the church of Sts. Nektarios and Irene at Dagoretti Corner (DC)

In 2001, he secured scholarship to study in the United States at Hellenic College Holy Cross School of Theology, Boston Massachusetts where he graduated with Masters of Theological Studies from Holy Cross School of Theology in 2004. He also secured scholarship to study Masters in Theology in the same school where he wrote a thesis on: The History of the African Orthodox Church of Kenya; The Problem of identity in Mission and Evangelism he was awarded this Master's Degree in 2005.

After graduation, he was assigned as the Proistamenos (Senior priest) at the Church of Holy Annunciation in Kansas City, Missouri USA where he served for a short while. His Grace was recalled back to Kenya in 2006 by His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of Kenya after securing for him scholarship to pursue Doctoral program in the Aristotelian University of Thessaloniki. While in Thessaloniki, he studied greek language at the Monastery of Vlatadon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate under the spiritual guidance of the late Metropolitan Panteleimon of Tirilois and Serentiu, the Abbot of the monastery.

In 2007 through the blessing of Archbishop Makarios of Kenya, he was tonsured a Monk at the Holy Monastery of the Transfiguration under the spiritual and Pastoral leadership of Metropolitan Panteleimon of Veria in Thessaloniki. He belongs to the brotherhood of the monks of the metropolis. He was a Doctoral candidate in Pastoral Theology at the Aristotelian University of Thessaloniki. He was recalled back in 2008 to come and assist at the seminary school and the Archdiocese. He served as the deputy dean of the seminary school and Director of the Archdiocese respectively. He acquired immense knowledge about the administrative functions of the Archdiocese, its challenges and progress.

On 26th November 2014, by the proposal of His Beatitude Theodoros II, he was elected by the Holy Synod as the Auxiliary Bishop of Nitria to assist Archbishop Makarios of Kenya. The sit

of the Bishop of Nitria was occupied by the late Bishop George Gathuna who was the first Kenyan Bishop elected by the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Alexandria and all Africa. His consecration was done by His Beatitude Theodoros II Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria together with other hierarchs on 21st December 2014, at the Patriarchal Church of St. Savvas the Sanctified in Alexandria Egypt.

One year later on 24th November 2015, he was once again proposed by His Beatitude Theodoros II and was elected by the Holy Synod of the Patriarchate of Alexandria as Bishop of the newly established Diocese of Nyeri and Mount Kenya. His enthronement took place in May 2016 where he served successfully for six and a half years.

On 24th January 2022, He was appointed by His Beatitude Theodoros II, as the Locum Tenens (Caretaker) of the Orthodox Diocese of Eldoret and Northern Kenya. He served as the Bishop of the Diocese of Nyeri and Mt. Kenya and the caretaker of the Diocese of Eldoret and Northern Kenya for one year.

On 29th November 2022, once again proposed by His Beatitude Theodoros II, he was elected by the Holy Synod of the Patriarchate of Alexandria as Bishop of the Orthodox Diocese Eldoret and Northern Kenya. His enthronement is taking place today. Since his ordination as a Bishop in 2014, Bishop Neofitos is actively involved in mission work and transformative ministry in the dioceses and the entire church of Kenya. He has established various institutions, administrative and organizational structures of the church to enable the church of Kenya to work towards proclamation of the gospel for all. He is a strong advocate for education, peace, defender of human rights and justice for all.



YOUTH DIRECTOR UPDATE



Mr. Steven Thell recently accepted the parish council's offer to become our new full-time parish youth director. Steven will begin work approximately June 1st. Read on to learn more about Steven...

Greetings to everyone! Christ is risen! My name is *Steven Thell*, and I am excited and humbled for the opportunity to be the new youth director at Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox church. Youth work has been a passion of mine ever since I helped with Vacation Bible School when I was 16. So, this opportunity is a dream come true.

I was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1997. I am the third child of four and the only redhead in my family. I was born Orthodox and attended St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral (OCA) until I was 18. There I participated in various youth events and taught Sunday School. This is where my passion for youth work began and started to develop.

I moved to a small town in northern Wisconsin where I attended the University of Wisconsin-Superior. I majored with a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education. Since graduating earlier this year, I have worked as a long-term substitute Physical Education teacher at Cooper Elementary School.

Since I started UW Superior, I attended Twelve Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church in Duluth, Minnesota, and have been their youth director for the past five years (2018-2023). It was a tremendous experience; the love of Christ and each other was strong in the church community. While there, my love and wisdom for youth ministries grew exponentially, helping me realize that my calling was working with youth in the Orthodox church.

I have also worked in adult foster care (2021-2022), summer program coordinator and coach for youth soccer program (3-4th grade) in Minneapolis (2018-present) and St. Mary Summer Church Camp counselor (2016-present).

Growing up, I was all about sports, watching or playing, both I try to do as often as possible. I am training to run a marathon and hope to achieve that sometime next year. I enjoy reading, hanging out with friends, and going on hikes during my free time. While here, I hope to continue the strong development of youth programs and help aid the spiritual growth of all youth at Saints Peter and Paul. I thank you for the opportunity you have given me, and I look forward to meeting all of you soon!



Commemoration of the

Fall of Constantinople



Thursday, June 1, 2023

7 P.M.

SS Peter and Paul
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**Destruction,
Enslavement and Survival:
The First Days After the
Fall of Constantinople, 1453**

a presentation by
Dr. Alexandros Kyrou
Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate
Professor, Salem State University

Sponsored by the Metropolis of Chicago, the Metropolis of Chicago Archons and the Hellenic Society of Constantinople

SCHOOL NEWS



AGAPE students celebrate Greek Independence Day.



Greek School students celebrate Greek Independence Day.



Church School students get up-close view of an artoclasia.

YOUTH

On March 23rd, SSPP GOYA packed over 70 boxes at Feed my Starving Children and it looks like they had fun doing it!



HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA



Bishop Timothy celebrated Saturday of Lazarus services at SSPP on April 8th.



On April 10th, YAL members gathered for fellowship following a Bridegroom service.



Parish Council Members unite prior to Holy Friday service.

HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA (continued)



Myrrhbearers and acolytes gather for Holy Friday morning, afternoon and evening services.



HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA (continued)



Kouvouklion bearers gather prior to Holy Friday evening services. Acolytes and myrrhbearers prepare for the journey outside.



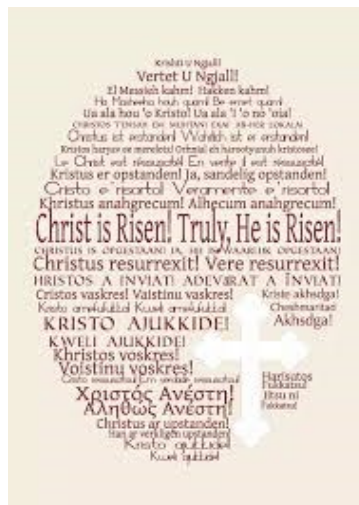
The SSPP Youth Choir sang for Holy Saturday morning service.

HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA (continued)

Holy Week finished with a Pascha Celebration Meal after the Resurrection Service early Sunday Morning. It was great to see so many parishioners enjoying lamb and fellowship. Special thanks to everyone who helped. Adam Peterson led the effort with help from the following people: *Alvaro Lima, Tim Peterson, Diane Peterson, Desi Peterson, Suzanne Santos, Jim Santos, Trish Melidones, Joanne Trabanas, Nancie Poulos, Pat Nassos, Carol Wells, George Nassos, Joe Kolbaba, Presnytera Jane Andrews and Brad DeSent.*



HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA (continued)



Spring has Sprung

**JOIN PHILOPTOCHOS
FOR A LADIES' LUNCHEON
SATURDAY MAY 13, 2023**

*The Glen Club
2901 West Lake Ave.
Glenview, Illinois*

Cocktails, Grand Raffle and General Raffle

11:00 AM

Lunch 11:45 AM

**Special Guest Speaker
Sally Lou Loveman**

**Former Audience Producer for
The Oprah Winfrey Show**

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10 Ladies/Table

\$75.00/meal

Chicken or Vegetarian

Cash Bar



**Portion of the Proceeds to
Benefit**

**The Night Ministry of
Chicago and
Erika's Lighthouse**

PHILOPTOCHOS

Senior/Homebound Ministry

Looking stylish, *Esther Gabrielides* enjoyed a visit from *Maria Sellis*, a volunteer for our Senior/Homebound Ministry. This committee made 45 Pascha visits the week of *April 2-9*, and included a stop at Chestnut Station to visit *Esther*. Throughout the year, three visits are made to our homebound parishioners who enjoy the opportunity for bonding and fellowship. By all accounts, it is fun for all involved.

Thank you to *Debbie Kunkel* and *Maria Sellis* for the wonderful Pascha bags they prepared filled with tsourekia, koulouria, and candy.

Look for save the date information on the Senior Appreciation Luncheon to be held in *August*!



General Meeting Potluck Dinner

Remember to join us at our General Meeting Potluck Dinner on *Tuesday, May 23, at 6:30pm*. The evening will include the presentation of our budget and elections. Please join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and a little business before we break for the summer.

Save the Date!

We will be hosting an appreciation dinner on *Thursday, June 15*, honoring outgoing President, *Julie Mantice*, who has served the board with much guidance, wisdom, and love over the past four years. Watch for details.

Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone who joined us in Fellowship Hall on Palm Sunday, and all the volunteers and customers who helped us achieve a very successful bake sale that day. While we don't have our final numbers yet, we sold out of a lot of our pastry, and less than a dozen of our 325 tsourekia and just a few Easter baskets remained by the end of the day. Sales were spurred by our wonderful volunteers who know first hand the love and premium ingredients that go into all of our baked goods. We extend our deep gratitude to all those who supported us. They can feel good about their purchases and know proceeds go to helping those in need.



A family enjoys refreshments following Palm Sunday Liturgy.



Joanne Trahanas, Carol Wells, and Phyllis Perivolidis help with the Bake Sale

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN COUPLES

Christ Is Risen!

Save the Date for OCC Spring Small Groups, and contact occ@ssppglenview to sign up.

In this beautiful season of renewal, we'll be embracing our dedication to a renewed spirit within the OCC community and acknowledging this to be the focus of our Small Group Sessions. If you are not familiar with Small Groups, they are a wonderful opportunity to meet other parish couples in a more intimate setting, typically in a member's home, with an evening centered on discussion led by *Fr. Rick*. Marriages are the bedrock of so many of our SSPP families, and it's vital that we honor our commitments and talk openly about the beauty and challenge that comes with a dedicated relationship.

Coming through Pascha, this is our opportunity to set a new tone, to lean into a new optimism, gratitude, and forgiveness. **Join us on the evenings of May 12th or May 21st** to renew your spirit with the wonderful couples around you!

If you missed our Winter Social, please enjoy the pictures below! We had a terrific time at The Shack in Glenview this past January, working on our golf swing and dreaming of summer! Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy the food, drinks, and simulators – and congratulations again to our Longest Drive and Closet to the Pin Winners – *Mitch Edlund* and *Bo LaMotte*!



OTHER MINISTRY NEWS

Save the Date—Celebrating our Graduates

The month of May winds down the school year, and on *Sunday, May 21st*, SSPP will be honoring our graduating high school and college/university seniors along with anyone who is completing their graduate studies. Don't forget to recognize your graduate on this special day by completing the form by going to the Parish News/Upcoming Events page on the SSPP Website.

May 16th Blood Drive

Join your SSPP family for a blood drive on **Tuesday, May 16th**, from 1-7pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider participating to share of yourself for those in need of medical treatment.

Contact Christy Gouletas with any concerns or questions at cgouletas@hotmail.com

May 24th Dynamis Outing

Calling all Dynamis members or those who have been thinking about joining! There are limited number of spots open for lunch and performance of *Damn Yankees* on **Wednesday, May 24th**, at Lincolnshire Marriott. The cost is \$70 and there will be carpool from church. If interested, please contact Joanne Trahanas 708-207-4113 or email joannetrahanas@mac.com



Habitat for Humanity Benefit Concert

Featuring Pianist Mark Damisch

Join us on *Sunday, May 21st*, for an inspiring afternoon of music and fellowship. Mark has been performing this benefit concert for over 10 years. This year, the concert will be held at the Gorton Center in Lake Forest.

3:00pm Refreshments

4:00pm Concert

5:30pm Event Wrap-up

For more information and to register, please go to the Parish News/Upcoming Events page on the SSPP Website.



ENROLLMENT OPEN FOR 2023-2024

AGAPE Christian Academy



PROGRAMS OFFERED

Saints Class Kindergarten

- 8:45 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday
- Age 5 by 9/1/23
- 1 to 16 teacher child ratio
- Individualized instruction



Apostles Class Pre-K

- 8:45 a.m.-2on p.m. Monday-Friday
- Age 4 by 9/1/23
- 1 to 9 teacher child ratio



Disciples

- 8:45 a.m.-1p.m. Monday-Friday
- Age 3 by 9/1/23
- 1 to 6 teacher child ratio

Fisherman

- 8:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m. 3/4/5 day options
- Age 2 by 8/1/23
- 1 to 5 teacher child ratio

Contact us at 847.729.2253

Easy Registration Online : www.ssppglenview.org/agape-preschool.org

Enrichment classes available for
Apostles and Disciples til 3 p.m. daily

We develop strong
minds through a
premier education,
faith, and love.



May 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 +PROPHET JEREMIAH 4:30pm Greek School	2 6:30pm Philoptochos Board Meeting 6:30pm Sr GOYA Mtg 8pm Men's YAL Bball	3 Fast Day 10:30am Bible Study 8:30pm Bball Men (40+)	4 7am Men's Study Group	5 +ST IRENE Fast Day 6:30pm Jr GOYA Mtg	6 +PROPHET JOB 9:30am Greek School 1pm YAL Men Bball
7 +4th PASCHAL SUNDAY +PARALYTIC; +ST CYRIL 8:15am ORTHROS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY 11am Church School 12pm Parish Assembly 6pm 100th Annvrsy-St George Church @ Concorde Banquets	8 +ST JOHN 4:30pm Greek School 7pm Stewardship Wkshp 8pm Stewardship Mtg	9 +PROPHET ISAIAH 7pm Cancer Support Mtg 8pm Men's YAL Bball	10 Fast Day 10:30am Bible Study 5pm AGAPE Mommy & Me 6pm PARAKLESIS 6pm YAL Paraklesis & Talk 7pm Parish Cncl Exec Mtg 8:30pm Bball Men (40+)	11 +SS CYRIL & METHODIUS 7am Men's Study Group 5:30pm FLJ Youth Mtg 6pm IOCC Chicago Banquet @ Concorde Banquets, Kildeer	12 Fast Day 6pm OCC Small Groups	13 9:30am Greek School 11am Philoptochos Luncheon 1pm YAL Men Bball
14 +5th PASCHAL SUNDAY +SAMARITAN WOMAN Mother's Day 8:15am ORTHROS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY 11am Church School	15 4:30pm Greek School 8pm Stewardship Mtg	16 1pm Blood Drive 6:30pm Sr GOYA Mtg 6:30pm Philoptochos Guest Presentation 8pm Men's YAL Bball	17 Fast Day 10:30am Bible Study 8:30pm Bball Men (40+)	18 7am Men's Study Group	19 Fast Day 6pm OCC Small Groups 6:30pm Jr & Sr GOYA to Chicago Dogs baseball game	20 +ST THALLELAIOS 9:30am Greek School 12:30pm YAL Bball w St John Church 7pm GREAT VESPERS @SS Constantine & Helen, Palos Hills
21 +6th PASCHAL SUNDAY +SS CONSTANTINE & HELEN 8:15am ORTHROS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY 11am Church Schl Commcmt 11:30am Graduate Sunday 3pm Habitat Concert Fundrstr 6pm OCC Small Groups	22 4:30pm Greek School Graduation	23 6:30pm Philoptochos Meeting & Potluck 8pm Men's YAL Bball	24 +APODOSIS OF PASCHA Fast Day 8:30am ORTHROS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY 10:30am Bible Study 12pm Dynamis Lch& Show 7pm VESPERS @ Ascension, Lincolnshire 8:30pm Bball Men (40+)	25 +3rd FINDING OF FORERUNNER HEAD +ASCENSION OF LORD 8:30am ORTHROS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY 5pm AGAPE Family Picnic 7pm Parish Council Mtg	26 Fast Day	27 Junior Olympics 1pm YAL Men Bball
28 +7th PASCHAL SUNDAY Junior Olympics 8:15am ORTHROS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY	29 Memorial Day Office Closed 10am Memorial Prayers, Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie	30 7pm Ministry Council Meeting 8pm Men's YAL Bball	31 Fast Day 10:30am Bible Study 8:30pm Bball Men (40+)	COMING IN JUNE: 1—Fall of Constantinople Commemoration Event (SSPP to host) 2—AGAPE School Graduation ; Last Day of Class 3—Saturday of Souls 4—Pentecost 5—MONDAY OF HOLY SPIRIT/TRINITY (Services at sister church in Schiller Park) 11—ST BARTHOLOMEW/NATHANAEL-Patriarch & Metropolitan's Name Day 11—ALL SAINTS DAY 18—Father's Day - National Presbyter's Sunday 29—SS PETER & PAUL - PARISH FEAST DAY 30—SYNTAXIS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES (Services at sister parish in Westchester)		

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