Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

As the month of August begins so does the Fast of the Dormition. This is a two-week (Aug.1-14) period of preparation before Feast of the Falling-Asleep of the Virgin Mary on August 15th. It is customary during this time to repeatedly celebrate the Paraklesis services, also known as the Supplodial Canon in which we beseech the Mother of God to intercede to God on our behalf for strength and salvation. During the Fast, we also celebrate another Great Feast: the Transfiguration of our Lord on August 6th.

Like all the great feasts of our Church, we learn many important lessons from these two. In the Transfiguration feast, we become eyewitnesses with the disciples Peter, James and John of Jesus’ divine nature. Thus, as the Apolytikion says, we know that Christ suffered willingly because He had the power to bypass His crucifixion. In the Dormition feast, we are taught the eternal nature of the soul, as depicted in the icon by Christ receiving the soul of His mother in the figure of a small child. Furthermore, we are taught the future disposition and destination of the body in that her body was assumed into heaven. This makes sense that the earthly tabernacle of God would take its rightful place on the eternal heavenly altar. We seek to imitate the Virgin Mary so that we also become earthly tabernacles of Christ.

We were honored to host Archbishop Elpidoforos of Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America Synaxis with the Clergy of our Metropolis on Friday July 7th. Several persons from the Parish Council and Philoptochos greeted His Eminence. This was a historic event for our parish because it was the first visit of an Archbishop since Archbishop Iakovos consecrated our parish in 1978.

Fanari Camp 2023 is complete. Around 750 children, including fifty from our parish, participated during the five weeks of camp. Agape Summer Camp concluded July 14th. Our Parish Feast Day took place on June 28-29. Thank you to our brother clergy who participated. Thank you to the Philoptochos for hosting the receptions after Vespers and Divine Liturgy!

The new HVAC has been installed for the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Unfortunately, a part delay deprived us of air conditioning for May, June and half of July. The solar panels have been installed on the roof of the community center and should be operational sometime this month. The first phase of tuck-pointing the brick of the community center was completed in early June. The next phase will commence in 2024. We will begin replacing the clearstory windows (with new double-pane
In Kazan, in 1579, the nine-year old Matrona, whose parents’ home had burned down in a fire, had a dream in which she beheld an icon of the Theotokos and heard a voice commanding her to recover this icon from the ashes of the ruined house. The icon was found wrapped in an old piece of cloth under the stove, where it may have been hidden during the Tartar invasions. The icon was finally brought to the Cathedral of the Annunciation of the Theotokos, where it became renowned for the healings that the Mother of God wrought through it for the blind; hence the custom of praying before this holy icon for help in blindness and eye diseases. Tsar Ivan the Terrible had a convent built at the place of the icon’s discovery; this, however, was destroyed by the Bolsheviks after the Revolution, and a factory was built in its stead. The feast was established in 1595. The icon of Kazan is one of the most beloved icons of the Mother of God in Russia.
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For Emergencies Only: Please call the main office number and access Fr. Rick’s voicemail. Leave a message stating your emergency. If you do not receive a call back within 15 minutes, call again and leave a brief message.
thermal ones) of the atrium in the community center soon.

We will host the second (of two) Clergy Homiletics seminar on August 31st. The first one had 15 clergymen participating. This is one of the programs created by the Metropolis Strategic Planning Task Force on Worship Engagement. Another seminar is scheduled for the end of August.

Does God take Summer vacation? No, and neither does our parish. We are open throughout the summer and Divine Liturgies are schedule for every Sunday and weekdays for major feasts and saints. Even though we do not have Church School classes, we should still come for Sunday Liturgy.

If we are travelling for vacation, look to attend an Orthodox Christian Church nearby or on the way. Take a photo with you family inside or in front of the church and send to Fr. Rick if you’d like to share with the community. This is an excellent way to continue to center our life around God and to experience other parishes and styles of worship.

This month of August activities Dormition Fast (1-15), Transfiguration of our Lord Feast (6), Falling Asleep of Theotokos (15), Beheading of John the Baptist (29), Vespers for Protection of the Environment at OLPH Catholic Church, Glenview (31).

Looking ahead into September – Labor Day Holiday (4), Nativity of Theotokos (8), Greek Festival (9), Exaltation of Holy Cross (14), Fall Youth Kick-off for Jr & Sr GOYA (10); Pan-Orthodox Retreat (15-17), Church School classes begin & Youth Programs Orientation for parents (17), Dormition of St. John the Evangelist (26), IOCC Walk/Run (30).

Blessed Summer!
+Fr. Rick

Welcoming our new family to our Parish and community Lucas and Shannon Smith

The SSPP community would like to welcome Easton who was born to Nolan Hansen and Megan Steil on July 7th.

God’s blessings always!
Our official goodbye to Perry & Emily Skouteles. They are moving to Minneapolis area. We will miss them and their kids who were students at our Agape School!

We welcomed Fr. Nicholas & Pres Evangelia March and their children during our parish feast day on June 29th. Fr. Nicholas was ordained to the deaconate at SSPP on that day 15 years ago. He currently serves Holy Transfiguration Church in Mason City, Iowa. Axios!
Every time there is a 5th Friday in a month, we pack lunch bags with treats for the homeless in Evanston. Our next sack lunch send offs, in 2023, are 9/29 and 12/29!

We were blessed to feed the homeless in Evanston twice this summer. We like to remember that when we feed others, we in turn are fed with Christ’s love. Our next 2023 Sunday Soup kitchen is on 11/5)
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Archbishop Elpidoforos and Metropolitan Nathanael with SSPP Philoptochos

Metropolis of Clergy with Archbishop Elpidoforos and Metropolitan Nathanael
OUR LIFE TOGETHER

SSPP Feast Day Liturgy Clergy

SSPP Feast Day Vespers Clergy

Marina Alexis at CrossRoads Boston
PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

Senior Appreciation Luncheon

HOSTED BY:

SS PETER & PAUL PHILOPTOCHOS

Monday, August 28, 2023 at 12:00 Noon
in the SS Peter & Paul Fellowship Hall

(COMPLIMENTARY and open to all
senior members of SS Peter & Paul)

Entertainment
Please join to hear the many voices of John
Truncali, lead vocalist, band leader and guitarist.
His one man shows range from the Rat Pack, to Tom
Jones, Elvis, Engelbert, Neil Diamond and Bocelli.
His voice and range make him a musical legend.

PLEASE RSVP BY AUGUST 20th, 2023

Ida Haris at 847-309-9223
Pat Nassos at patnassos@gmail.com
Emphasis on Conversation.

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We involve them in hands on activities, educational games and activities in order to make the lesson a pleasant experience. We commemorate Religious and National holidays and even the Pandemic didn’t stop us after we took all the safety measures.

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Celebrating Vasilopita

Learning about nature, seasons and having fun at the farm.

Baking bread and lagana. Lagana is the bread we eat on clean Monday.

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We have National and Religious Programs

Our programs meet on:

**Mondays** @ 4:30pm - 6:30pm for Preschool, Kindergarten and 1st through 6th grade.

**Saturdays** @ 9:30am - 11:30am for Preschool
**Saturdays** @ 9:30am -12:30 in the afternoon for 1st through 6th grade

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NEW OFFICERS

New two-year term

Philochochos has started a new two-year term and we are pleased to announce the following officers:

We look forward to serving under their leadership. AXIOS!

President
Dena Pavlopoulos

First Vice President
Julie Anastos

Second Vice President
Joanne Trahanas

Treasurer
Eleni Soukoulis

Assistant Treasurer
Pam Paradies

Recording Secretary
Patrice Bazianos

Corresponding Secretary
Tru Bazianos

THANKS A BUNCH

For your Fundraising efforts

With your help and support of our fundraising efforts, SSPP Philochochos raised and distributed over $61,000 to other non-profit organizations and families in need during the fiscal year that ended in June. Thank you all for making it possible for us to have an impact. Here is a partial list of those who benefited from your generosity:

- St. Monica’s of Maryville Academy
- Victims of the Earthquake in Syria and Turkey (in conjunction with our National Philochochos)
- Father Angelo Artemas’s Medical Fund (through our Metropolis Philochochos)
- Chicago Night Ministry
- Various Scholarships
- Camp One Step
- Children’s Medical Fund
- International Orthodox Christian Charities
- Lemons of Love
- Blossoming Babies
- Stein Learning Gardens at St.Sabina
- Hope (Metropolis program)
- SSPP Outreach Ministry for the homeless
- Feed the Hungry
- Bessie’s Table
- National Philochochos Pascha Fund
- Greek American Nursing Home

“Appreciation Art” sent to SSPP by Camp One Step
OUR FEAST DAY!
Looking back on our celebration

Our Philoptochos was honored to host the Feast Day Vespers Reception and Luncheon in late June.

A family from a visiting parish celebrates their son’s Name Day with us.

Clergy join Father Rick in celebrating our Feast Day

SENIOR APPRECIATION
Come join us at the Luncheon!
Invitation on page 9

Women from our parish enjoy our 2022 Senior Appreciation Luncheon. Remember to join us as we honor our Seniors on Monday, August 28 this year at noon.

Tina O’Donnell, Dena Pavlopoulos, and Julie Anastos prepare for our guests which numbered 190 for lunch.
BOOKSTORE

Come and stop on by!

Your Book and Icon Store has so many prayer books and icons perfect to send your students off to the new school year. We are open every Sunday immediately following the Divine Liturgy and welcome all visitors and guests. Please stop in to select items that will strengthen the faith of all of our parishioners.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Join us now!

Our teachers and staff are excited to work with your children to help them learn the Orthodox Christian Faith. Church School will begin on Sunday, September 17th. Church School is available for Age 3 (N3) – High School.

Please be sure to register your child by September 1st to help staff plan. Registration is now open on our website under Church School.

SAVE THE DATE FOR...

THE MINISTRY FAIR!!!

held at SS Peter and Paul

When: Sunday, September 24
(following Liturgy)

Where: Fellowship Hall

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AUGUST ISSUE

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**FANARI CAMP**

Week 5

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**FANARI CAMP**

Week 3

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The Lord is my shepherd. I have all I need.

*PSALM 23:1*

Week 4
SS. Peter & Paul

GLENVIEW GREEK FEST

Saturday, September 9 • Noon – 9pm
1401 Wagner Rd. • Glenview

 Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join in a celebration of our Greek culture, food, faith, and music.

 Experience the camaraderie of working side by side with your own family members and fellow parishioners to make this one-day event a great success. Many hands are needed to help with set-up, food prep, in the kitchen, food service and clean-up.

 Watch for more details on where to sign up to volunteer in Tuesday emails. If you would like to join the Greek Fest organizing committee, contact either co-chair: Christy Gouletas, cgouletas@hotmail.com, or Nick Colis, njcolis@gmail.com.
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7pm PARAKLESIOS  
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7pm PARAKLESIOS  
5pm YAL Men Basketball  
7pm VESPERS at Holy Transfiguration Monastery |
| 6      | 7      | 8       | 9         | 10       | 11     | 12       |
| +TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD  
+FAST OF DORMITION  
8:15am ORTHROS-MATINS  
9:30am DIVINE LITURGY | +FAST OF DORMITION  
7pm PARAKLESIOS  
12pm Philoptochos Basel Mtg  
7pm Cancer Support Mtg  
8pm Men's YAL Basketball (pickup) | +FAST DAY  
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10:25am Senior Goya Bear Paw Adventure Park All Day Event  
7pm YAL Men's Basketball  
5pm VESPERS |
| 13     | 14     | 15      | 16        | 17       | 18     | 19       |
| +10 SUN OF MATTHEW  
+APOLLONIOS OF TRANSFIGURATION  
+ST MAXIMUS CONFESSOR  
+FAST OF DORMITION  
8:15am ORTHROS-MATINS  
9:30am DIVINE LITURGY  
11:30am Fairari Camp Sunday | +PROPHET MICHAEL  
+FAST OF DORMITION  
7pm GREAT VESPERS at Assumption Church in Chicago | +FAST DAY  
+ST DROONIOS PHYSICIAN MARTYR  
+ST STAMATIOS  
+FAST OF DORMITION  
8:30am ORTHROS-MATINS  
9:30am DIVINE LITURGY  
11am ATTOKLASIA  
8pm Men's YAL Basketball (pickup) | +FAST DAY  
7pm SSPP Welcome Meeting  
8:30pm Men (over 40) Basketball | +FAST DAY  
+FAST OF DORMITION  
7pm VESPERS at Holy Transfiguration Monastery | +ST ANDREW GREAT MARTYR SOLDIER  
1pm YAL Men's Basketball  
5pm VESPERS |
| 20     | 21     | 22      | 23        | 24       | 25     | 26       |
| +11 SUN OF MATTHEW  
8:15am ORTHROS-MATINS  
9:30am DIVINE LITURGY | 7pm Volleyball  
8pm Men's YAL Basketball (pickup) | +FAST DAY  
+APOLLONIOS OF TRANSFIGURATION  
8:30pm Men (over 40) Basketball | +ST KOSMOS OF ATTITOS  
6pm AGAPE Meet & Greet  
7pm Game Night | +FAST DAY  
+APOSTLE TITUS  
7pm VESPERS at Holy Transfiguration Monastery | +SS ADRIANOS & NATALE MARTYRS  
1pm YAL Men's Basketball  
5pm VESPERS |
| 27     | 28     | 29      | 30        | 31       | COMING IN SEPTEMBER |
| +12 SUN OF MATTHEW  
+FRS. VITYA ZAFIRIOU LAATTO  
+ST PHANOURIOI MARTYR  
8:15am ORTHROS-MATINS  
9:30am DIVINE LITURGY  
11:30am OCF College Sunday  
12pm Greek Dance Info Mtg | +ST MOSHE ETHEOPIAN  
9:30am DIVINE LITURGY at St. John the Baptist in Des Plaines  
7pm MINISTRY Council Mtg  
8pm Men's YAL Basketball (pickup) | +FAST DAY  
+SS ALEXANDROS, JOHN & PAUL - PATRIARCHS OF CONSTANCE  
8:30pm Men (over 40) Basketball | +FAST DAY  
7pm ENVIRONMENTAL VESPERS at OLPH in Glenview |
|        | 32     |         |           |           | 1 - Induction - Beginning Of Liturgical Year  
4 - Labor Day Holiday - Office Closed  
8 - Nativity Of The Theotokos  
9 - SSPP Parish Fest Day  
14 - Exaltation Of Holy Cross  
(Parish Feast, Justice) Strict Fast Day  
17 - Hellenic College/Holy Cross Seminary Sunday  
17 - St. Sophia (Parish Feast, Elige)  
26 - Dormition Of St John The Evangelist  
26 - SS Peter and Paul Ministry Fair |