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RECAP OF OUR FEAST DAY



ARCHBISHOP ELPIDOFOROS

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A Message from Father Rick

Father Richard Demetrius Andrews

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 Supplicatory 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

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Appearance of the Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos of Kazan

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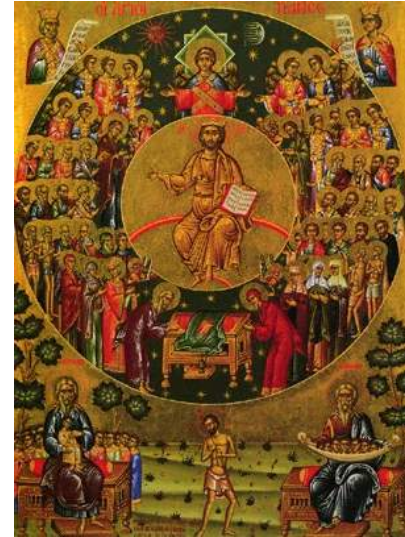
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In Kazan, in 1579, the nine-year old Matrona, whose parents' home had burned down in a fire, had a dream in which she beheld an icon of the Theotokos and heard a voice commanding her to recover this icon from the ashes of the ruined house. The icon 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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PASTORAL MESSAGE

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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 LIFE TOGETHER



AGAPE Camp kids were waiting to meet the Archbishop and they greeted Bishop Timothy.



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 diaconate at SSPP on that day 15 years ago. He currently serves Holy Transfiguration Church in Mason City, Iowa. Axios!



OUR LIFE TOGETHER



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)



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!

OUR LIFE TOGETHER



We were honored to host Archbishop Elpidoforos of America on Friday July 7th for his Synaxis with the Metropolis of Chicago Clergy Syndesmos!



Archbishop Elpidoforos Metropolitan Nathanael

Archbishop Elpidoforos and Metropolitan Nathanael with SSPP Philotochos



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
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GREEK SCHOOL

The Saints Peter and Paul Greek School was established in the sixties and is still going strong.

WE ENCOURAGE PARENTS TO REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN IN OUR SCHOOL!

We offer an excellent educational program in a child centered, child friendly environment.

Emphasis on Conversation.

We help our students learn how to communicate in Greek, learn about our history, culture and traditions, teach them dances from various parts of Greece, but we also help them grow emotionally and spiritually.

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.



Celebrating Vasilopita



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



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

GREEK SCHOOL



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

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

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PHILOPTOCHOS

NEW OFFICERS

New two-year term

Philoptochos 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 Philoptochos 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 Philoptochos)
- Father Angelo Artemas's Medical Fund (through our Metropolis Philoptochos)
- 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 Philoptochos Pascha Fund
- Greek American Nursing Home

"Appreciation Art" sent to SSPP by Camp One Step



PHILOPTOCHOS

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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



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



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.

BOOKSTORE & MORE



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

Why: Learn about our various Ministries and how you can become a steward and give your time and/or talents!!



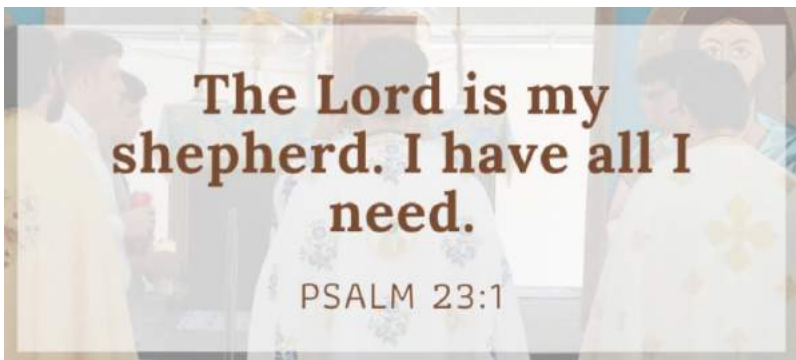
FANARI CAMP



Week 5



Week 3



Week 4

The logo for SS. Peter & Paul is a blue square with a white Greek key pattern. It is positioned to the left of the text.

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.

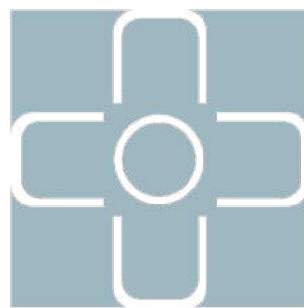
Watch for more details on where to sign up to volunteer in Tuesday emails. If you would like to join the Greek Fest organizing committee, contact either co-chair: Christy Gouletas, cgouletas@hotmail.com, or Nick Colis, njcolis@gmail.com.

AUGUST 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 +PROCESSION OF HOLY CROSS +FAST OF DORMITION 7pm PARAKLESIS 8pm Men's YAL Basketball (pickup)	2 +FAST DAY +FAST OF DORMITION 12pm PARAKLESIS 8:30pm Men (over 40) Basketball	3 +FAST OF DORMITION 7pm PARAKLESIS	4 +FAST DAY +7 CHILDREN OF EPHESUS +FAST OF DORMITION	5 +FAST OF DORMITION 1pm YAL Men Basketball 5pm VESPERS 7pm VESPERS at Holy Transfiguration Monastery
6 +TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD +FAST OF DORMITION	7 +FAST OF DORMITION	8 +FAST OF DORMITION 12pm PARAKLESIS 6:30pm Philoptochos Board Mtg 7pm Cancer Support Mtg 8pm Men's YAL Basketball (pickup)	9 +APOSTLE MATHIAS +FAST DAY +FAST OF DORMITION	10 +FAST OF DORMITION	11 +FAST DAY +FAST OF DORMITION	12 +SS PHOTIOS & ANIKETOS +FAST OF DORMITION
8:15am ORTHROS-MATINS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY	7pm PARAKLESIS	12pm PARAKLESIS 6:30pm Philoptochos Board Mtg 7pm Cancer Support Mtg 8pm Men's YAL Basketball (pickup)	7pm PARAKLESIS 7pm YAL Talk 8:30pm Men (over 40) Basketball	12pm PARAKLESIS		10:30am Senior Goya Bear Paw Adventure Park All Day Event 1pm YAL Men's Basketball 5pm VESPERS
13 +10 SUN OF MATTHEW +APODISIS OF TRANSFIGURATION +ST MAXIMOS CONFESSOR +FAST OF DORMITION	14 +PROPHET MICAH +FAST OF DORMITION	15 +DORMITION OF THEOTOKOS	16 +FAST DAY +ST DIOMEDES PHYSICIAN MARTYR & ST STAMATIOS	17 +FAST OF DORMITION	18 +FAST DAY	19 +ST ANDREW GREAT MARTYR SOLDIER
8:15am ORTHROS-MATINS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY 11:30am Fanari Camp Sunday	7pm GREAT VESPERS at Assumption Church in Chicago	8:30am ORTHROS-MATINS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY 11am ARTOKLASIA 8pm Men's YAL Basketball (pickup)	8:30pm Men (over 40) Basketball	7pm SSPP Welcome Meeting		1pm YAL Men's Basketball 5pm VESPERS
20 +11 SUN OF MATTHEW	21 7pm Volleyball	22 8pm Men's YAL Basketball (pickup)	23 +FAST DAY +APODISIS OF DORMITION	24 +ST KOSMOS OF AITOILOS	25 +FAST DAY +APOSTLE TITUS	26 +SS ADRIANOS & NAHALIE MARTYRS
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27 +12 SUN OF MATTHEW +PRESVYTERA ZAFIROULA LATTO +ST PHANOURIOS MARTYR	28 +ST MOSES ETHIOPIAN 8am 1st Day of AGAPE School 12pm Philoptochos Senior Appreciation Luncheon 7pm GREAT VESPERS at St. John the Baptist in Des Plaines	29 +STRICT FAST DAY for +BEHEADING OF FORERUNNER 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY at St. John the Baptist in Des Plaines 7pm Ministry Council Mtg 8pm Men's YAL Basketball (pickup)	30 +FAST DAY +SS ALEXANDROS, JOHN & PAUL - PATRIARCHS OF CONST. 8:30pm Men (over 40) Basketball	31 +DEPOSITION BELT THEOTOKOS 7pm ENVIRONMENTAL VESPERS at OLPH in Glenview	COMING IN SEPTEMBER 1 - Indiction - 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, Elgin) 24 - College Student (OCF) Sunday 26 - Dormition Of St John The Evangelist 24 - SS Peter and Paul Ministry Fair	

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