



GREEK FEST SURPRISE



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WELCOME COMMITTEE

# THE MESSENGER

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## A Message from Father Rick

Father Richard Demetrius Andrews

Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

Looking back on the last month we enjoyed fellowship with our sister parish of OLPH (Our Lady of Perpetual Help) Catholic church in Glenview with our joint service for the **Care of the Environment** on August 31st. The event garnered a several page article with photos in the local newspapers. Thank you always to *George Nassos* for helping coordinate.

Our **Greek Festival** occurred on September 9th with a brand-new twist of being hosted on the Wagner Farm property. We thank them for proposing this and it worked very well in many respects. Thank you to *Nick Colis* and *Christy Gouletas* for chairing and thank you to our many volunteers who worked and patrons who attended. The weather is beautiful! Glory to God!

**Church School** began on September 17th and I wish to thank our teachers and staff, especially the new ones, who are leading the charge this ministry year: N3- *Georgene Shanley, Mia Papadopoulos, Renee Arzoumanides,* N4- *Kim Angelos, Anne Engro, K-Patricia Melidones, Joanna Loupakos,*

*5 Harriet Pontikes, Linda Argeros, 6- Heather Butz, John Moustoukas, Fani Davidson, 7- Dino Tsitsis, Angela Bicos, 8- Nick Mastro, Anastasia Lazarou, HS- Anna Kallis & Steven Thell. Comm/Admin- Elaine Carrozza.*

In an effort to make sure that the teachers have ample time in the classrooms with the students, we have moved the **Children's Sermon** to right after the Gospel and the Adult Sermon to after Holy Communion. This is important because everyone, both adults and kids, can gain something edifying from the children's sermon. But more importantly, it is necessary that everyone be present for the beginning of the Liturgy leading up to and including the Epistle and Gospel readings. Why? Because the Word of God is just as important as the Eucharist! The Body of Christ (both as Holy Communion and a communion of the members) is constituted around the Logos/Word of Truth. In order for our bodies to be enlightened, our mind, heart and soul must be illumined with words of our Lord and His Apostles.

Some other things that we endeavor to help **keep things moving** appropriately and reverently are ending the Orthros/Matins by 9:23am, starting the Liturgy at 9:30am, keeping a brisk

pace for petitions and choir responses and hymns, additional clergy to help administer Holy Communion, and shortening the adult sermon. Having said this, it's always important for us to focus our minds and hearts on the presence of God in the heavenly liturgy, and to avoid being distracted by earthly elements including the people in the pews and time itself. As the Cherubic hymn says, "let us lay aside all the cares of the is life so that we may receive the King of all."

On Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> I continued my **Clergy Leadership training** with another 'intensive' in Franklin, Tennessee. *Metropolitan Nathanael*, and five priests began this program earlier this year using the services of Full Focus (formerly Michael Hyatt Co.). We meet as a group every month with our coach to work on different aspects of leadership. We meet once per quarter at the Full Focus headquarters in Franklin for an all-day intensive training. This most recent one was on 'Delegation Mastery.' Previously we have worked on themes of time management, work-life balance,

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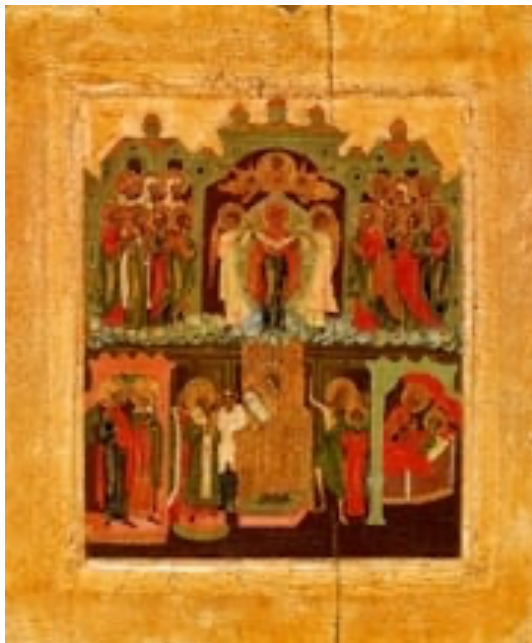


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### The Feast of the Holy Skepi of the Theotokos

The Feast of the Protection commemorates the appearance of the most holy Theotokos in the Church of Blachernae in Constantinople in the tenth century, as recorded in the life of Saint Andrew the Fool for Christ's sake. While the multitudes of the faithful were gathered in church, Epiphanius, the friend of Saint Andrew, through the Saint's prayers, beheld the Virgin Mary above the faithful and spreading out her veil over them, signifying her unceasing protection of all Christians. Because of this we keep a yearly feast of gratitude, imploring our Lady never to cease sheltering us in her mighty prayers.

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# PASTORAL MESSAGE

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management, work-life balance, and goal setting. This leadership program is part of the larger Higher Calling program of the Chicago Metropolis. We are the first cohort of clergy and next year another cohort will begin the three-to-four-year program. I would like to thank the Metropolis and the parish council for their support of my involvement.

Also in mid-month, we held our annual *Vicars' Retreat*. Many may not be aware, but we do have a vicariate system in our Metropolis. A vicar is clergy person, typically with a great deal of experience and pastoral maturity, who represents the presiding hierarch on the local/regional level. The different vicariates are *Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Indiana, St. Louis* (covers MO and southern IL) as well as city of *Chicago*, north, south and west suburbs—9 total. There are also two Metropolis-wide vicars for retired clergy and for clergy wellness (that's me). At our retreats we discuss a variety of issues affecting the Metropolis, the clergy, the parishes and the people. This past retreat we studied the books titled "*Boundaries for Leaders*" by Henri Cloud and "*10X is Easier Than 2X*" by Dan Sullivan.

The *Introduction to Orthodox Christianity Catechism* course is well underway meeting weekly on *Tuesday evenings 7-9pm*. We have seven instructors with Master of Divinity degrees who offer a

variety of instruction styles. The classes are open to anyone who is interested in learning more about the Faith but are required for adults seeking to join the Orthodox Church through baptism and/or chrismation.

We do a handful of *weddings* every year at our parish. As many know, proper planning for this big life event requires almost a year. Therefore, dates for the church ceremony and the reception are set far in advance. In our American context couples are consumed with all sorts of details including invitations and lists, tuxes and dresses, bridesmaids and groomsmen, registries, dinner locations and contracts, and so on. For conscientious and faithful couples, church-related preparations are equally, if not more important. To help them with this planning I hold an initial meeting to go over all the requirements and items to keep in mind including setting the date, completing paperwork, discussing membership in the parish, and premarital counseling. During our final meeting perhaps a few weeks before the ceremony, we will review in detail the meaning of the service including the prayers, petitions, and symbols used.

Regarding the *premarital counseling*, for 24 years I have used the [www.Prepare-Enrich.com](http://www.Prepare-Enrich.com) program. It is the most well-researched and widely used in the

world benefiting 4 million couples, with 100K facilitators in over 100 countries, translated into 12 languages, and serving over 50K communities and churches. The couple begins by each person separately completing a 200-question inventory. I remember the days when this was done with #2 pencils on paper and mailed to their offices. Now it can be done online for a small \$35 fee. When they are finished, a detailed report is sent to their facilitator (me) and we set up our next meeting to begin the work. A facilitator is specifically trained to use this program. Some facilitators, like me, are certified to train other facilitators. My doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy is not required for this purpose but it certainly helps.

We will meet about six to eight times to go over the information contained in the report which helps the couple get to know each other and themselves better. It also helps me get to know them to provide high quality help and guidance. The couple gets to know me and that helps build trust in what I am providing to them.

The sessions center on numerous themes: commitment, communication, conflict resolution, stress management, partner style and habits, financial management, leisure activities, roles and responsibilities, marriage expectations, family and friends, family of origin, interfaith and interchurch, forgiveness, health and

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wellness, children and parenting, sex and affection, and personality traits. In addition to knowing more, the couple is also taught concrete skills to help successfully navigate the challenges of married life and parenting.

The importance of this pre-marital work cannot be over-emphasized. It is not full proof, but the over-all success rate is much, much higher compared to couples without this experience. For a couple to do this with a professional therapist would likely cost thousands of dollars. However, it is provided to them as part of their stewardship membership in the parish. One of the many, many benefits of supporting our parish. This is a small investment that reaps infinite rewards. It is miniscule compared the emotional and financial devastation that divorcing couples encounter.

***This month in October*** – Church Music Sunday (1), OCAMPR Conference at St Mary on the Lake, Mundelein (5-7), Golf-Outing (7), Metropolis Clergy Laity Assembly (11-13), Philoptochos Oktoberfest (19); Orthodox Christian Laity Conference at SSPP and OCC Fall Social (21), St. Demetrios Feast (26), Sister Vassa Larin speaks at SSPP (27), Protection of Theotokos & Oxi Day (28), Archdiocese Presbyters Retreat in Arizona (30-Nov.2).

***Looking ahead to November*** – Parish Feast days of St Haralambos-Taxiarchae in Nile (8) & St.

Nectarios in Palantine (9); Veterans' Day & Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation Gala (11); St John Chrysostom Monastery Feast Day (13); Entrance of Theotokos Feast (21); Thanksgiving Holiday (23-24); St Andrew Church Feast day (30).

Stewardship season is around the corner. The 2024 theme will be *“Well done good and faithful servant”* (Matthew 25:24). Look for promotional materials in the near future. 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!

**Blessed New Month – Kalo Mena!**  
**+Fr. Rick**

# OUR LIFE TOGETHER

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome our new members *Alexander Barkulis, Dean and Mary Bekas and Drossos and Andrea Gazis* to our beautiful Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church.



*Father Rick Hellenic Academy Agiasmos*



40 Day Churching - *Layne Vollman* and baby *Peter James* on Sept. 17th. Welcome and congrats to all including dad *Dan!*



Welcome to the newly baptized/chrismated servant of God *Charlotte/Christina*, daughter of *Ventsi Petrova and Brent Viditz-Ward* on September 2. Godparent is *Eleni Ftikas*.



*Father Rick Hellenic Academy Agiasmos*



SSPP Philoptochos board started the Church New Year with a prayer service and meeting!

# OUR LIFE TOGETHER



Congratulations to *David Delgado & Sarah Ritter* on their wedding, sponsor *Kyra Corbin*



*Father Luke, Father Rick and Father Kosmas*



40 day churching *Katrina Waincott & baby Christian*



At our Greek Fest the Back to the Future car was spotted in our parking lot!!



Thank you to our Church School staff! Have a great year!

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# TRUNK OR TREAT

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**SSPP YOUTH MINISTRIES  
& AGAPE ARE HOSTING**

# TRUNK OR TREAT

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 24TH**  
**5-7 PM**

Come join us for a night of treats and fellowship.  
Car decorating will begin at 4:45.  
Children will start at 5pm

RioBamba Latin Kitchen's Food Truck will be in the lot.  
It's Taco Tuesday!!!

**RSVP TO TRISH**  
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# “PRAYING IN TIME”

A TALK BY *SISTER  
VASSA LARIN*

**10.27.23 @7:00PM**



**Join us for a Lecture @7pm about Sister Vassa's Book "*Praying in Time*" sponsored by the Creticos Memorial Lecture. Followed by refreshments. Book purchase and signing available after.**

In today's world, we often hear how we have lost a sense of purpose and meaning, and time itself has been stripped of anything but its mechanical meaning. In this talk, Sister Vassa suggests how we can redeem time, and our own hours and days, guided by the liturgical prayer life of the Orthodox tradition. By developing the practice of praying every weekday according to the liturgical tradition of praying the hours of the day, we can fill every hour and every day of our lives with faith based meaning and purpose.

# FEST AT THE FARM

## A PICTURE PERFECT DAY SSPP FEST RECAP

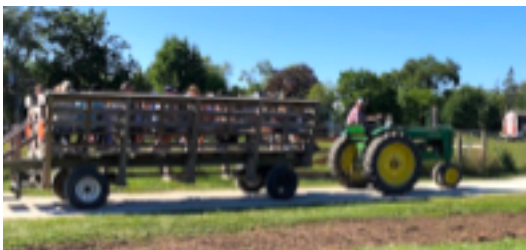
Greek Fest 2023 turned out to be a spectacular day in so many ways. The weather was picture perfect and the relocation to Historic Wagner Farm offered many entertaining activities for children and adults alike. While it's difficult to provide an actual attendance estimate, we can report a steady stream of visitors throughout the afternoon and evening. From late afternoon until about 8 p.m., there was not a seat to be had!



Congratulations to co-chairs Christy Gouletas and Nick Colis, as well as their organizing team, for coordinating another successful event. The co-chairs would like to thank Wagner Farm's director, *Jonathan Kuester*, and the Glenview Park District for opening their venue to us and providing such wonderful hospitality. They also thank all parishioners who volunteered their time for the Fest, as well as the businesses and individuals who made financial contributions or donated products or services.



Here are some photo highlights of this year's festival. (Thanks to *Presbytera Jane Andrews, Elaine Carrozza and Maria Bausch* for sharing their photos.)



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# ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN COUPLES

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## CALLING MEMBERS JOIN US

Interested in taking a more active role with our Orthodox Christian Couples Ministry? The OCC is looking for new committee members to join our existing team to help plan and execute OCC events, gatherings, and activities. This is not a heavy time commitment; the committee typically meets once a quarter and as add needed ahead of events. We organize a couple social events per year, a Lenten service project, and more intimate gatherings through the ministry year. The OCC welcomes couples of all ages as we work to make our large parish feel a little bit smaller. If you are new to our parish, or recently married, please consider being a part of our OCC community, we'd love to have you on the committee and hope to see you at all our events!

## KICKOFF EVENT LAST YEAR

It's a beautiful new year for the OCC! An enormous thank you to all the couples that attended our 2022-2023 events. Last November we had over 50 people attend our Fall Social Event at Glenview House (RIP to that wonderful establishment!), a great way to start the year and come together on a chilly night with a cozy fireplace and great company. In January we had a blast at The Shack in Glenview, enjoying golf simulator play while visiting with fellow parishioners. Small Groups started in the Spring and went through the summer, so blessed to have our more intimate nights, especially when we can be outside under the beautiful summer sky! Thank you to Father Rick for his time and for leading us in great discussion. Our events are what we make them; by showing up, coming together, and enjoying time with your spouse and fellow parishioners, we help one other foster the community, love, and fellowship that we all need. Our fall social event will be soon, stay tuned,



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# PRESIDENTS LETTER

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## PARISH COUNCIL

### PRESIDENTS REPORT

The beginning of September is the start of the Ecclesiastical New Year on the Orthodox liturgical calendar. It also is the beginning of our Church School, AGAPE School, Fall events and.. sadly, also for Pumpkin-Spiced flavored everything.

### DOWN ON THE FARM

For the Parish Council, our New Year brought with it the anticipation of our Second Annual Food Festival. As last years event was so well received and so well attended, we were hoping to do something a little bigger and even more fun. Festival Chairs Nick Colis, Christy Gouletas and the Festival Committee were working on setting up an outdoor event in our Church parking lot, when by chance (or by God's will) we were approached by our neighbors at Wagner Farms who were inquiring about using our parking lot for their annual Tomato Festival to be held on the same day as our Festival. One discussion led to many more and the Saints Peter and Paul Greek Festival on the Farm was born! It really was a blessed happening. Wagner Farms was able to show many local visitors and Parishioners around their "working farm" many of whom walked away impressed with the grounds and the activities and Saints Peter and Paul Parishioners were able to host our Festival in a unique outdoor surrounding on a perfect day.

### A QUICK SHOUT OUT

Nick Colis, Christy Gouletas and the Festival Committee, Steven Thell for helping to organize the children's games, all of the many volunteers working in the kitchen, at the grills, at the ticket booth, at the Ministry and bookstore booths, the set-up and clean-up crews. Also a shout out to those in attendance, who brought relatives, friends and neighbors to the Festival. We all had a blast and hopefully, we can do this all over again next year!

### CAPITAL IDEAS

For those of us who sweated out the summer, relief finally came when our HVAC installation was installed, tweaked and finally completed. Also, our Solar Panel project nears completion; the solar panel contractor has completed the installation and ComEd has completed the switch transfer. The roof manufacturer has inspected the roof and has issued a letter indicating that our initial warranty will remain in effect. We are waiting for close out documentation from the contractor including access to the online portal.

We have also selected a contractor to begin the clean-up of the creek bed, in between the Latto Center and the Northside parking lot. The creek is adjacent to the Agape playground and over the years has begun to erode the south bank of the creek.

### AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST

The start of the Orthodox New Year also means a continuation and expansion of our efforts to enhance and grow in our faith. Our Metropolitan has already had a session with the Diocese Parish Council Presidents, sharing His Vision for the Metropolis in the upcoming year. Our upcoming Clergy Laity Assembly this October will predominantly feature action plans that the Diocese and each individual Greek Orthodox Church will be implementing in pursuit of this vision in the upcoming year and beyond. We continue our commitment as a Parish Council to serve the Parishioners of this Church, to work towards a fellowship that encompasses not only the faithful of our community, but any and all who walk through the doors to our Narthex, the atrium of our Community Center, and any who attend our festivals and celebrations of our faith.

**In Christ,**  
Steve J. Koulogeorge

*SSPP Parish Council  
President*

# YOUTH UPDATE

## STEVEN THELL

### YOUTH DIRECTOR UPDATE

The new youth year has hit the ground running. Over this last month, we had our Faith Love & Joy and GOYA kick-offs. We had a great group of youth come to both of these events. For GOYA, we had pizza, played games, and went outside for a dunk tank and water balloon fight. For Faith Love Joy, we had a carnival in the gym with games, prizes, and a bounce house. The kids got to decorate and take home their own drawstring backpacks. We had a great turnout of youth volunteers at the festival. We had over 100 kids from the tomato fest, and our parish visit the youth table. I want to thank everyone who helped at the youth table for dedicating their time and talent to make it a success.

Coming up, we have apple picking for our GOYAnS on *Oct. 21st* and our fall Fanari camp on *Nov. 3-5* at the Saint Iakovos retreat center. Please keep checking the calendar for updates. We are starting our regular meetings. I strongly encourage everyone to attend our gatherings, to learn about what it means to be an Orthodox Christian in today's world and to build relationships with their fellow Christian peers.

## CARE PACKAGE

### COLLEGE STUDENTS

On *October 29th*, Coffee Connection will be putting together Fall College Care Packages to send to our parish students near and far.

If you have a student in college and would like them to receive a care package, please send their name and collegiate address to [youthdirector@sspplglenview.org](mailto:youthdirector@sspplglenview.org) OR [office@sspplglenview.org](mailto:office@sspplglenview.org) by October 10th.





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# COFFEE WITH THE SAINTS

*On Sunday, October 8th, we will honor all the Saints  
and parishioners who have a Name Day in October.*

Such October Saints include:

*1st- Romanos the Melodist*

*6th - St. Thomas the Apostle*

*18th - St. Luke the Evangelist*

*23rd- Apostle James (Iakovos)*

*26th- St. Demetrius*

*...and many more!*

If you have a Patron Saint whose feast day is in October, please bring a plate of treats to share and help at coffee hour. If you like and are able, please bring an icon of your saint to adorn the table of goodies. We look forward to celebrating together as a parish family.

Holy October Saints, pray for us!

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The Welcome Committee

# PHILOPTOCHOS



## JOIN US!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

The coming months at Saints Peter and Paul are full of fun and meaningful activities. Please take a look at our Philoptochos's calendar and join in the festivities!

## Instagram

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**THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 5**

*Folding Tiropites, beginning at 9:30, Fellowship Hall*

**SUNDAY,  
OCTOBER 8**

*Sunday, October 8- Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk at Independence Grove*

**THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 19**

*Oktoberfest at Pinstripes*

**THURSDAY,  
NOVEMBER 2**

*General Meeting with Program TBA, Fellowship Hall*

**SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 5**

*Philoptochos Sunday - Hosting Coffee Hour after Liturgy*

**SATURDAY,  
DECEMBER 2**

*Holiday Faire - 11am - 4pm, Atrium and Fellowship Hall*

**SATURDAY,  
DECEMBER 9**

*Advent Brunch, Sunset Ridge*

# HOLIDAY FAIRE

## DECEMBER 2, 2023

### SAVE THE DATE!



Greek Bakery  
Santa Claus  
Homemade Greek Food  
Boutique Shopping  
Raffle Prizes  
No entrance fee

Saints Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox  
Church  
1401 Wagner Rd. Glenview, Illinois

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# PHILOPTOCHOS

## MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER OF LAKE COUNTY

**INDEPENDENCE GROVE  
FOREST PRESERVE  
LIBERTYVILLE, IL**

**OCTOBER 8, 2023  
SITE OPENS: 7:30AM  
WALK BEGINS: 9:00AM**

**JOIN OR  
DONATE TO  
TEAM: SAINTS  
PETER AND PAUL  
PHILOPTOCHOS**



**WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN FORCES WITH  
THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY -  
THE NATION'S NONPROFIT LEADER  
IN THE BREAST CANCER FIGHT.**

**MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST  
CANCER IS A CELEBRATION OF COURAGE  
AND HOPE, A MOVEMENT UNITING  
COMMUNITIES TO END BREAST CANCER  
AS WE KNOW IT, FOR EVERYONE.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

312.319.8597

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THE LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY  
OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL



ADULTS ONLY

A portion of the profits will be donated to a breast cancer organization

## OKTOBERFEST FUNDRAISER

FOOD • LIVE MUSIC • BEER

**Pinstripes**

1150 Willow Rd. Northbrook, IL

Thursday October 19, 2023

6:00pm

Ticket Price \$70



GRAND RAFFLE, OTHER RAFFLE PRIZES, AND CASH BAR

Questions? Please contact Diane Economy via email

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# WELCOME PROGRAM

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Hello Fellow Parishioner,

The Welcome Ministry is implementing a "Welcome Ambassador" Program to show hospitality to everyone who walks into church every Sunday! A Welcome Ambassador will greet people in the vestibule on Sunday mornings. This is different than an usher and no prior experience is necessary... all that's needed is a welcoming smile! We have set up a SignUp.com link <https://signup.com/go/vrGykyE> for interested people to sign up from September through December. We will have a continuing sign up every 4 months. Once you've signed up to be a Welcome Ambassador, this is how it works:

Plan to arrive by 9:30am. You will find a Welcome Ambassador badge in the drawer in the candlestand nearest the stairs to wear during your time in church. Stand in the vestibule next to the small podium labelled "Welcome Visitors -Please sign in". As people enter, there is no need to ask if they are visitors (that's what the sign is for), so just give everyone a warm welcome! You might be

surprised at how many people you know! You can also show them the new revised pamphlet board on the wall. Hang around there until the Gospel is read and then go into church. After church has ended and before the antidoron is handed out, please go downstairs to the new Welcome table near the Hospitality Icon at the bottom of the stairs. Again, please put on your welcoming smile and greet anyone who wants to say "Hi" as they go into fellowship hall. As the stream of people lessen, your Ambassador time is over. Please leave your badge in the box on the table and have a great Sunday afternoon!

Thank you in advance for helping SSPP welcome people in a special way every Sunday! Any questions? Please contact us at- [welcome@ssppglenview.org](mailto:welcome@ssppglenview.org)

In Christ,  
The Welcome Ministry Team



# COFFEE CONNECTION

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### FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP

Coffee Connection: Connecting in Faith and Fellowship An Educational Ministry Open to All Adults

This Year's Theme is:  
 "Topic – The Orthodox Way and Other Faith Communities: Exploring The Truths Our Faith Holds, In Relation to Other Traditions"

Sessions are Sundays in person following Holy Communion. As always, watch for future updates.

**Questions? Contact**  
[coffeeconnection@ssppglenview.org](mailto:coffeeconnection@ssppglenview.org)  
 Or visit  
<https://ssppglenview.org/education/adult-education/coffee-connection/>

### Fall 2023 Schedule

Date	Topic
<b>October 8</b>	<b>Intro – The Orthodox Way and Other Faith Communities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the value of conversing with other faith communities?</li> <li>How do we hold our own truth while engaging with the truths of other faith communities?</li> </ul>
<b>October 15</b>	<b>Holy Trinity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why three as well as one?</li> <li>Exploring Eastern and Western models of the Trinity</li> </ul>
<b>October 29 - College Care Package</b>	<b>Who Do You Say That I Am?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Son of God?</li> <li>False Prophet?</li> <li>A Great Prophet?</li> <li>Messiah?</li> </ul>
<b>November 5</b>	<b>The Virgin Mary Part 1 (Roman Catholic/Protestant)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theotokos</li> <li>Immaculate Conception</li> <li>Perpetual Virginity</li> <li>Ability to Intercede</li> </ul>
<b>December 10</b>	<b>The Virgin Mary Part 2 (Islam/Popular Culture)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why is Mary so popular?</li> <li>Islamic Devotion to Mary</li> <li>Cultural Perceptions of Mary</li> </ul>

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS: BOOKSTORE AND DIVORCE REBUILDERS

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## BOOKSTORE

### STOP ON BY

Your Book and Icon Store is open every Sunday immediately following the Divine Liturgy. We are located at the bottom of the stairs, just outside Fellowship Hall. We add new items each week, and are always willing to order anything special you may need. As the weather gets cooler, you can curl up with a good book. We have so many new children's books, you can all read as a family while you strengthen your faith. You'll find several gift ideas for new babies, baptisms, weddings, and birthdays including our extensive jewelry selection. Finally, save the date: Friday, October 27th, Sister Vassa (of the podcast, Coffee with Sister Vassa) will be visiting our church to talk about her new book, Praying in Time.

Copies are now available in the bookstore, and Sister Vassa will be happy to sign them when she visits. Hope to see you soon!



## DIVORCE REBUILDERS

### READ BELOW

*“No Christian should walk through  
he pain of divorce alone.”*

SS. Peter and Paul's Divorce Rebuilders offers support, guidance and hope to those who are separated and divorced. Meetings will begin this Fall starting on *Monday, October 16 through November 20, 2023*, 7-8:30 p.m. for six consecutive weeks in the church library. ZOOM will be available for those who cannot attend in person. This group provides a place where you can learn, heal and rebuild from the hurt of divorce. New insights and perspectives will help you create new understandings towards developing new personal, relational and spiritual goals in your life. Discussion, feedback and support are integral components of this program. In addition, our group participates in ongoing social activities. Leader: *Maria Boyle*, Counseling, Northwestern University. To enroll in this program, please email: [mariaharduvel4@gmail.com](mailto:mariaharduvel4@gmail.com) or [divorcerebuilders@ssppglenviv.org](mailto:divorcerebuilders@ssppglenviv.org) and please note in the subject heading: Divorce Rebuilders. There is no cost for this program.



# SSPP

## GOLF OUTING

**Saturday October 7th, 2023**

**Glenview Park Golf Club  
800 Shermer Rd  
Glenview, IL 60026**

**Registration: 7:30 am  
Shotgun Start: 8:00 am  
Lunch: At the North Branch  
Restaurant following golf**

**Donation: \$150.00  
Includes: Golf & Cart, Gifts and  
Prizes, Lunch (Lunch Only \$50  
around 12:30pm)**

**First 144 applications  
will be accepted  
Deadline-Monday  
Monday Oct 2nd**



**Visit to our Website  
to Learn More!!  
<https://ssppglenview.org/golf/>**



# OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<b>1</b> +2ND SUNDAY OF LUKE  YAL CONNECT CONFERENCE 8:15am ORTHODOX-MATINS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY 11am Church Music Sunday	<b>2</b>  9:30am Dynamics to Botanic Gardens  6:30pm Philoptochos Board Meeting 7pm Catechism Class 8pm Men's YAL Basketball (Pickup)	<b>3</b> +ST DIONYSIOS AEROPAGITE  6:30pm Philoptochos Board Meeting 7pm Catechism Class 8pm Men's YAL Basketball (Pickup)	<b>4</b> +ST HEBROTODOS BISHOP OF ATHENS  NO Bible Study 7pm St. Goya Youth Meeting 8:30pm Men's Over 40 (Pickup) Basketball	<b>5</b>  OCAMPH CONFERENCE in Mundelein, IL  7am Men's Study Group	<b>6</b> +APOSTLE THOMAS OCAMPH CONFERENCE  5TH-8TH GRADE FALL PANABI CAMP at St. IAKOVOS RETREAT CENTER 6:30pm Jr. Goya Youth Meeting	<b>7</b>  7:30am Golf Outing at the Glenview Park Golf Club  5pm VESPERS	
<b>8</b> +3RD SUNDAY OF LUKE / 18TH SUN  7:30 Breast Cancer Walk 8:15am ORTHODOX-MATINS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY 11am Coffee Connection 11:15am Church School Open House	<b>9</b> +APOSTLE IAKOVOS ALPHAIOS  6:30pm Basketball Practice	<b>10</b>  6:30 Basketball Practice 7pm Catechism Class 7pm Cancer Support Meeting 7pm Senior Goya Meeting 8pm Bball Men's YAL (pickup)	<b>11</b> +APOSTLE PHILIP THE DEACON  CLERGY LADY ASSEMBLY  10:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Basketball Practice 6:30pm PARAKLESIS SERVICE 7pm Choir Rehearsal 8:30pm Men's Over 40 (Pickup) Basketball	<b>12</b>  7am Men's Study Group 8am Clergy Lady Breakouts & Phenaries 6pm Clergy Lady Banquet - Meridian Banquet Hall 6:30pm Basketball Practice	<b>13</b>  8am Clergy Lady Phenaries & Workshop 5pm Clergy Lady Dinner & Project HOPE 6pm Faith, Love and Joy Youth Meeting	<b>14</b> +ST KOSMIAS HYMNODGRAPHER  CONSECRATION - ST GEORGE CHURCH  5pm VESPERS 7pm Great Vespers w/ Holy Relics at St. George Church - Chicago	
<b>15</b> +4TH SUNDAY OF LUKE / HOLY FATHERS 7TH SYNOD  8:15am ORTHODOX-MATINS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY 11am Coffee Connection	<b>16</b>  6:30 Basketball Practice 7pm Divorce Rebuilders 7:30pm AGAPE Board Meeting	<b>17</b> +PROPHET HOSEA  6:30 Basketball Practice 6:30 Jr. GOYA Youth Meeting 7pm Catechism Class 8pm Bball Men's YAL (pickup)	<b>18</b> +ST LUKE EVANGELIST +FATHER GEORGE SCOUJAS reposed 2000  10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Grandparents Day for AGAPE 6:30pm Basketball Practice 6:30pm Youth Meeting 8:30pm Men's Over 40 (Pickup) Basketball	<b>19</b> +PROPHET NOEL  7am Men's Study Group 6pm OKTOBERFEST - Philoptochos Fundraiser 6:30pm Basketball Practice 7pm Welcome Meeting	<b>20</b> +SS ARTEMIOS & GERASIMOS  8am OCL Conference in Fellowship Hall 9am Men's Retreat w/ Ascension 12pm St. GOYA Apple Picking 5pm VESPERS	<b>21</b>	
<b>22</b> +5TH SUNDAY OF LUKE/ 20TH SUNDAY +ST AVERKIOS  8:15am ORTHODOX-MATINS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY	<b>23</b> +APOSTLE IAKOVOS - Brother of the Lord  6:30 Basketball Practice 7pm Divorce Rebuilders	<b>24</b>  6:30 Basketball Practice 6:30 Jr. GOYA Youth Meeting 5pm AGAPE Trunk or Treat 7pm Catechism Class 8pm Bball Men's YAL (pickup)	<b>25</b>  10:30am Bible Study 6pm Faith, Love and Joy Youth Meeting 6:30 Basketball Practice 7pm GREAT VESPERS at St. Demetrios Greek Church 7pm Choir Rehearsal 8:30pm Bball Men over 40 (pickup)	<b>26</b> +ST DIMETRIOS  7am Men's Study Group 8:15am ORTHODOX-MATINS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY 6:30pm Basketball Practice 7:00pm Parish Council Meeting	<b>27</b>  6pm Sister Vana Latin Talk	<b>28</b> +PROTECTION OF THEOTOKOS  8:15am ORTHODOX-MATINS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY 5pm VESPERS	
<b>29</b> +7TH SUNDAY OF LUKE/ 21ST SUNDAY +ST ANASTASIA OF ROME  8:15am ORTHODOX-MATINS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY 11am Coffee Connection 11:30am Solar Panel Blessing	<b>30</b>  6:30 Basketball Practice 7pm Divorce Rebuilders	<b>31</b>  6:30 Basketball Practice 7pm Catechism Class 8pm Bball Men's YAL (pickup)	<b>COMING IN NOVEMBER</b> 5 - Soup Kitchen and Patriarchate & Philoptochos Sunday 7 - Philoptochos Board Meeting 8 - St. Haralambos/Taxiarcal Church Feast Day 9 - St Nektarios Church Feast Day 11 - Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation Gala 12 - Veterans & First Responders Sunday				<b>12</b> - Veterans & First Responders Sunday <b>13</b> - St. John Chrysostom Feast Day <b>19</b> - Parish Assembly Meeting <b>21</b> - Entrance of the Theotokos Feast <b>24</b> - Thanksgiving Holiday (OFFICE CLOSED) <b>25</b> - Church Work Day <b>30</b> - St. Andrews Feast Day

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