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# THE MESSENGER

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## A Message from Father Rick

Father Richard Demetrius Andrews

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

Congratulations to our **Agape School** graduates. *Alexia Angelopoulos, Chris Costianis, Jonah Kallis, Penelope Lappas, George Loukas, Georgie Metropoulos, Luke Nellessen, Lucia Nicolopoulos, and Panagiota Vranas*. The ceremony took place on *May 30<sup>th</sup>* with lots of grand/parents in attendance. Thank you to our director *Julie Mantice* and assistant director (and Apostles teacher) *Trish Melidones* as well as the rest of the teachers: Apostles- *Eirini Kourentzis-Kangadis, Sandy O'Malley*, Disciples- *Jovana Jevtic, Seong Park-McGarry*, Fishermen- *Jennifer Kyriakopoulos*, and *Kristine Bartholomew*.

Congratulations also to our **Greek School** graduates and students. The program took place on *May 20<sup>th</sup>* with grandparents

in attendance. We thank our dedicated director *Stella Theoharopoulos* and her teachers: *Roula Mareskes, and Hellen Kakaris*. Roula announced that she will be retiring from teaching. We congratulate her and thank her for many years of service to our Greek School!

**Mission Team Chicago** hosted their annual fundraising/awareness dinner at SSPP on *June 3<sup>rd</sup>*. We welcomed development director *Dan Christopoulos*, events coordinator *Elaine Drikakis*, keynote speaker *Fr. Stephanos Ritsi* and many faithful supporters from our parish and other Orthodox communities. The Latto Center atrium provided a nice atmosphere for over 100 persons in attendance.

**Agape Summer Camp** completed three weeks in June and runs two more weeks until *July 12*. Vacation Church School (VCS) took place June 10-14 with about 75 children participating. The theme was 'Superheros.' Thanks to youth director Steven Thell, as

well as Agape Camp staff for running a creative and fun week including fun day on Friday.

Our **Metropolitan Nathanael's Nameday** was *June 11*. We pray many more years of pastoral leadership rightly teaching the Word of Truth! **Father's Day** was *June 16* and we all thank **Metropolitan Nathanael** for being our spiritual as well as all our fathers, grandfathers, godfathers and father-figures for all that you do for us!

Our youth director **Steven Thell** celebrated his one-year work anniversary on *June 15*. We recognize his exceptional work and deep care for our kids and our community. Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to one of our staff this summer. **Trish Melidones** will be moving to South Carolina. Trish has been an exceptional Agape School teacher, interim director and assistant director. We will miss her hard work, dedication and commitment.

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### PARASKEVI IN RIGHTEOUS MARTYR OF ROME

Saint Paraskeve, who was from a certain village near Rome, was born to pious parents, Agatho and Politia. Since she was born on a Friday (in Greek, Paraskeve), she was given this name, which means "preparation" or "preparedness" (compare Matt. 27:62, Mark 15:42, Luke 23:54, and John 19:31, where 'Friday' is called "the day of the preparation"). From childhood she was instructed in the sacred letters and devoted herself to the study of the divine Scriptures, while leading a monastic life and guiding many to the Faith of Christ. During the reign of the Emperor Antoninus Pius, she was apprehended because she was a Christian and was urged to worship the idols, but she answered with the words of Jeremias: "Let the gods that have not made heaven and the earth perish from off the earth" (Jer. 10:11). Because of this she endured exceedingly painful torments, and was beheaded in the year 140. The faithful pray to her for the healing of eye ailments.

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# PASTORAL MESSAGE

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Our third annual *Animal/Pet Blessing service* was *June 15* with about 25 people participating. Holy Pentecost was *June 23* and All Saints on *June 30*. Our *Parish Feast Day* is of course on *June 28-29*.

The Biennial Archdiocese Clergy Laity Philoptochos Assembly is *June 30 – July 4* in San Diego. Fr. Rick & Pres Jane, Keith & Randa Anderson, and Vanessa Adinamis will represent our parish. Fr. Rick will also be giving a presentation to all the priests and presvyteras about Clergy Stress and Burnout. For more info: [clergy-laity.org](http://clergy-laity.org)

*Fanari Camp*- Weeks 1 and 2 are complete. Weeks 3,4,5 are *July 1-6, 7-13, and 14-20* respectively. We look forward to hearing about all the great experiences from our youth campers.

Due to many factors, *Saturday Vespers* will be *cancelled* for the rest of the summer. Those factors include Fr. Rick's work and travel schedule, lack of assistant priest, and sacrament schedule conflicts. We hope to resume in September. I apologize for any inconvenience.

*Does God take Summer vacation?* No, and neither does our parish. We are open throughout the summer and Divine Liturgies are

scheduled 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, we should look for attend and Orthodox Christian Church nearby or on the way. Take a photo with your 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.

The Stewardship 2024 Archdiocesan theme is "*Well done good and faithful servant*" (Matthew 25:24). These are Jesus' words told in the Parable of the Talents (Mt.25:14-30) to the two servants who multiplied the gifts given to them by their master. Jesus calls the third servant, who buried his one talent in the ground, "*wicked and lazy*" (v.26) and he represents those who use their gifts from God only for earthly things (St Gregory the Great).

God's guideline for giving is the tithe (10%). He gives us everything but only asks for ten percent in return. That's a pretty

good deal. With a total (operations & capital) annual parish budget of \$1.7M we encourage everyone to strive towards tithing (10%) but *suggest a minimum of four percent (4%) annual giving.*

+ Fr. Rick

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# EXCOMMUNICATION

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This word may cause shock and fear to some who hear it. Others may not even know what it means. To many there is a great deal of confusion surrounding the word and the issues it represents. The word excommunication, from the Orthodox Christian perspective, means to be excluded from communion. As many know, this most certainly refers to all non-Orthodox Christians and non-Christians. Last month's article explained the reasons for this.

However, many do not know that even Orthodox Christians can be excluded from Holy Communion. The canons of the Church enumerate hundreds of circumstances (various types of sins) and appropriate penances which can exclude someone from communion. Often, the excommunication is for a certain period of time (weeks, months, or years) but usually is ended when the person fulfills the penance and appropriately repents through confession and subsequent change of life.

In parish practice, since many people do not come for confession and live rather private lives, the ability for the priest to administer penances such as excommunication is greatly hindered. Penances are not followed strictly but are

interpreted pastorally by each priest to each person's unique circumstances. However, some penances for excommunication are still followed quite strictly, especially relating to marriage.

For example, an Orthodox Christian who marries in a non-Orthodox Church is automatically excommunicated until the marriage is blessed in the Orthodox Church. With separation and divorce, spouses are usually excluded from communion until they reconcile with one another, or they receive an ecclesiastical divorce from the diocese. An Orthodox Christian cohabitating without a proper marriage ceremony also is excommunicated.

Some say excommunication is too severe a punishment. However, it is not done for punishment's sake. It is not done to embarrass or humiliate the penitent. It is done as a spiritual discipline to call the person to an awareness of their broken state of sin and motivate them to properly repent and reconcile to those trespassed against as well as reconcile to the Church.

In our community, if the priest becomes aware of a situation that may be grounds for excommunication, he will most certainly attempt to personally contact you. This will be done to

encourage repentance through confession and other means. It will also be done to let you know if you should not receive communion and for how long. If you have been excommunicated, please do not force the issue by approaching the chalice during Liturgy. The priest will have no choice but to refuse you communion. If you have any doubts about your preparedness to receive communion, please contact the priest. He will be happy to counsel and advise you. This is the traditional Orthodox Christian practice. God bless all of you!

This article can be found on our website under "About Us/Pastor's Corner/Excommunication"

<https://ssppglenview.org/pastors-corner/excommunication/>

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# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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## SS. PETER & PAUL **GREEK FEST** *at the* **FARM**



### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR GREEK FEST** ***SEPT. 14 & 15***

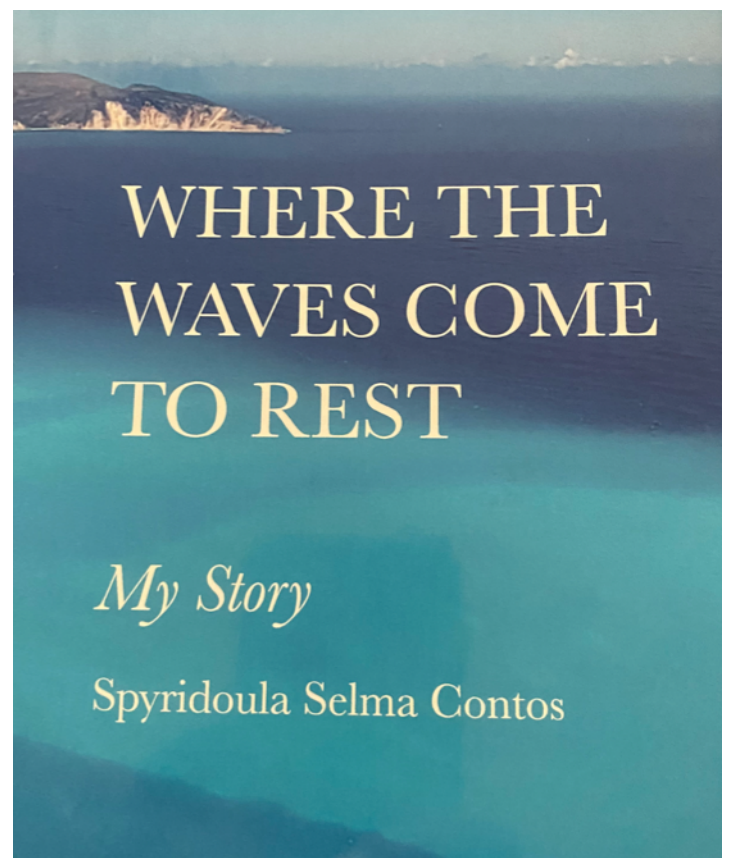
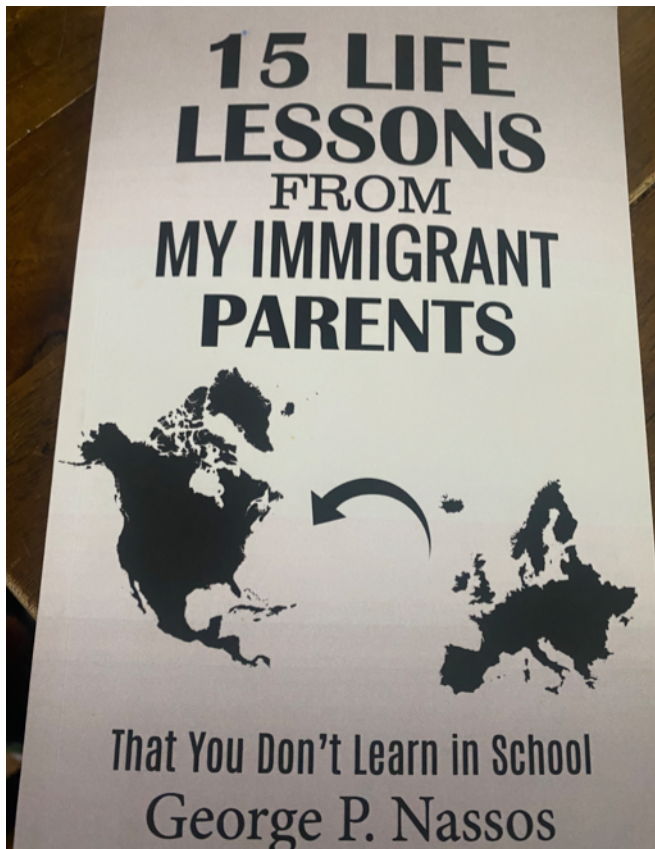
That's right! Greek Fest will be extended to TWO days this year: *Saturday and Sunday, September 14 & 15*. That means twice as much fun, feasting and fellowship with our Glenview neighbors. We'll be heading back to Wagner Farm again, but this year we'll have the whole space just for our event – thanks to the gracious hospitality of Farm management.

Two days means we need twice as much help from parishioners of all ages. Check future weekly bulletins for information on volunteer signup. If you would like to help in the planning and organizing for Greek Fest 2024 (including key areas of promotion, kitchen/cooking, food service, loukoumades or volunteer staffing), contact co-chairs Christy Gouletas, [christygouletas@hotmail.com](mailto:christygouletas@hotmail.com), or Nick Colis, [njcolis@gmail.com](mailto:njcolis@gmail.com).

# BOOK & ICON STORE

## HELLO!

Featured this month are two beautiful books written by our very own parishioners. ***15 Life Lessons From My Immigrant Parents That You Don't Learn In School*, By George P. Nassos;** and ***Where the Waves Come to Rest* By Spyridoula Selma Contos.** Both are excellent reads and truly reflect the thoughts and wisdom that can be gained by sharing their stories. Your Book & Icon Store will be open every Sunday immediately following the Divine Liturgy. We carry a wide selection of Orthodox jewelry and lovely icons for your home or for gifts. Any questions or special orders, please email. [bookstore@ssppglenview.org](mailto:bookstore@ssppglenview.org)



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# COFFEE CONNECTION

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## **FINDING IT HARD TO FIND TIME TO PRAY?**

Coffee Connection's Summer Book Club has just the book for you!

We will be reading and discussing *Praying in Time* by Sister Vassa Larin. We had the pleasure of hosting a lecture given by Sister Vassa last October in which she highlighted some of this book.

Our bookstore has the book for \$20 or you can also get in on Amazon.

We are having 2 sessions: Thursday, July 25 and Tuesday, August 20 from 7:00-8:30pm in the youth room.

The book is only 100 pages, and we are asking attendees to read the whole book before our first session, if possible, as we might be focusing on different aspects at each session.

Here's a little sneak peek about Praying in Time:

“Combining engaging theological explanations with practical prayer tips, Sister Vassa offers a simple and flexible way of living this prayer tradition, so it is sustainable even amidst a busy schedule.”

Of course, we will have coffee, tea and something sweet at each session!

Please RSVP to our CC email: [coffeeconnection@sspplenvue.org](mailto:coffeeconnection@sspplenvue.org) and let us know if you can attend our sessions and if you would like to buy the book from our bookstore.



# PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT LETTER

## SUMMER SUMMER SUMMERTIME!

Ready for Summer?? School is out: summer camps start up, vacations are planned and we all get ourselves ready to spend as much of our time out-of-doors as possible. Here at the Saint's Peter and Paul Parish Council, we will be very, very busy.

### **It's our Birthday!!!!** *June 29 (Sat.)*

– The Feastday of SSPP Orthros will be at 8:30am, and liturgy at 9:30am. Philoptochos will host the reception following the two services. Parish Council members will be assisting as servers for Saturday's luncheon.

*June 30 – July 4* - The 47<sup>th</sup> Biennial Clergy Laity Congress ("In Christ, We are One!") will be held in San Diego, CA. The Delegates representing Saints Peter and Paul at this event, will be Keith Anderson, Randa Anderson and Vanessa Adinamis. Our own Father Rick will giving a presentation on clergy stress and burn-out, while Ms. Anderson will be making a presentation for the OCAMPR breakout session.

**Taking Flight:** *July 19th (Fri.) thru July 25<sup>th</sup>*, this year's Project Mexico ministry embarks on another mission.

### **The SSPP Parish Council Presents, an Open Town Hall -**

Saints Peter and Paul Parish Council will be holding an open Townhall

in person/via Zoom on August 1st. This will consist of a brief presentation by the Parish Council, followed by an open forum; allowing the members of our Parish to pose questions on whatever Church-related topics they choose. (Date, time and Agenda to be provided shortly).

### **Under Construction:**

Sidewalk, repair and parking lot resurfacing/ paving will be the summer projects;  
 - approximately 16,400 sq ft of parking lot closest to the church on the east side of the church.  
 - Sidewalks, stairs and worn concrete slabs will be repaired and replaced.

### **Our Kitchen Remodeling Project:**

Is almost complete. New equipment has been installed and cabinets have been repaired or replaced. Look for a completion, some time in July.

**Updates** are planned for the Saints Peter and Paul Website. Members of the Stewardship Committee, along with Father Rick, will begin work on revamping the website, to make it more user friendly to navigate.

**AGAPE Summer Camp:** continues, weekdays, Mon-Fri, from now, until July 12<sup>th</sup>.

**We need donors!!!!** So, we have

scheduled a Blood drive for Weds., July 31st, from 9:00am – 7:00PM. For more information, please contact Christy Gouletas at [christygouletas@gmail.com](mailto:christygouletas@gmail.com).

A big Congratulations to all those who participated in the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Junior Olympics... to you, we say... AXIOS!!

## WHAT'S COMING UP . . .

The Saints Peter and Paul's Parish Festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Once again we will be at beautiful Wagner's Farm. As with every year, we need volunteers to help make this another event to remember. Be on the lookout for meeting notices from the Festival committee or please contact Christy Gouletas [christygouletas@gmail.com](mailto:christygouletas@gmail.com) or Nick Colis [njcolis@gmail.com](mailto:njcolis@gmail.com)  
Fanari Camp 2024: Five Sessions are offered, sessions 2-4 are still available: Session #2 - 6/23 thru 6/29, Session #3 - 6/30 thru 7/6, Session #4 - 7/7 thru 7/13, Session #5 - 7/14 thru 7/20,

In Christ,  
 Steve J. Koulogeorge  
 Parish Council President

# OUR LIFE TOGETHER

**Welcome new members to our beautiful parish,  
Stergios and Helen Alexander**



*Jordan Gongorek Baptism 6-9-2024*



*Peter Vollman Baptism 6-9-2024*



*Jenna Gatzioles and Mitch Grant  
were married on 6-8-2024*



*Sophia Lehocky and Levi Castleberry  
were married on 5-18-2024*



*Cynthia Karnezis and Anthony Baroud were married  
on 5-11-2024*

# OUR LIFE TOGETHER



*Agape Kids 5-28-2024*



*Northwestern OCF Dinner*



*Agape Academy Graduation*

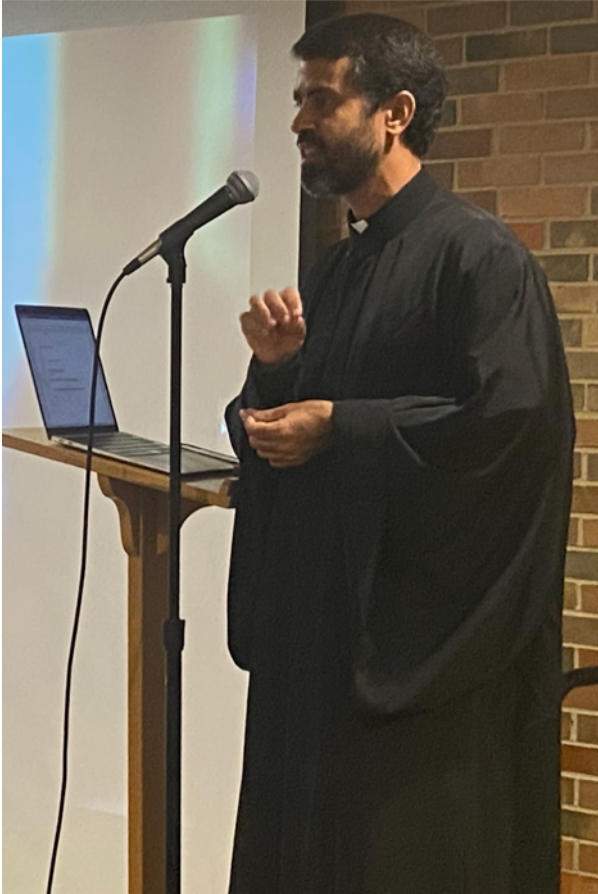


*Volo Bog Nature Walk 6-15-2024*



*SSPP Animal Blessing 6-15-2024*

# OUR LIFE TOGETHER



*OCMC Dinner at SSPP 6-3-2024*



*Memorial Day prayers 2024*



*Kwaku Adonteng Grad*



*Agape Academy Trish Farewell*

# OUR LIFE TOGETHER



*YAL at Fr. Ricks and Pres. Janes Home*



*Senior send off*



*Metropolis Clergy Retreat*

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# JR OLYMPICS 2024

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## THE 2024 JUNIOR OLYMPICS

Proved to be a triumphant event for Saints Peter & Paul, with our talented athletes bringing home an impressive array of medals.

*Elias Matsakis* showcased his strategic prowess by clinching the Gold medal in Chess, demonstrating exceptional skill and mental agility.

*George Limperis* battled fiercely in Ping Pong, earning a well-deserved Silver medal through his quick reflexes and precise shots.

Our 16-18 year old 4 x 100 Girls Relay Team featuring *Niki Alexis, Layla Ayaleanos, Andrea Lutai and Sydney Spilios* delivered an outstanding performance, securing the Silver medal in a highly competitive race, highlighting their speed and teamwork.

The 8-10 year old 4 x 50 Boys Relay Team featuring *Sean Gallagher, Paris Ninis, Trifon Adams and Evan Angelos* also shone brightly, capturing the Silver medal with their impressive speed and coordination.

*Katherine Cotromanes*, competing in the 10 and Under Swimming category, swam her way to a Gold medal, showing remarkable talent and determination.

*Nicollete Mackris* fought hard and won a silver medal in tennis thanks to her excellent hand-eye coordination and strategic play.

*Lia Mackris* won two Bronze medals, one for the 50-meter freestyle and one for the 50-meter backstroke, showcasing her versatility in swimming styles.

*Andriana Kiriklakis* won a silver medal in the 25-meter freestyle swimming event, showcasing her strength and quickness in the water.

Lastly, our Boys Volleyball Team fought hard to win the Bronze medal, displaying excellent coordination and resilience throughout the tournament.

Congratulations to all our athletes for their remarkable achievements and for making our Saints Peter & Paul community proud!

*Tommy Mantice*  
Athletic Director

# JR OLYMPICS 2024



*Our SSPP Jr. Olympians and 3 coaches*



*Girls Volleyball team photo*



*Boys Volleyball team photo*

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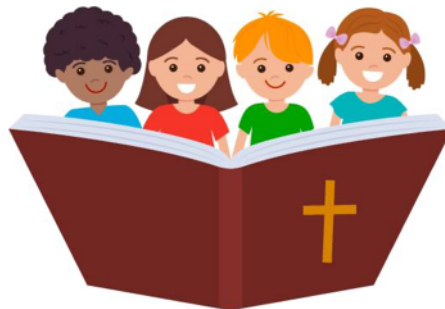
# AGAPE AND CHURCH SCHOOL

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AGAPE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY  
ENROLLMENT IS OPEN

Ages 2 through 6 - Come for a tour  
Contact Julie Mantice at 847-849-7870



Church School Registration for 2024-25 school year is now open.  
First day of Church School will be Sept 8th. Ages 3 (born on or  
before Sept 1st, 2021) - High School Senior  
Register on-line at <https://ssppglenview.org/cs/>  
Questions: [churchschool@ssppglenview.org](mailto:churchschool@ssppglenview.org)



# SSPP GREEK SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

Register your children in the Saints Peter and Paul Greek School Program.

We offer an excellent educational program in a child friendly child centered environment. Our students learn how to read, write and speak the Greek language. They also learn about the Greek culture, history, civilization, traditions, art, dance and music.

We help our students to gain confidence and grow emotionally and spiritually. We use various interactive methods, programs and activities in order to make Greek school a fun learning experience.

For more information and Registration forms please contact the Greek school director *Stella Theoharopoulos* at [theostell@aol.com](mailto:theostell@aol.com) at any time and at 847 529-5899 after July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Registration forms are also available at the church office, 1401 Wagner Rd. Glenview, IL. Phone 847 729-2235 and on the church's website under Education scroll down, Greek school, learn more Registration form 2024-2025

Stella Theoharopoulos  
Greek School Director

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# GOYA

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## YOUTH REPORT

Greetings to all

As we are in the summer months. I hope everyone enjoys their vacations and time off. Our schedule and meeting days will change. Please keep an eye out for emails and check the calendar for event postings.

Many of our youth participated in Junior Olympics. I am proud of their hard work and dedication and how they represented Saints Peter and Paul. Please see the Jr. Olympic page for more details and pictures.

Our Vacation Church School program was a successful one. We had about 75 kids participate during the week. The theme was Superheros of the Church. The kids learned about important saints of the church and how they can be 'Supereros' of the church. The kids got to sit in the fire truck, see a magic show, and enjoy a carnival with a dunk tank on top of many other fun activities throughout the week.

As we closed out at the end of May and early June, we had our last FLJ event with our beloved Trish. We had a luau and food trucks. Trish has done so much for our community and youth program. She will surely be missed. Make sure you say goodbye and congratulate her on her new teaching job in South Carolina.

The Junior Goyans got to head to Wagner Farms and are working on building our GOYA Garden. We hope to achieve that this coming fall.

The Senior Goyans had their Senior Sendoff. We said goodbye and celebrated with our seniors. We wish them luck going forward in the next chapter of their lives. Thursdays are still volleyball nights. So come on down to the gym around 7 to hang out and play volleyball.

Our Project Mexico team is heading off on July 19th to build homes for those in need. We cannot be more proud of their commitment and willingness to give their service to others.

Save the Date. September 8th is our Fall Youth Kickoff. This is the day we start the youth ministry year off.

Please keep checking your emails and the messenger for event updates. Thank you

Thank you!

Have a blessed day,  
*Steven Thell* (Youth Director)  
youthdirector@sspplenvue.org

# GOYA



*Fr. Rick dunked at Vacation Church School*



*Addy and Sammy enjoying VCS*



*Kids saying goodbye to Trish*



*Our kids posing next to a Fire Truck*



*VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERHEROS*

# PHILOPTOCHOS

## FESTIVAL OF TABLES

A huge thank you to the 150 people who joined us for the Festival of Tables at the Glen Club on Friday, June 7! Everyone enjoyed the festive environment that featured colorful tablescapes which transported them around the world, from the Polynesian Islands to the shores of Lake Michigan, and from the Paris Olympics to the studio of Iris Apfel! This event raised over \$13,500, and a portion of our proceeds will be donated to A Safe Place, Lake County's leading nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking. Another huge thank you to our event chair, *Diane Papadakis-Economy*, and all the women who helped make the evening a huge success! It is because of their ongoing efforts, and the work and support of countless others, including you, that our SSPP Philoptochos was able to raise and distribute over \$100,000 towards philanthropic projects in the past 12 months! See the upcoming August Messenger for a list of those we have helped.



# PHILOPTOCHOS

## ANTIQUESHOW

Our May 14 Antiques Roadshow event featuring appraiser *George Glasris*, formerly of Sotheby's, was a huge hit! Thank you to *Annette Vranas*, who chaired the evening and brought our community together. It was a fun, informative meeting, and who knows.... maybe someone discovered a true treasure among their possessions!



## SENIOR LUNCHEON

There's been a change of date for our Senior Appreciation Luncheon. This year, we will be hosting the event on Tuesday, August 20. Please reach out to *Pat Nassos* ([patnassos@gmail.com](mailto:patnassos@gmail.com) or 847-421-3526) if you would like to be involved! In the meantime, enjoy some photos from last year's luncheon!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday August 20th** - Senior Appreciation Luncheon\*  
**Tuesday, September 24th** - Membership Reception  
**Thursday, October 24th** - Oktoberfest at Pinstripes\*  
**Sunday, November 3rd** - Philoptochos Sunday  
**Saturday, December 7th** - Holiday Faire  
**Saturday, December 14th** - Advent Brunch at Sunset Ridge Country Club

\*Note – these dates were revised since the June Messenger

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## GEORGE KARCAZES REPOSES IN THE LORD

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Our parish community mourns the loss of George who was Parish Council president (1997-1997). He reposed on June 6th and the funeral was celebrated at Saints Constantine and Helen Church in Palos Hills, his home parish. Internment was at Evergreen Cemetery in Evergreen Park where many of his family are also buried. Our sympathies and condolences to his wife Roula and children Dimitri and Matina. May his memory be eternal!

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/george-karcazes-obituary?id=55322214>

# JULY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	1 +STS KOSMAS & DAMIANOS+  AGAPE SUMMER CAMP	2 8pm Men's YAL B-ball pickup	3 8:30pm Bball Mens over 40 (pickup)	4 Independence Day Holiday OFFICE CLOSED	5	6	
7 +2ND SUN MATTHEW+ +ST KYRIAKI GREAT MARTYR 8:15am ORTHROS-MATINS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY	8 +ST PROKOPIOS GREAT MARTYR 8pm Stewardship Committee Meeting FANARI CAMP WEEK 4  AGAPE SUMMER CAMP	9 7pm Cancer Support 8pm Men's YAL B-ball pickup	10 8:30pm Bball Mens over 40 (pickup)	11 +STS EUPHEMIA & OLGA EQUAL TO APOSTLES 10am Dynamis "Kali Parea" Breakfast at Georgie V's 7pm Parish Council Exec Meeting	12	13 +SYNAXIS OF ARCHANGEL GABRIEL	
14 +HOLY FATHERS - 4TH ECUM SYNOD 8:15am ORTHROS-MATINS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY	15  FANARI CAMP WEEK 5	16 8pm Men's YAL B-ball pickup	17 +ST MARINA GREAT MARTYR 8:30pm Bball Mens over 40 (pickup)	18 10am Dynamis "Kali Parea" Breakfast at Georgie V's 7pm Welcome Meeting	19 +ST MACRINA VENERABLE  PROJECT MEXICO	20 +PROPHET ELIJAH/ELIAS 8:30am ORTHROS-MATINS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY	
21 +4TH SUN MATTHEW+ 8:15am ORTHROS-MATINS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY	22 STS MARY MAGDALENE & MARKELLA	23 +PROPHET EZEKIEL 8pm Men's YAL B-ball pickup	24 +ST CHRISTINA GREAT MARTYR +Fr. Dennis Latto reposed 1973 8:30pm Bball Mens over 40 (pickup)	25 +DORMITION OF ST ANNA 10am Dynamis "Kali Parea" Breakfast at Georgie V's 7pm Coffee Connection Book Club 7pm Parish Council Meeting	26 +ST PARASKEVE MARTYR & HERMOLAOS PRIEST-MARTYR	27 +ST PANTELEIMON	
28 +5TH SUN MATTHEW+ +ST IRENE CHRYSOVALANTOU+ 8:15am ORTHROS-MATINS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY 11am Prison Ministry Sunday	29	30 8pm Men's YAL B-ball pickup	31 1pm-8pm Blood Drive 8:30pm Bball Mens over 40 (pickup)	<b>COMING IN AUGUST</b>			29 BEHEADING OF FORERUNNER at SBJ Des Plaines 29 Parish Council Meeting 31 Environmental Vespers

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