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PHILOPTOCHOS



OUR LIFE TOGETHER

# THE MESSENGER

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## A Message from Father Rick

Father Richard Demetrius Andrews

CHRIST IS RISEN!

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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 6<sup>th</sup>.

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 the Virgin Mary was bodily assumed into heaven after her death. 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.

**Fanari Camp** 2024 is complete. Around 750 children, including forty from our parish, participated during the five weeks of camp. Agape Summer Camp concluded July 14<sup>th</sup>.

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 Biennial **Archdiocese Clergy Laity Philoptochos Congress** took place in San Diego on *July 1-4*. Our parish was represented by *Fr. Rick & Pres Jane, Keith & Randa Anderson, and Vanessa Adinamis*. Fr. Rick gave a presentation to all the priests and presvyteras about Clergy Stress and Burnout. *Randa Anderson* presented at a worship about the Assembly of Bishops Mental Healthy Ministries. She also represented OCAMPR (Orthodox Christian Association of Medicine, Psychology and Religion) in the exhibitors' area. *Dr. Helen Theodoropoulos* was part of a panel presentation about Women in Orthodoxy. For more info: [www.clergylaity.org](http://www.clergylaity.org)

Agape Summer Camp has concluded and before Fall programs begin in September, we are taking care of several **building and grounds projects** including: concrete sidewalks, parking lot, rear entrance to sanctuary, stair and guard rails in community center, and classroom 100 remodel.

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### PROCESSION OF THE PRECIOUS CROSS

Because of the many diseases that occurred in the month of August, the custom prevailed of old in Constantinople to carry the precious Wood of the Cross in procession throughout the city for its sanctification and its deliverance from illnesses. It was brought forth from the imperial treasury on the last day of July and placed upon the Holy Table of the Great Church of the Holy Wisdom; and beginning August 1st, until the Dormition of the Theotokos, it was carried in procession throughout the city and was set forth for veneration before the people.

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# PASTORAL MESSAGE

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## CONTINUED...

We bid fond farewell to *Trish Melidones* on June 30<sup>th</sup>. She moved to South Carolina on July 13. Trish has served our community as an exceptional Agape School teacher, interim director and assistant director. We will miss having her hard work, dedication and commitment.

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, look to attend an 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.

This month of ***August activities:*** Dormition Fast (1-15), Transfiguration of our Lord Feast (6), Falling Asleep of Theotokos (15), Senior Appreciation Luncheon (20) Beheading of John the Baptist; Parish Council meeting (29), Vespers for Protection of the Environment (31).

Please reserve *October 7-8* (Monday and Tuesday evenings) for a ***parish renewal retreat*** led by *Fr. Evan Armatas*. This is open to all parish members and promises to be educational and inspiring. Fr. Evan is the author of the book "*Reclaiming the Great Commission: A Roadmap to Parish Health.*"

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.***

Truly He is Risen!  
+Fr. Rick

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# GREEK FEST 2024

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SS. PETER & PAUL

## GREEK FEST

AT THE FARM

Saturday, Sept. 14 • Noon - 10pm

Sunday, Sept. 15 • Noon – 9pm

## AT HISTORIC WAGNER FARM

We're going back to the Farm this year for TWO days of fun and fellowship! You can help make Greek Fest a great success by getting involved in the following ways:

- \*\* **Invite your friends, family and neighbors** to join in our celebration of Greek culture, food, faith and music. Watch for promotional materials we'll make available to get the word out.
- \*\* With two days of Greek Fest, **twice as much help is needed** to host our event. Check upcoming weekly emails for details on how you can sign up to volunteer for set-up, food prep, food service, tear-down/clean-up, etc.
- \*\* Want to **take a more active role in organizing** and hosting this year's event? If you're interested in being a co-coordinator for any of the key aspects of Greek Fest (including promotion, kitchen, loukoumades, food service or runners/food transport), contact co-chairs Christy Gouletas, [cgouletas@hotmail.com](mailto:cgouletas@hotmail.com), or Nick Colis, [njcolis@gmail.com](mailto:njcolis@gmail.com).
- \*\* Unable to participate on either day? You can still **assist by making a donation** to help cover festival expenses. Donate by check or online at [sspplglenview.org](http://sspplglenview.org) and designate that it's for Greek Fest.

So get your appetites and your dancing shoes ready for the festivities! There will be Greek music, as well as games and activities for the kids. Grecian chicken will return to the menu, along with pork souvlaki, gyros and other tasty treats. And the loukoumades and Greek pastries will be located inside the Farm's Heritage Center building – hopefully keeping those pesty bees at bay!

# RENEWING GOD'S HOUSE

## HELLO!

We anticipate that there will be a flurry of projects underway and completed in July and August. As you come to Church on Sunday and during the Dormition Paraklesis services watch out for construction detours.

- The handrails on the four sets of stairs in the Latto Center Atrium and guardrails on the upper level of the Atrium will be installed in compliance with ADA requirements.
- The damaged concrete sidewalks and stairs in front of the main church building have been replaced. The new sidewalk in front of the entry to the Latto Center will be poured to meet ADA specifications and allow easier wheelchair access.
- The first of five phases to restore the entire parking lot that is thirty years old will have started. This will improve drainage and extend the pavement for another thirty years.
- Stop by our kitchen. It has a new bright and clean look with an efficient workflow and improved storage. The upright freezer decided to quit and was replaced.
- The Cotromanes family has dedicated their parent's memorial funds to remodel the playroom across from the bookstore. It will be a bright and inviting space for the children to enjoy.
- The remodeling of Classroom #100 will be underway with new and efficient storage providing additional floor space for classroom use.

We are also starting to plan next year's projects. Let me know if you have any ideas for a project that you would like to sponsor by emailing [john@vranas.com](mailto:john@vranas.com). In the meantime, please continue your generous annual stewardship commitments to fund these projects.



# BOOK STORE AND MORE

## BOOK AND ICON STORE

With the school year starting and many going off to college, be sure to send your loved ones off with an icon or prayer book for their dorm room. We have a lovely selection of smaller icons, to gently remind your students the importance of their faith. Stop in to shop any Sunday after the Divine Liturgy, or call the office to schedule a personal shopping experience during the week. We are constantly adding new titles, prayer ropes, bracelets, and much more, so please make it a point to visit your Book & Icon Store at your earliest convenience.



## KIMISSIS VESPERS BUS

Please join us for an outing to Kimissis Tis Theotokou Church in Racine, WI, on August 14th for the Annual Feast Day Celebration of the Dormition. We will leave from SSPP parking lot at 5:30pm. Vespers will be at 6:30pm and there will be a procession outside with the Holy Kouvouklion and Epitaphios of the Theotokos. There will be a reception following the service hosted by their Philotochos. After services, we will return to church around 10:30pm.



You must RSVP by *August 8th* to the church office-(847) 729-2235.

## CHURCH SCHOOL

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

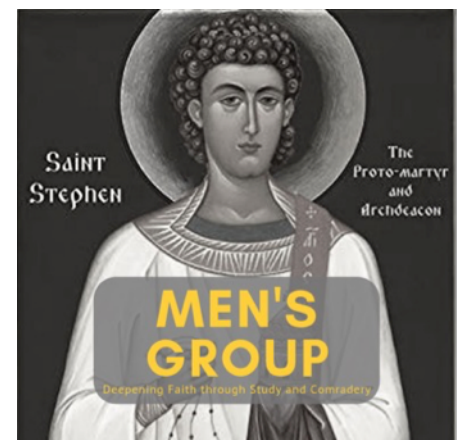


## MEN'S GROUP

The St. Stephen Men's Group is a unique opportunity for men in our parish to gather together for edifying study of the scripture and other related books as well as engaging in fellowship throughout the Ecclesiastical Year.

1. Interested in joining the Thursday morning study group and engaging in fellowship opportunities? Go here >> <https://ssppglview.org/st-stephens-mens-group/> to be added to our mailing list.
2. Join us for our first fellowship opportunity at North Branch Pizza & Burger Co.on Thursday August 29 (7-9PM) Go here >> <https://shorturl.at/0xVsH>

If you are already a member of the St. Stephen Men's Group, we look forward to continuing our journey and if you have yet to join, please consider doing so as we aim to bring the men of our Parish together through learning about our Faith and engaging in fellowship.



# PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT LETTER

## SUMMER UPCOMING EVENTS

First of all, a big “thank you” to all those who helped out at our Annual Feast day on **Sat., June 29th**. Our Philoptochos hosted, with some help from our Parish Council.

Please be sure... to keep this event on your calendar. The last couple of years we have had great participation from the parish in showing up for our Feast day. We have had past feast days with more attendees from outside of our parish than those attending from our own parish. Let's show the pride we have in our parish!! Make the time to attend, take the time to help out...

· The 47th Biennial Clergy Laity Congress (“In Christ, We are One!”) was held in San Diego, CA.

**June 30 – July 4** - You will hear more about the goings on at this event during our upcoming Parish Assembly as well as from through your Monthly Messenger.

· The SSPP Parish Council Presents, an Open Town Hall - Saints Peter and Paul Parish Council will be holding an open Townhall (Zoom) Meeting, on Thursday **August 1st**, from 7:00pm-8:30pm. The Agenda calls for brief updates by the Parish Council on current activities, followed by an open forum; allowing members of the Parish (who are Stewards in good standing) to pose questions and have an open discussion on whatever parish related topics that they choose. Those who wish to attend, can receive a copy of the zoom link by e-mailing our Parish Administrator, Elea Bentley at [Elea@SSPPglenview.org](mailto:Elea@SSPPglenview.org) or through our Church Office at [office@ssppglenview.org](mailto:office@ssppglenview.org).

Men (and Women) at Work - Construction Updates: A roof leak was discovered near the dome. The roofer determined that the leak was from the clerestory window trim. Repairs to the dome have already been completed. A further review of our facilities, identified two additional leaks in the basement (Fellowship Hall): One at the back doors and another at the tunnel, that need attention.

Work on our sidewalks, stairs and worn concrete slabs is starting shortly (Mid-July). Work on the parking lot project will begin as soon as the sidewalk project is completed. It will involve repair and parking lot resurfacing/paving of the approximately 16,400 sq ft of parking lot closest to the church on the east side of the church.

Kitchen Remodeling Project: with the exception of a couple of items, the kitchen remodel has been completed. Congratulations to all those who donated their time, money or other treasures to this project!

The Community Center Classroom re-modeling approved by the Parish Assembly (totaling \$65K) will begin this summer. The implementation of our new Realm database software from our old PDS church software, is mid-July. After installation, we will begin training for the SSPP Office staff.

Anastasia (Stacy) Wieczorek, an Eagle Scout candidate, has volunteered to do her Project at Saints Peter and Paul. She will be working with Julie Mantice to re-organize the AGAPE store room.

### COMING UP . . .

Church School: Begins *September 8th, 2024*

The Saints Peter and Paul's Parish Festival is scheduled for Saturday, *September 14th and Sunday,*

*September 15th* Once again we will be at beautiful Wagner Farm. Don't forget!!!, This won't be a memorable event, unless you remember to help make it an event to remember! Please keep an eye out for reminders 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).

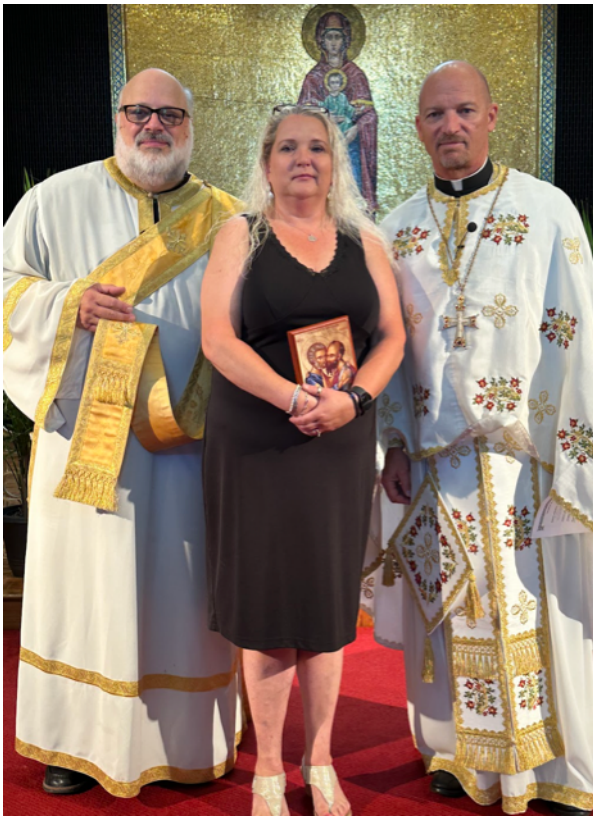
The Stewardship Committee's popular Ministry Fair that was a big hit from 2023, is happening again, on Sunday, *September 29th* after Liturgy, in the Fellowship Hall.

In Christ,  
Steve J. Koulogeorge  
Parish Council President



# OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Welcome new members to our beautiful parish, *William and Danielle Brandt and Manolis*



*Trish Melidones farewell 6-30-2024*



*Mitry Anderson and Julia Evancho Married 6-22-2024*



*40 Day Churching - Maria Hoszkiewicz & Baby Jack 6-30-2024*



*Met Constantine w GOA Hierarchs 6-22-2024*

# OUR LIFE TOGETHER



*Fr Rick w Met Nathanael APC/NSP Reps 7-4-2024*



*Fr Rick speaks at Clergy Laity 7-4-2024*



*Helen Theodoropoulos at Clergy Laity*



*GOARCH Chaplains at Clergy Laity 7-3-2024*



*National Clergy and Presvytera Reps w Archbishop at Clergy Laity*



*Fr Rick w Maria & Ted Kardasis at Clergy Laity 7-4-2024*

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*SSPP Feast Day Philotochos 6-29-2024*



*SSPP Feast Day Clergy Chanters and Acolytes 6-29-2024*



*SSPP Feast Day Chanters 6-29-2024*



*Parish Council & spouses at Koulogeorge home 7-13-2024*

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*sspp fanari campers week 2 2024*



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*Project Mexico SSPP Team 7-14-2024*



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# PHILOPTOCHOS

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Ida Haris and Pat Nassos have planned another enjoyable afternoon of fellowship, great food, and entertainment by Mega Sounds, and you won't want to miss out. Please be a part of this special day. It is our way of saying thanks to our cherished senior community. RSVP by *August 15* to Ida at 847-309-9223 or Pat at [patnassos@gmail.com](mailto:patnassos@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you!

On *June 21*, Board Members Nancie Poulos, Debbie Kunkel, Anastasia Gonzalez, Dena Pavlopoulos, Kris Tsitsis and our former president, Milly Pappas, presented a \$5000 check to Eleni Bousis, Chairwoman of the Greek American Rehabilitation and Care Centre.



As our fiscal year comes to a close, we are happy to let you know that we raised and distributed over \$100,000 in the past 12 months. The largest beneficiary was our own SS Peter and Paul Kitchen Renovation Project, to which we donated \$20,000.

We couldn't have achieved that without your generosity and hard work! In addition to helping individual families in need, we were able to assist the following organizations:

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 Journeys / The Road Home  
 Lemons of Love  
 Maryville's St. Monica's Life Changing Recovery for Women  
 Misericordia Home  
 National Philoptochos Society  
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## FEAST DAY LUNCHEON

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*Fran Mechales greets us with her beautiful smile.*

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*Georgene Shanley, Presbytera Jane Andrews, Julie Mantice and Tina O'Donnell stop for a photo.*



*Feast Day Event Chairs Joanne Trahanas and Julie Anastos join Tru Bazianos and Pam Paradies on the clean-up shift.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, August 20** - Senior Appreciation Luncheon in Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, September 24** - Philoptochos Membership Reception

**Saturday, September 28** – Metropolis Philoptochos Luncheon at Concorde Banquets

**Sunday, October 13** – Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in Libertyville

**Thursday, October 24** – Oktoberfest at Pinstripes

**Sunday, November 3** – Philoptochos Sunday,

**Saturday, December 7** – Holiday Faire

**Saturday, December 14** – Advent Brunch at Sunset Ridge Country Club

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# ENVIROMENTAL VESPERS

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA  
METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO

On behalf of the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church and SS Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church, you are cordially invited to the

## **Tenth Annual**

# Solemn Vespers for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

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**Saturday, August 31, 2024 | 7pm**

Saints Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church  
1401 Wagner Rd, Glenview, IL 60025

Livestream Available at <https://ssppglenview.org>

All are invited as the Catholic and Greek Orthodox communities of greater Chicagoland join together for an ecumenical service to give thanks for God's gift of creation and to recognize the conservation efforts of His disciples.

**The Vespers will be followed by a reception and lecture by: Dr. Debjani Ghatak**

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A hydro-climatologist and a lecturer at the School of Environmental Sustainability, Loyola University Chicago. Her presentation is "Climate Change: Cause and Impact". What's the difference between natural and anthropogenic climate change? She will dig deeper into the causes of anthropogenic climate change and will also discuss what future projected climate change scenario looks like for our state and country. The impacts of climate change are apparent at almost every corner of the world. It's very important that we understand our role in climate change, and we develop some coping strategies.

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# COFFEE CONNECTION

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## FINDING IT HARD TO FIND A 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@ssppglenvie.w.org](mailto:coffeeconnection@ssppglenvie.w.org) and let us know if you can attend our sessions and if you would like to buy the book from our bookstore.



# AUGUST 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>COMING IN SEPTEMBER</b>						
<p>4 Labor Day Holiday</p> <p>8 NATIVITY OF THEOTOKOS</p> <p>8 Church School begin &amp; Fall Youth Kickoff</p> <p>14 ELEVATION OF CROSS</p> <p>14-15 Greek Festival</p>	<p>17 ST SOPHIA</p> <p>26 Dormition of St. John the Evangelist</p> <p>28 Telos Design Day; Metropolis Philoptochos Luncheon</p> <p>29 Ministry Fair</p>	<p>6 +FAST OF DORMITION +TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD</p> <p>8:30am ORTHROS-MATINS</p> <p>9:30am DIVINE LITURGY</p> <p>7pm PARAKLISIS</p> <p>7pm YAL Paraklisis &amp; Talk</p> <p>8pm Men's YAL B-ball pickup</p>	<p>7 +FAST OF DORMITION</p> <p>12pm PARAKLISIS</p> <p>8:30pm Bball Men's over 40 (pickup)</p>	<p>1 +FAST OF DORMITION +PROCESSION OF HOLY CROSS</p> <p>8am ORTHROS-MATINS</p> <p>9am LITURGY</p> <p>10am Dynamis "Kali Parea" Breakfast at Georgie V's</p> <p>7pm Parish Townhall Mtg. - virtual</p>	<p>2 +FAST OF DORMITION</p> <p>5:30pm FJL at Adams House</p>	<p>3 +FAST OF DORMITION</p>
<p>4 +FAST OF DORMITION +6TH SUN MATTHEW +7 CHILDREN OF EPHESUS</p> <p>8:15am ORTHROS-MATINS</p> <p>9:30am DIVINE LITURGY</p>	<p>5 +FAST OF DORMITION</p> <p>7pm VESPERS @ Holy Transfiguration Monastery</p>	<p>13 +FAST OF DORMITION +APODISIS OF TRANSFIGURATION +ST MAXIMOS CONFESSOR</p> <p>12pm PARAKLISIS</p> <p>7pm Cancer Support Mtg</p> <p>8pm Men's YAL B-ball pickup</p>	<p>14 +FAST OF DORMITION +PROPHET MICAH</p> <p>5:30pm Bus Trip to Kimisis for Vespers in Racine Wisconsin</p> <p>7pm GREAT VESPERS at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Chicago IL</p> <p>8:30pm Bball Men's over 40 (pickup)</p>	<p>8 +FAST OF DORMITION</p> <p>10am Dynamis "Kali Parea" Breakfast at Georgie V's</p> <p>6pm PARAKLISIS</p> <p>7pm Parish Council Exec Meeting</p>	<p>9 +FAST OF DORMITION +APOSTLE MATTHIAS</p>	<p>10 +FAST OF DORMITION</p>
<p>11 +FAST OF DORMITION +7TH SUN MATTHEW</p> <p>8:15am ORTHROS-MATINS</p> <p>9:30am DIVINE LITURGY</p> <p>11am Acolyte Recognition Sunday</p>	<p>12 +FAST OF DORMITION +STS PHOTIOS &amp; ANIKETOS</p> <p>7pm PARAKLISIS</p> <p>8pm Stewardship Cmte Mtg</p>	<p>20</p> <p>12pm Philoptochos Senior Appreciation Luncheon</p> <p>6:30pm Philoptochos Board Mtg</p> <p>7pm Coffee Connection Book Club</p> <p>8pm Bball Men's YAL (pickup)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:30pm Bball Men's over 40 (pickup)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10am Dynamis "Kali Parea" Breakfast at Georgie V's</p> <p>6pm AGAPE Meet &amp; Greet</p>	<p>23 +APODISIS OF DORMITION</p>	<p>24 +ST KOSMOS OF AITOLOS</p>
<p>18 +8TH SUN MATTHEW</p> <p>8:15am ORTHROS-MATINS</p> <p>9:30am DIVINE LITURGY</p> <p>11:30am Church School Staff Meeting</p>	<p>19 +ST ANDREW GREAT MARTYR SOLDIER</p>	<p>27 +ST PHANOURIOS MARTYR +Presvytera Zafiroula (Lula) Latto reposed 2018</p> <p>AGAPE NO SCHOOL - teacher institute day</p> <p>8pm Men's YAL B-ball pickup</p>	<p>28 +ST MOSES ETHIOPIAN</p> <p>AGAPE First Day of School</p> <p>7pm GREAT VESPERS @ GREAT VESPERS St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church in Des Plaines</p> <p>8:30pm Bball Men's over 40 (pickup)</p>	<p>29 +BEHEADING OF FORERUNNER - STRICT FAST</p> <p>9:30am DIVINE LITURGY @ St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church in Des Plaines</p> <p>11:45am Dynamis "Kali Parea" Lunch at Paistaria Greek Taverna V's</p> <p>7pm Parish Council Meeting</p>	<p>30 +STS ALEXANDROS, JOHN &amp; PAUL - PATRIARCHS OF CONST.</p> <p>10am - 1pm Sack Lunch</p>	<p>31 +DEPOSITION BELT THEOTOKOS</p>

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