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A Message from Father Rick

Father Richard Demetrius Andrews

Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

On August 31st we were honored to host the 10th Annual *Vespers for the Protection of the Environment*, partnering with our neighboring parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) in Glenview. With approximately 60 people in attendance, *Dr. Debjani Ghetek*, a professor of environmental studies at Loyola University was the guest speaker. As always, thank you always to *George Nassos* for helping coordinate.

Saturday Vespers services on *September 7th*. They always begin at 5pm and last approximately 45 minutes. The service primarily consists of hymns relating the feast and/or saint being celebrated on the following day. Vespers (Esperinos in Greek) is literally 'the evening service' but it is the first service of the new day according to the ancient Jewish reckoning from the creation account in Genesis 1-2, "there was evening and morning, one day." This is a lightly attended service, so it has a quiet solemnity. It is also an acceptable alternative if for whatever reason, one cannot attend Sunday Divine Liturgy.

Sunday Church School classes began on *September 8th*. Children's sermons will be right after the Gospel reading so please come on time for Liturgy 9:30am to be sure to hear the Epistle and Gospel readings as well as the kids' sermon. I

wish to thank our teachers and staff, especially the new ones, who are leading the charge this ministry year: *N3- Georgene Shanley, Mia Papadopoulou, Renee Arzoumanides, N4- Kim Angelos, Anne Engro, K- Stefanie & Christina Xamplas, 1- Julie & Maria Mantice, 3 Pam & Kevin Paradies, 3-John & Christine Mackris, 4- Nick & Kery Obradovich, 5-John Moustoukas & Joanna Loupakos, 6- Heather Butz & Alexis Douglas, 7- Dino Tsitsis, Angela Bicos, 8- Nick Mastros, Anastasia Lazarou, HS- Steven Thell. Julia Economy & Sophia Lehocky; Comm/Admin- Elaine Carrozza*. Our deepest appreciation to our retiring teachers *Harriet Pontikes (40 years)* and *Linda Argeros (20 years)* for their long-lasting commitment and dedication to our youth who were their students.

Our *Parish Family Picnic* and *Fall Youth Kickoff* occurred on *Sept. 15th*. Thank you to our youth director *Steven Thell* for organizing and coordinating and to the many volunteers who helped in various ways.

Fall *Catechism Classes* began on *September 17th* and we have approximately 17 students registered. The word catechism comes from the Greek word 'catechesis' which means 'oral teaching' and now commonly known as 'religious instruction.' The word 'catechumen' signifies the one being taught through verbal instruction.

The Catechism ministry of our parish has existed in various ways from its

has existed in various ways from its founding in 1960. Today this ministry is primarily geared towards adults. Our current main activity is the Introduction to Orthodox Christianity 12-week course that is taught on Tuesday evenings in the Fall and on Monday evenings in the Winter/Spring.

The course is taught by several instructors with Masters or Doctoral level education, training and experience in Orthodox Christianity. In addition to a high quality of knowledge, students receive a variety of instructing styles and personal stories. The diverse experience is enhanced by students of different ages, backgrounds and parishes, and reasons for participation. Evaluations are solicited at the end of each course.

The course is open to everyone. Seekers and inquirers are welcome to learn about the ancient Eastern Christian Faith without cost or obligation. Current Orthodox Christians are encouraged to participate to build their knowledge, especially those in parish leadership, as well as participants and sponsors for baptisms and weddings. Those who are seeking to convert to Orthodoxy through baptism and/or chrismation are required to take the course.

Several different texts are recommended but none are required to take the course. *Introducing the Orthodox Church* by Anthony Coniaris (1982); *The Orthodox Church* by Kallistos Ware (5th ed., 2015); *The Orthodox Way* by Ware (rev. ed., 1995); *Welcome to the Orthodox Church:*

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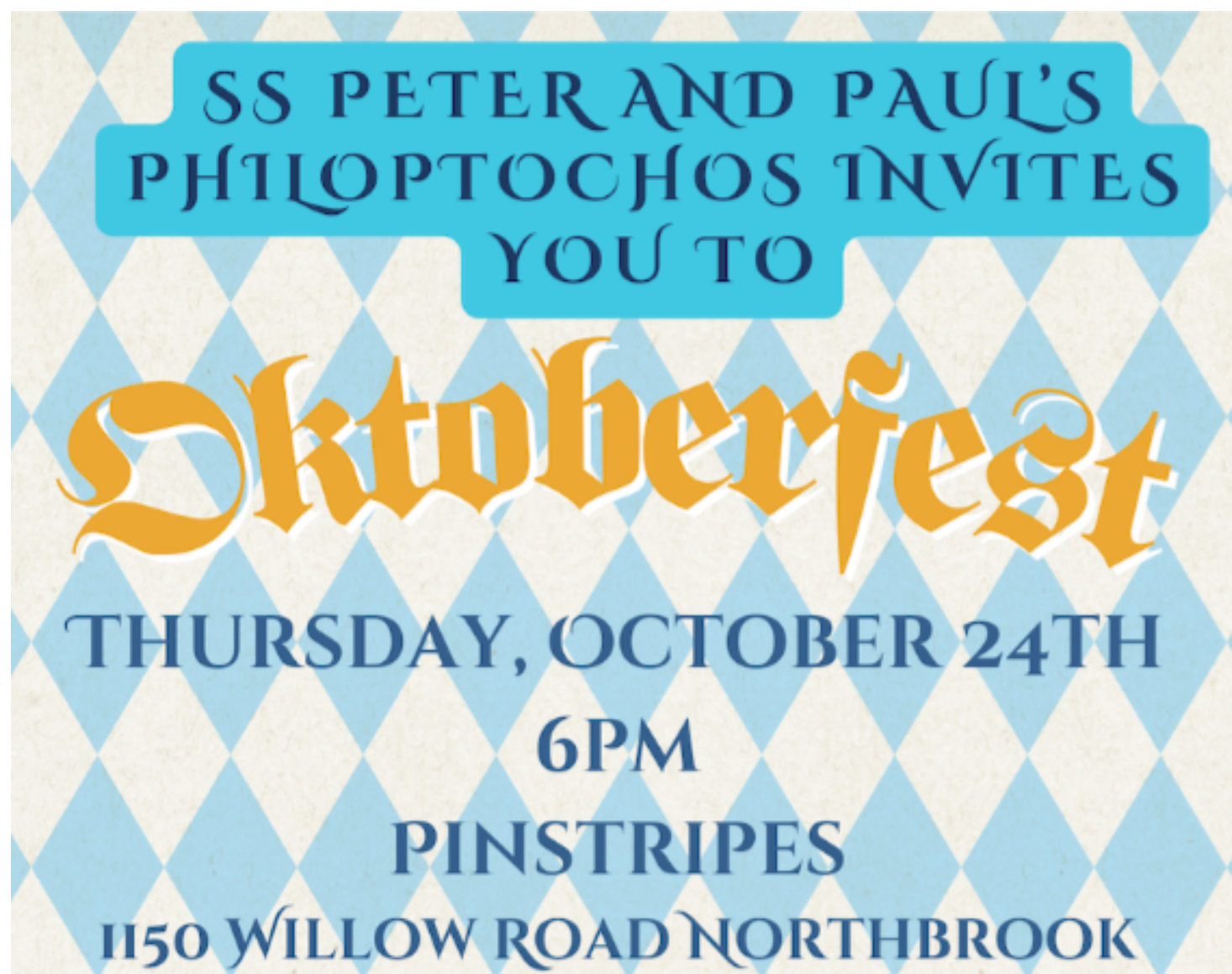
HOSEA THE PROPHET

According to some, Hosea, whose name means "God is help," was from the tribe of Issachar, or more likely, from that of Reuben; he was the son of Beerai. He is the first in order of the twelve minor Prophets and the most ancient of all. He prophesied in the days of the divided Kingdom; the Lord told him to take a harlot to wife (Hosea 1:2), and then an adulteress (ibid., 3:1). The harlot, a known sinner, was a figure of the Kingdom of Israel in Samaria, which openly worshipped idols; the adulteress, lawfully married yet sinning secretly with her lovers, was a figure of the Kingdom of Judah in Jerusalem, which, while having the Temple, and the priesthood, and the divine worship according to the Law, stealthily served the idols also. The Prophet Hosea prophesied for sixty years, and lived for some ninety years, from 810 to 720 B.C. His book is divided into fourteen chapters.

NOVEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6 +3RD SUN LUKE / 15TH SUN +APOSTLE THOMAS 8:15am ORTHROS-MATINS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY 11am Coffee Connection 11am CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY 11:15am Church School Open House 12:15pm Greek Dance	7 6pm SSPP LEADERSHIP RETREAT 6:45pm Greek Dance	1 +HOLY PROTECTION OF THEOTOKOS 6:30pm Philoptochos Board Mtg 7pm Catechism Class 7pm Senior GOYA Gathering 8pm Men's YAL B-ball pickup	2 10:30am Bibly Study 7pm Choir Rehearsal 8:30pm Bball Mens over 40 (pickup)	3 +ST DIONYSIOS AREOPAGITE 7am Men's Study Group 10am Dynamis "Kali Paree" Breakfast at George V's 6pm Youth Advisory Board Mtg 7pm YAL Thursday Night Football	4 +ST HIROTHEOS BISHOP OF ATHENS 6:30pm Junior GOYA Gathering	5 8am SSPP Parish Golf Outing 8am IOCC Walk/Run at St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church - Chicago, IL 5pm VESPERS
13 +4TH SUN LUKE - HOLY FATHERS 7TH SYNOD 8am Making Strides Cancer Walk at Independence Grove Forest Preserve in Libertyville, IL 8:15am ORTHROS-MATINS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY 12pm YAL Brunch 12:15pm Greek Dance	14 +ST KOSMAS (HYMNODGRAPHER) 6:45pm Greek Dance 7pm Divorce Rebuilders 8pm Stewardship Committee Meeting	1 6pm SSPP LEADERSHIP RETREAT 7pm Catechism Class 7pm Cancer Support Mtg 8pm Men's YAL B-ball pickup	9 +APOSTLE IAKOVOS ALPHAIOS 10:30am Bibly Study 8:30pm Bball Mens over 40 (pickup)	10 7am Men's Study Group 10am Dynamis "Kali Paree" Breakfast at George V's 7pm Parish Council Exec Meeting	11 +APOSTLE PHILIP THE DEACON 6pm FIJ Gathering GOYA Retreat @ Iakovos Retreat Center	12 9am FAMILY SYNAXIS RETREAT 5pm VESPERS
20 +6TH SUN LUKE / 17TH SUN +STS ARTEMIOS & GERASIMOS 8:15am ORTHROS-MATINS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY 12:15pm Greek Dance	21 6:45pm Greek Dance 7pm Divorce Rebuilders	1 +HOLY PROTECTION OF THEOTOKOS 7pm Catechism Class 8pm Bball Mens YAL (pickup)	23 +APOSTLE IAKOVOS - BROTHER OF THE LORD 10:30am Bibly Study 7pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm Parish Council Meeting 7pm Fr. Chrysostom Nassis Lecture at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Chicago, IL 8:30pm Bball Mens over 40 (pickup)	17 +PROPHET HOSEA 7am Men's Study Group 10am Dynamis "Kali Paree" Breakfast at George V's 7pm Parish Council Exec Meeting	18 +ST LUKE EVANGELIST +Fr. George Scoulas reposted 2000 5:30pm FIJ Kick Off	19 +PROPHET JOEL 9am Men's Retreat (Ascension) at the St. Iakovos Retreat Center in Kanasville, WI 5pm VESPERS
27 +7TH SUN LUKE / 18TH SUN 8:15am ORTHROS-MATINS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY 9am-1pm Soup Kitchen 11am Coffee Connection - College Care Packages 12:15 Greek Dance 6pm St John the Baptist 65th Anniversary at the Concorde Banquets in Kildeer, IL	28 +PROTECTION OF THEOTOKOS 8:30am ORTHROS-MATINS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY 6:45pm Greek Dance 7pm Divorce Rebuilders	2 +ST ANASTASIA OF ROME 5pm AGAPE Trunk or Treat 7pm Catechism Class 7pm Senior GOYA Gathering 8pm Bball Mens YAL (pickup)	30 10:30am Bibly Study 7pm Choir Rehearsal 8:30pm Bball Mens over 40 (pickup)	31 7am Men's Study Group 11:45am Dynamis "Kali Paree" Lunch at Psistaria	25 7pm GREAT VESPERS at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Chicago, IL 7pm YAL Spooky Paint Night	26 +ST DEMETRIOS 8:30am ORTHROS-MATINS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY 5pm VESPERS
COMING IN NOVEMBER 1 ST JAMES/IAKOVOS OF KASTORIA (reels in our altar) 3 Daylight Savings Time 4 Ministry Council Mtg 8 ST HARALAMBOS @ Niles 9 ST NECTARIOS @ Palatine (& their 50th Anniversary) 11 Veterans' Day 13 ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, Kenosha 15 ADVENT FAST BEGINS 16 ST MATTHEW EVANGELIST 21 ENTRANCE OF THEOTOKOS 25 ST KATHERINE @ Assumption GOC Chicago 27 Thanksgiving Holiday (Office Closed Nov.26-28) 30 ST ANDREW @ Chicago						

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, October 3 - Tiropites Folding Beginning at 9:30am

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

Thursday, October 24 – Oktoberfest at Pinstripes 6pm

Sunday, November 3 – Philoptochos Sunday

Tuesday, November 12 - General Meeting and Presentation 6:30

Saturday, December 7 – Holiday Faire 11am - 4pm; Drive-through 5-7

Saturday, December 14 – Advent Brunch at Sunset Ridge Country Club 11:30am

(Unless otherwise indicated, events will be held at SS Peter and Paul.)

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For Emergencies Only: Please call the main office number and access Fr. Rick's voicemail. Leave a message stating your emergency. If you do not receive a call back within 15 minutes, call again and leave a brief message.

PASTORAL MESSAGE

CONTINUED...

An Introduction to Eastern Christianity by Frederica Mathewes-Green (2nd printing, 2016); *Becoming Orthodox* by Peter Gilquist (3rd ed., 2009); *The Faith* by Clark Carlton. Texts may be obtained in a local church bookstore, Amazon.com or another supplier. This list is not exhaustive and other texts or online resources may be engaged.

Attendance is tracked and those who attend 10 of the 12 classes will receive a certificate signed by the catechism coordinator and their parish priest.

The topics covered in the course are listed in sequential order...

Introduction

God- Holy Trinity

Mankind- Creation, the Fall,

Messiah

Christ I- Incarnation, Theotokos & Saints

Christ II- His Work & Teachings

Church I- Birth, Mission,

Structure

Church II- Councils, Creeds,

Bible, Tradition

Sacraments I- Baptism,

Chrismation, Confession, Unction

Sacraments II- Eucharist, Liturgy,

Worship, Prayer

Sacraments III- Marriage &

Monasticism

The Goal- Second Coming &

Living the Christian Life

Conclusion- Orthodoxy in

America, Jurisdictions, Q&A

Our **Divorce Rebuilders** ministry offers support, guidance and hope to those who are separated and divorced. Meetings will begin this Fall starting on *Monday, October 14 through November 18, 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 is *Maria Harduvel Boyle*, who has a Masters in Counseling from Northwestern University. To enroll in this program, please email: mariaharduvel4@gmail.com or divorcerebuilders@ssppglenview.org and please note in the subject heading: *Divorce Rebuilders*. There is no cost for this program. *“No Christian should walk through the pain of divorce alone.”*

Here are some more **events** to plan on in **October**:

Golf-Outing / IOCC Walk-Run (5); Church Music Sunday (6); Philoptochos Cancer Walk (13); Parish Leadership Retreat (7-8); Philoptochos Octoberfest (24); ST. DEMETRIOS (26); PROTECTION OF THEOTOKOS & Oxi Day (28); Agape Trunk or Treat (29).

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.**

God bless you!

+Fr. Rick

PHILOPTOCHOS Senior Appreciation Luncheon



Kitchen crew at the luncheon! Elias Matsakis, Patrick Haris, Ari Gerentes, and Ted Ioannou!



Co-chairs Pat Nassos and Ida Haris lead Patty Zubay and Georgia Ryerson in dancing.



Carl and Elaine Mitsakopoulos join Philoptochos President Dena Pavlopoulos, Father Rick Andrews, John Vranas and Mary Alukos for lunch.



Philoptochos members who served. (l to r, Nancie Poulos, Debbie Kunkel, Annette Vranas, Maria Sellis, Dena Pavlopoulos, Joanne Matsakis, Pat Nassos, Anastasia Gonzalez, Ida Haris, Tina O'Donnell, Kathy Lucas, Patty Stec, Maria Kalant, Pam Paradies, and Georgia Ryerson)

PHILOPTOCHOS

POWER OF PINK!

Join us in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer on *Sunday, October 13, at 9am*, in Independence Grove in Libertyville. Battling cancer is very personal to us, that's why our Philoptochos chapter partnered with the American Cancer Society in raising funds and awareness about this illness. Start pulling your pink wardrobe together and become part of our team - we promise that you will have a great time working towards our ultimate goal, ending cancer as we know it. (Monetary donations will also be gratefully accepted. Contact *Julie Anastos* (julieanastos@mac.com) or *Julie Mantice* (juliamantice1@gmail.com) to find out how you can be involved.



A few members of our team demonstrate the Power of Pink at last year's Breast Cancer Walk.

OOMPAH OPA AGAIN!

Be sure to attend our Second Annual Oktoberfest at Pinstripes on *Thursday, October 24, 6pm*. Don your dirndl and lederhosen and get ready to dance the tsifteteli! You won't want to miss this fun, co-ed event! Look for our table during coffee hour where you can purchase tickets for the event or raffle tickets. For more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact *Diane Papadakis-Economy* at kafedmp@sbcglobal.net or 224-522-0211.

HOLIDAY FAIRE

Don't be fooled by the weather...Holiday Faire is just around the corner! There is so much to be done and we could really use your help. In addition to putting *December 7* on your calendar, please consider giving us a hand in baking or helping in countless other ways. The baking schedule is found below in upcoming events and you can contact *Kris Tsitsis* for more information on how you can be involved with our largest fundraiser of the year! kristitsis@sbcglobal.net.

SENIOR APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Senior Appreciation Luncheon was a huge success! Thank you to all our volunteers who contributed to serving over 125 guests on *Tuesday, June 20*. Our kitchen staff, headed by *Patrick Harris*, made sure everyone enjoyed a delicious meal that was catered by Psistaria. And if that wasn't enough, the para (company) and conversation, as well as the live music performed by *Grecian Formula* were a huge hit. The band's motto is "We play to our roots," and their kefi brought many to the dance floor for some lively Greek dancing! An enjoyable afternoon was had by all, and as a souvenir, everyone received a goodie bag filled with cookies when they departed.



Former SSPP Philoptochos Presidents gather for a photo. (L to R from front to back, Ann Stevens, Milly Pappas, Georgia Ryerson, Pat Nassos, Pat Siuntres, and Fran Mechales.)

OUR LIFE TOGETHER



Agape Agiasmos 9-3-2024



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Agape Agiasmos 9-3-2024



Picnic BBQ 9-15-2024



Picnic Organizers 9-15-2024

OUR LIFE TOGETHER



New History banners



Metropolitan Nathanael Speaks to the Clergy at SSPP 9-19-2024



Faith Love Joy FLJ 9-20-2024



Faith Love Joy FLJ 9-20-2024



Faith Love Joy FLJ 9-20-2024



Faith Love Joy FLJ 9-20-2024

NEW PARISH DATA BASE SYSTEM

REALM IS HERE!

We have switched to our new and improved parish database system called "Realm". You will receive an individualized/unique email in October from "Sts. Peter and Paul" to create your Realm profile, view and enter your stewardship and connect to ministry groups.

Once you create your Realm account you can download the Connect App on your phone. Here is a link to a short video about Realm and the Connect App: <https://www.acstechnologies.com/realm/rollout-kit/videos/>

Please create an account and upload your picture asap. If you need help with either creating your account or downloading the app, please contact Elea at Parishadmin@sppglview.org. Here is additional information about the new Realm/Connect App:

Let's Connect!
Stay connected to our church wherever you go by downloading the free Connect - Our Church Community app for iPhone and Android devices. Use it to communicate with your groups, RSVP to events, manage your giving, update profile information, and more. It makes it easier for us to connect throughout the week and know what's happening.

- News—Keeps everyone up-to-date with the latest posts, photos, and events for your group and for your church as a whole
- Posts—Post messages to your group and comment on posts by others in your group
- Photos—Capture your moments together and share them with your group
- Events—See event details (date, time, location, etc), submit your RSVP, and sign up to bring something
- Files —Access your group's shared files
- Messages—Send your entire group, or select individuals, a message that starts a

- Participants—See names and basic profile details for the people in your church or group, based on their privacy preferences
- Notification Settings—Manage your preferences for group notifications and emails

Here are links to the Connect App
For iTunes download link: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/realm-connect-for-our-church/id1052274581?ign-mpt=uo%3D4>
For Google Play Download link: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.acstechnologies.android.realm.engagement&pli=1>

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GOYA YOUTH LETTER

Hello SSPP

We kicked off our youth year this month. Please check the messenger and emails for event updates as we are gearing up for our youth ministry year.

Our FLJ kick-off was a blast! With 52 enthusiastic kids, a lively carnival in the gym, a bounce house, and everyone getting to decorate their own hat, it was a joyous start to our youth year. We can't wait for our upcoming meetings on the second Friday and fourth Wednesday of each month. Please send me an email if you would like to join our mailing list to receive event updates.

Our Junior GOYA and Senior GOYA hit the ground running with their kickoff. We learned what a sacrament is, played some games, and ended the day with a dunk tank. The kids had the opportunity to dunk our Priest, *Father Richard*, and then many kids got to dunk each other in the tank. It was a fun way to end the kickoff. We have many events and gatherings coming up so please email me if you would like to receive updates.

We are excited to announce our upcoming Fall Youth Retreat! This retreat offers an unforgettable experience filled with spiritual growth, social connection, and fun activities. It's a chance for our youth to step away from the routine, deepen their faith, and build lasting friendships in a welcoming and encouraging environment. Our theme is the sacraments of the church. For grades 6-12th grade. October 11-13th at the Saint Iakovos Retreat Center.

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@ssppglenview.org OR office@ssppglenview.org by October 18th. We have gatherings for our college students when they come back for breaks.

Thank you to all who donated, volunteered, and attended to make our parish picnic successful.

The weather was beautiful, the Greek dancers were fun to watch, and the food was delicious. We truly appreciate the sense of community we share, and events like this remind us how lucky we are to have each other. Looking forward to many more gatherings like this!

Best,
Steven Thell



JR Butz trying to dunk Father Rick.



Faith Love Joy posing with the hats they designed



Faith Love Joy praying with Father Rick before we eat

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL GOLF OUTING

SATURDAY OCTOBER 5TH, 2024

GLENVIEW PARK GOLF CLUB

800 SHERMER RD GLENVIEW, IL 60026

DONATION: \$175.00

**INCLUDES: GOLF & CART, GIFTS AND PRIZES,
LUNCH (LUNCH ONLY \$75 AROUND 12:30PM)**

REGISTRATION: 7:30 AM

SHOTGUN START: 8:00 AM

**LUNCH: AT THE NORTH BRANCH
RESTAURANT FOLLOWING GOLF**

FIRST 144 APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

DEADLINE: TUESDAY, OCT 1ST

BOOK STORE AND MORE

BOOK AND ICON STORE

Church School is in full swing, and our Liturgical Year is off to a great start. Be sure to come into The Book & Icon Store and check out our new merchandise. We feature reading materials for all ages, a wide selection of beautiful icons, and prayer ropes and bracelets handmade by the nuns from the Patmos Monastery in Greece. Anything not available can be ordered quickly. We are open every Sunday immediately following the Divine Liturgy and special requests can be made by emailing bookstore@ssppglenview.org Stop in to see us soon, we look forward to working with you!



COFFEE CONNECTION

Please join us in the Youth Room for our October Coffee Connection dates as we continue to "Navigate the Challenges of Contemporary Life with an Orthodox Compass"

OCT 6TH - Navigating Our Challenges: Doubt and Loss of Faith – Part Two (The challenge of death)

OCT 27TH - College Care Packages - Guest Speaker: Randa Anderson - Navigating Our Challenges: Anxiety and Stress – Part One (How do today's forms of anxiety/stress & depression interface with and challenge our faith?, Understanding the problems)

College Care Package Message - On *October 27th*, 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@ssppglenview.org OR office@ssppglenview.org by *October 18th*

NEW OFFICE STAFF

Welcome to our new administrative assistant, *Tina O'Donnell*, who started this past week! Tina is also the leader of our Bookstore ministry and a lifelong member of our parish. She will be an excellent addition to our staff! Tina replaces Jolynn Rogerrio, who needed more time for family. We thank Jolynn for her dedication to our parish in this role!



LITURGICAL REMINDERS

Children's Sermon will be given immediately following the Gospel reading. It will often be based on the readings. It is important for everyone to be on-time for Divine Liturgy which begins at 9:30am. Epistle and Gospel can be read together as a family the night before, morning of or on the drive to church.

Kiss of Peace (before Nicene Creed) - the appropriate greeting is "Christ is in our midst!" The appropriate response is "He was, He is, and forever shall be." A handshake is appropriate. Please be considerate of each other's personal space and comfort level. "Good morning" or "How are you?" is not an appropriate greeting at this time.

Holy Communion the whole Divine Liturgy is a sacred endeavor requiring our attention, participation and reverence. Cell phones should be muted and put away. Talking or socializing is best saved for fellowship hour afterwards. Please do not talk or socialize during Holy Communion as we should be respectful to the presence of the Lord and each other. It is not appropriate to receive Holy Communion if arriving late for Liturgy, especially after the readings/sermon.

BOOKSTORE AND MORE

DIVORCE REBUILDERS

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 14 through November 18, 2024*, 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 Harduvel Boyle, Counseling, Northwestern University. To enroll in this program, please email: mariaharduvel4@gmail.com or divorcerebuilders@ssppglenview.org and please note in the subject heading: Divorce Rebuilders. There is no cost for this program. "No Christian should walk through the pain of divorce alone."

CHURCH SCHOOL KICK OFF

The 2024-25 Church School year is in full swing! We are excited to have so many returning and new students. Blessings for a year full of wisdom, laughter and togetherness!

A heartfelt thank you to *Harriet Pontikes* and *Linda Argeros* for their love and dedication to our church school program and it's students. *Linda* is retiring after 20 years and *Harriet* is retiring after an amazing 40 years! Congratulations and best wishes to you both!!



Our School Teachers Retire 9-8-2024



1st day Church-Sunday School 9-8-2024