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## A Message from Father Rick

Father Richard Demetrius Andrews

Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

On *Wednesday November 27th* we laid my dear mother *Maria* to rest with funeral service at St Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Minneapolis. This was meaningful for many reasons including it is my home parish and the place where I was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on the same day 30 years before. I thank everyone for their prayers for her during her two weeks of hospice care and for her eternal repose. Thanks also for all the prayerful support of me and my family.

She was preceded in death by husband *James*, parents *Emmanuel & Vasilea Vasiliogianakis*, siblings *Aristea (Floyd) Pettis, Lefteri (Irene) Vasakis*. She is survived by children *Rev. Richard (Jane) Andrews and Elaine (Robert) Hattling* along with beloved grandchildren *Teddy (Anna) Andrews, Andrew and Emily Hattling*. Also survived by siblings *Stasha Mueller, Mike (Gail) Vass* and many nieces and nephews. A native of Crete Greece, she and James lived in Montana for seven years before settling in Golden Valley and Plymouth Minnesota for the next 40

years. Maria will be remembered for her infectious laugh, green thumb gardening, cooking and cookbooks, pet felines, knitting/crocheting, volunteering at church, and most of all, taking pride in her grandchildren. May her memory be eternal!

This past month of **November** we were pleased to remember and thank our veterans on *Sunday Nov.10th*. We are well into the **Advent Fast** (Nov.15-Dec.25) in preparation for the celebration of our Lord's Nativity. I encourage all of us to abstain from meat and dairy products (fish is allowed except on Wednesdays and Fridays and after December 12th). Along with fasting, moral self-examination, repentance and confession are essential components of the season. The Sacrament of Holy Confession is available by appointment by contacting me.

Advent is the time when many clergy make **visitations** to *elderly and homebound parishioners*. I have noticed that many of our elderly, for various reasons, have become disconnected from our parish. Thus, often I am not aware of their need for outreach and ministering of the Church. Thus, please let me know of any elderly and homebound members,

or even former members, so I can make sure they are being taken care of spiritually.

**Parish Council elections** will take place on *December 8th*. The current slate of candidates are: *Steve Koulogeorge, Nick Colis, Mary Alukos, Keith Anderson, John Mackris, Mary Ann Rasmussen, Tracy Ronstadt and Jim Santos*. I would like to thank *Therese Speropoulos* for her many years of service and especially as secretary. Thanks also to *Tommy Mantice* for his service these past two years. They have chosen not to run for re-election, but we are very appreciative of their dedication, commitment and hard work on the parish council and in our community.

**Other events** in the month of **December** are the Philoptochos Holiday Fair (Dec.7), Metropolis Holiday Open House (Dec.8), St. Nicholas Oak Lawn parish feastday (Dec.5-6), Philoptochos Advent Luncheon (Dec.14), St. Spyridon Palos Heights parish feastday (Dec.11-12), Hellenic Foundation Awards (Dec.12), St Dionysios Liturgy w Agape Students (Dec.17), Pan-Orthodox Nativity Concert (at St George Antiochian Dec.20), Sanctuary

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### NATIVITY OF JESUS CHRIST (DEC 25)

The Nativity of Christ occurred during the reign of Herod the Great, a tyrant who ruled Judea under Roman authority, fulfilling Jacob's ancient prophecy about the Messiah's coming. Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem for the Roman census, where, finding no room in the inn, they took refuge in a cave, and Mary gave birth to Jesus, laying Him in a manger. A star led Magi from the East to worship the newborn King, while nearby shepherds received the joyous news from an angel and witnessed a heavenly host praising God. Thus, while earth offered humble shelter, Heaven celebrated the world-saving arrival of Christ with glory and peace.

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**Vice President:** Christy Gouletas

**Secretary:** Therese Speropoulos

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**Treasurer:** Nick Colis

**Assistant Treasurer:** George Seletos

Julie Stefanski

Vanessa Adinamis

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# PASTORAL MESSAGE

## CONTINUED...

Cleaning (Dec.21, 2-5pm), St Anastasia (relics are in our holy altar table) & Children's Christmas Pageant (Dec.22)

**Nativity Services** – Tues. Dec.24th Royal Hours 9-10:30am, Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00pm followed by the brief concert of carols by our choir; Wed. Dec.25th Orthros 8:30am and Divine Liturgy 9:30am.

In addition, we can preserve the spirit of the season through quiet contemplation. This is challenging with the holiday shopping season, holiday parties, and end of year deadlines. We should strive not to pre-celebrate Christmas. The Orthodox Church celebrates with the fast-free, joyful **Twelve (12) Days of Christmas** (December 25th to January 6th, for Theophany/Epiphany). We must be intentional about how and where we will spend our time and energy during Advent.

The month of December is also our biggest for **stewardship** revenue. You should receive a statement dated around Nov.30th that reflects your giving so far this year. For 2023, we still need to receive approximately \$300K by the end of the year to meet our stewardship goal. At this time, we ask three things: 1) if you made a stewardship pledge, be sure to fulfill it; 2) if you have not pledged, be sure to make a stewardship contribution; and 3) no matter if you pledged or did not, consider how God has blessed you and **give generously even beyond your planned stewardship contributions.**

The 2025 Archdiocese Stewardship Theme is “*See Our Church as it Could Be.*” A secondary, related theme is “*Your Own from Your Own, We Offer to You.*” The latter is the petition/prayer from the Divine Liturgy when the priest raises the gifts of bread and wine. The point is whatever we give to God is not really ours. Rather it is gift from Him that we offer back to Him with thanksgiving. Regarding the former theme, our parish can only reach its potential if we generously and sacrificially offer back what God has already given to us. In the coming weeks, we will have increased communications around the topic of stewardship.

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.**

Blessed Advent!

+Fr. Rick

# OUR LIFE TOGETHER

*Welcome new members to our beautiful parish, Keith and Angela Bebonis, Matthew Domer and Jon and Anastasia Schauer*



*40 day churching Nicole Angelopoulos & baby Peter*

*40 day churching Lauren Broches & baby Niko 11-3-2024*

*AGAPE trunk treat kids 10-29-2024*



*AGAPE trunk treat pumpkins 10-29-2024*

*AGAPE trunk treat teachers 10-29-2024*

# OUR LIFE TOGETHER



*Steve, Scott and Peter Betzelos with St. Demetrios & St. Paraskeve icons 10-26-2024*



*Betzelos Family with St. Demetrios & St. Paraskeve icons 10-26-2024*



*Fr Aboud Family and Godparents 11-17-2024*



*Jack Greenman Baptism with Andrews Godparents at Holy Apostles Church 11-9-2024*



*SSPP YAL Friendsgiving at Mantic Home 11-9-2024*

# OUR LIFE TOGETHER



*National Sisterhood of Presvytera Board Meeting in Chicago  
10-26-2024*



*SSPP IOCC Sunday Talk 11-24-2024*



*SSPP Junior GOYA Lockin 11-15-2024*



*Danielle Tasiopoulos & Phillip Nardi  
Wedding 11-23-2024*



*SSPP Philotochos Board Members 11-3-2024*

# OUR LIFE TOGETHER



*SSPP Veterans Sunday 11-10-2024*



# CHURCH SOLAR PANNELS

## POWER OF THE SON!

We are pleased to provide an updated report on the performance of our solar panel system installation that was put online September 2023. In the last 12 months the system has generated 134 MWh of electric power yielding savings of nearly \$14,000.

In the process of approving this project, Metropolitan Nathanael commended Saints Peter and Paul "...for your innovative approach to preserving our environment."

The total cost to install the system was about \$225,000 that was paid for by a generous Steward of our Parish. Every dollar of energy generated by the system can be used to support our various ministries. Truly power from the Son!

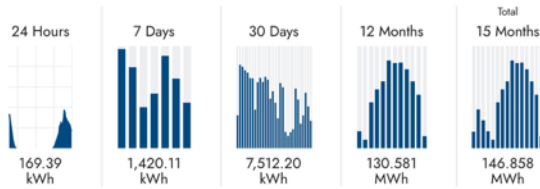
Time period	Total Yeild [kWh]
Nov-23	5,456
Dec-23	3,304
24-Jan	1,647
24-Feb	8,970
24-Mar	11,505
24-Apr	13,104
24-May	17,181
24-Jun	16,697
24-Jul	16,779
24-Aug	15,470
24-Sep	13,099
24-Oct	10,477

### Energy and power - PV

#### Current power



#### Overview



# BOOK STORE AND MORE

## BOOK AND ICON STORE

Please be sure to stop in your Book & Icon Store for all your holiday shopping. We have the new 2025 calendars, and so many wonderful gifts for everyone on your list. We'll be at this year's Holiday Faire, and open every Sunday immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Shopping by appointment is also available by either calling the church office or emailing [bookstore@ssppglenview.org](mailto:bookstore@ssppglenview.org) Vasilopita coins are here with or without a special recipe, and we now offer gift certificates in any amount. Happy Holidays from your friends at the Bookstore!



## BLOOD DRIVE

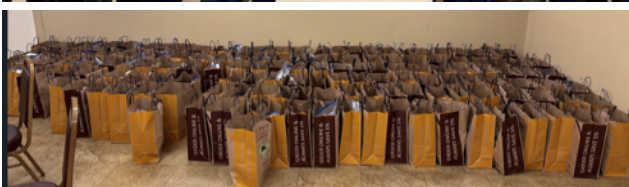
Please join us at our December blood drive on 12/10 from 1:30pm-7pm. Please realize how giving the gift of better health and in some cases, life, is a wonderful gift we are able to give to others. Please be willing to give your time and blood at our December drive!! Please message [cgouletas@hotmail.com](mailto:cgouletas@hotmail.com) if you are interested in donating.

## COFFEE CONNECTION

Please join us for Coffee Connection on December 15th for our 2nd session of Being Witnesses to Christ: How can we be witnesses to Christ in our personal life and parish life?



## PROJECT HOPE COMMUNITY BAGGING EVENT



*Friday | January 31, 2025 | 6:30-8:30pm.* SS Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church-Fellowship Hall. We will be purchasing bulk non-perishable food items and our goal is to pack 150-200 grocery bags for distribution to the Des Plaines Food Pantry and the Garfield Park Pantry Please consider sponsoring or underwriting this worthwhile event by scanning the QR code below: Sponsor a bag for \$25



# STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

## Introduces New Mission Themed Budget for 2025

We are introducing a new way of understanding the financial income and expenses related to sustaining our parish community. It is called the "Mission-Themed Budget." Instead of talking about utility bills, office expenses, salaries and benefits, etc. we will focus on the mission of our parish and how everything we do relates to it.

The mission of SSPP parish is "To proclaim the Gospel through Orthodox Christian worship, fellowship, service, and witness."

Based on the mission, we have grouped and renamed some income and expense categories with corresponding numbers as percentage of total budget.

### Mission-themed Income: \$1,886,000

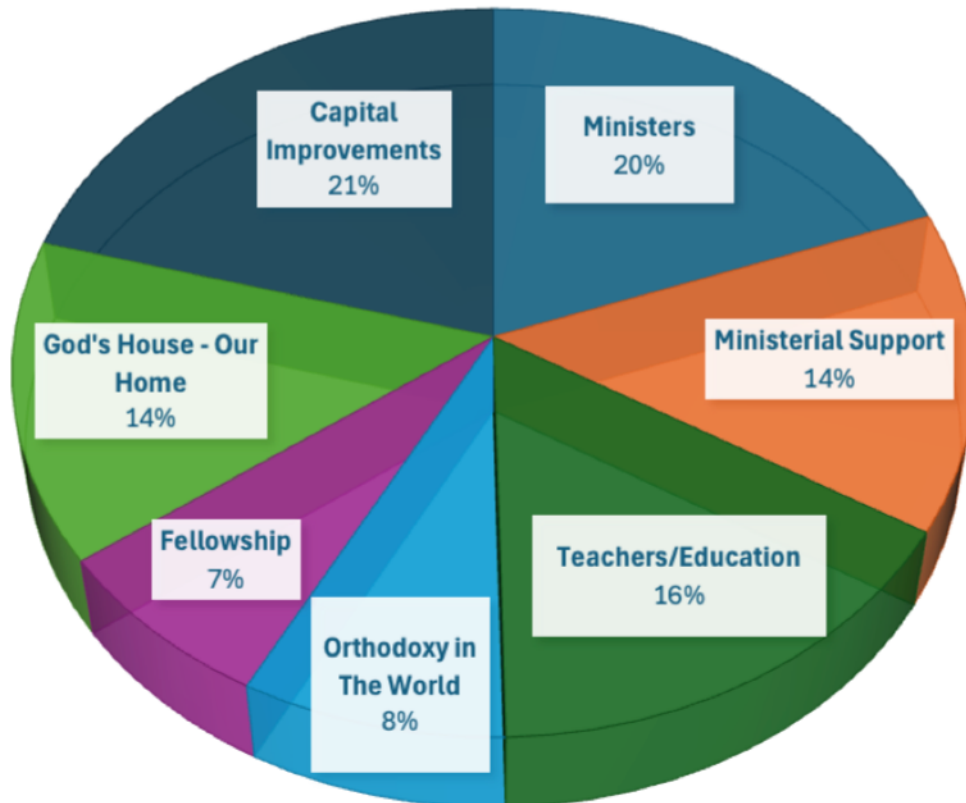
- Stewardship- offerings from individuals, couples and families 49%
- Church Offerings & Misc- candles, trays, etc. 10%
- Education- Agape, Church & Greek School, Bookstore 20%
- Capital Donations- designated gifts and offerings. 21%

### Mission-themed Expenses \$2,125,000

- Ministers- Clergy and Youth Director 21%
- Ministerial Support- all admin staff 14%
- Teachers/Education- Agape, Greek & Church Schools, 16%
- Orthodoxy in the World- Archdiocese, Metropolis, Outreach, Philanthropy 8%
- Fellowship- Hospitality, Youth, Athletics, etc. 7%
- God's House/Our Home- everything for land & buildings 14%
- Capital Improvements- permanent changes to God's House 21%

As you can see our 2025 budgeted expenses exceed income by \$239,000 Thus, we need to increase our giving primarily through stewardship. Please give sacrificially and generously support the mission of our parish!

## Mission-Themed Budget Expenses 2025



# GOYA YOUTH LETTER

Hello, Saints Peter and Paul

It is the Holiday season. We have some exciting Christmas parties coming up. The Hope group and all families of SSPP are invited to our *December 13th* FLJ Gingerbread house decorating Christmas party.

Faith Love & Joy gathered twice last month. They learned about Saint Damian and Cosmos and what it means to use the talents they receive from God for good.

At the other gathering, we had a reader vesper service and learned about the presentation of the Theotokos to the temple. Looking ahead, we have our FLJ family Christmas party. This is a family event where we will decorate gingerbread houses on top of other festive activities. I hope to see your family there!

Junior GOYA also learned about how to use their talents and gifts from God to honor him. We also had an extended GOYA night; more info and pictures will be posted in next month's messenger. We are making Christmas cards and decorating cookies for the Greek American Nursing Home on *December 18th*

Senior GOYA got their golf on and went to TopGolf. They also had a paint night and challenged their creative side. We also had an overnight lock-in at the building. They played games and hide-and-seek, and we went to church at midnight. It was a great time! Looking ahead, we have another overnighter. We will buy gifts for those in need and do a white elephant exchange. Please check the calendar for upcoming events.

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends. These are the moments that really matter and will be remembered forever. Wishing you all continued happiness and blessings throughout the Holidays.



*Group Photo of our Nov 15th lock-in*



*Jovanna Tsekos, Zachary Johnson, and Achileas Kevorkyan are working on their angel craft.*



*Trunk-Or-Treat in our parking lot*



# AGAPE

## Summer Camp

### 2025



Ages  
2-7



June 2nd - July 11th

St. Peter & Paul Church  
1401 Wagner Road, Glenview  
(across from Wagner Farm)



Registration  
begins  
Jan. 6th

Sports, arts and crafts,  
religion, water days and  
many more fun activities!

For more info and registrations  
please contact Director, Julie Mantice:  
[agape@ssppglenview.org](mailto:agape@ssppglenview.org)  
<https://ssppglenview.org/agape-preschool/>



# PHILOPTOCHOS

## HOLIDAY FAIRE

Holiday Faire is this weekend! After months of preparation, we are excited to be hosting our major annual fundraiser on Saturday, December 7! We have a lot in store for you, including a cooking demonstration, Greek dancing, a visit from Santa, holiday entertainment, new bakery items like DIPLES, gingerbread house decorating, a myriad of new vendors, and great raffle prizes, such as tickets to *Mary J. Blige*. There are still a lot of opportunities to volunteer, and certainly, we hope you will join us in the festivities. A portion of our proceeds this year will benefit Camp One Step and Youth Services of Glenview/Northbrook. Contact *Kris Tsitsis* at [kristitsis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kristitsis@sbcglobal.net) to see how you can get involved. 847-366-5243.



*Treasurer Eleni Soukoulis Philoptochos and Bakery Chair Nancie Poulos finish a fresh batch of diples!*

### Holiday Faire Hours:

**10am- 4pm**

**Lunch: 11:30am - 2:30pm**

**Drive-Thru Dinner: 5pm - 7pm**

## MORE IN DECEMBER

Also in December, we welcome you to join us on *Saturday, the 14th*, as we gather again for fellowship and a great meal

at our annual Advent Brunch. The event begins at 11am at Sunset Ridge. Tickets are \$65 and guests are encouraged to bring a bag of non-perishable groceries that will be donated to Project Hope. For more information, please contact *Julie Anastos* at [julieanastos@mac.com](mailto:julieanastos@mac.com).



*Vice President Julie Anastos and President Dena Pavlopoulos await our guests at last year's Advent Brunch.*

## BUSY FALL

We had a very busy Fall! Thank you for everyone who supported us and attended our myriad of events. Here is a photo wrap-up! Members of our Philoptochos threw a Halloween party for 9 boys who live at Lawrence Hall on *October 21*, complete with games, pumpkin decorating, and plenty of great food. The boys also went "internet shopping" with us and each one got to pick out new bedding for his room. We will continue to visit and celebrate holidays with these children throughout the year.



Oktoberfest 2024 was a huge hit! With approximately 125 in attendance at Pinstripes, we raised almost \$10,000 to be used towards our mission of philanthropy. Thank you to all who attended and to *Diane Papadakis-Economy* who chaired the successful event!



*November 3*, was Philoptochos Sunday and Fr. Rick recognized our service organization on the altar, honoring their dedication and service. After Liturgy, we were happy to host coffee hour for our parish.



# PHILOPTOCHOS



*Peachtree owner Lucy Callahan showcasing merchandise from her shop, alongside Program Chair Annette Vranas.*



*Diane Papadakis-Economy, Gayle Stellas, Patty Stec, Pam, Paradies, Tru Bazianos, Maria Gordon enjoy the evening.*



*Peachtree Representatives Greggie Holzrichter, Debbie Fisher, and Jodi Barke shared their insight.*

## PEACHTREE PLACE

Approximately 60 women enjoyed a great night out at our general meeting *Tuesday, November 12*, when *Lucy Callahan*, owner of Peachtree Place, and some of her associates, presented us with wonderful ideas about how to set a beautiful table. Not only did they share their gorgeous table inspirations, but they also gave a \$25 Peachtree gift card and a Juliska Christmas ornament to everyone in attendance, plus a Simon Pearce hand-blown glass Christmas tree that *Tina O'Donnell* was lucky enough to win. A big thank you to the Peachtree team and our Program Chair, *Annette Vranas*

## REMEMBER

AND REMEMBER: It's not too late to become a Philoptochos Member if you haven't already done so. We rely on your stewardship, as well as our fundraising efforts, to generate income that makes our philanthropic projects a reality. Please visit us at <https://ssppglenview.org/philoptochos-stewardship-donation/> or use this QR code to submit your application and donation. Thank you!



## SAVE THESE 2024/2025 DATES

### DECEMBER

*December 7 – Holiday Faire 10am - 4pm; Drive-through 5-7pm*

*December 14 – Advent Brunch at Sunset Ridge Country Club 11- 2*

### JANUARY

*January 31 – HOPE Bagging Event*

### FEBRUARY

*February 2 – Go Red Sunday - Raising Awareness about Heart Disease*

*February 6 – Mix and Mingle at Valley Lo. Details to follow.*

*February 25 – Program and General Meeting*

### APRIL

*April 5 – Blankets for Babies*

*April 13 – Palm Sunday Bake Sale*



# NATIVITY CONCERT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2024 - 7:30pm

Hosted by Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church

1220 S 60th Ct, Cicero IL 60804

(Off of I-290 @ Austin, 1/2 Blk S of Roosevelt RD)

Also featuring parish choirs represented in the Pan Orthodox Choir:

- Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral, Chicago
- Holy Nativity Romanian Orthodox Church, Chicago
- Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church in America, Palatine

*Free-will Offering* (cash or check)

Proceeds to IOCC benefitting U.S. Hurricane Victims  
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# COMMUNITY BAGGING EVENT

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

to pack and assemble  
non-perishable grocery bags for distribution to the  
Des Plaines Food Pantry and the Garfield Park Pantry

Friday | January 31, 2025 | 6:30-8:30pm  
SS Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church-Fellowship Hall

**Sponsor a bag for \$25.00**  
or consider a group, family or business donation.  
We will be purchasing bulk food to fill our bags.

[https://ssppglenview.org/project\\_hope/](https://ssppglenview.org/project_hope/)





February 22, 2025  
Michigan Shores Country Club

# *Save The Date*

Sts. Peter and Paul  
invites you to Save the Date for the  
**Γλέντι της Αγάπης (Festival of Agape)**  
benefiting Agape Christian Academy.  
Join us for an unforgettable evening  
in support of a meaningful cause!

Formal Invitation to Follow

# DECEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>1</b> +14TH SUN LUKE / 23RD SUN +PROPHET NAHUM+</p> <p>8:15am ORTHROS-MATINS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY 12:15pm Greek Dance</p>	<p><b>2</b> +PROPHET HABBAKUK</p> <p>6:15pm 1st &amp; 2nd Grade Bball Practice 8pm HS Boys Bball Practice</p>	<p><b>3</b> +PROPHET ZEPHANIAH</p> <p>6pm 4th &amp; 5th Grade Bball Practice 6:30pm Philoptochos Board Meeting 7pm Catechism Class 7pm Senior GOYA Gathering 8pm Bball Mens YAL (pickup)</p>	<p><b>4</b> +SS BARBRA &amp; JOHN DAMASCUS</p> <p>10:30am Bible Study 6pm 3rd-6th Grade Girls Bball 7pm Choir Rehearsal 8:30pm Mens Over 40 Bball Practice</p>	<p><b>5</b> +ST SAVVAS THE SANCTIFIED</p> <p>7am Mens Study Group 7pm 7th-8th Grade Bball 7pm GREAT VESPERS at St. Nicholas, Oak Lawn 7pm PC Exec Meeting 8:15pm HS Boys Bball</p>	<p><b>6</b> +ST NICHOLAS</p> <p>8:15am ORTHROS-MATINS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY 6:30pm Junior GOYA Gathering</p>	<p><b>7</b> +ST AMBROSE OF MILAN HOLIDAY FAIRE (10am-8pm)</p> <p>1:30pm-7pm Bball Games 5pm VESPERS</p>
<p><b>8</b> +10TH SUN LUKE</p> <p>8:15am ORTHROS-MATINS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY 11am St. Nicholas Gift Project 12pm YAL Brunch and Blessing Bags 12pm PC Elections 12:15pm Greek Dance 3:30pm Metropolis Christmas Open House</p>	<p><b>9</b> +CONCEPTION OF ST ANNA</p> <p>6:15pm 1st &amp; 2nd Grade Basketball Practice 8pm Stewardship Cmte Mtg 8pm HS Boys Bball Practice</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>1:30pm-7pm Blood Drive 4th/5th Boys Basketball 7pm Catechism Class 7pm Cancer Support Mtg 8pm Bball Mens YAL (pickup)</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>10:30am Bible Study 7pm Great Vespers @ St. Spyridon in Palos Heights 6pm 3rd-6th Grade Girls Bball 7pm Choir Rehearsal 8:30pm Mens Over 40 Bball Practice</p>	<p><b>12</b> +ST SPYRIDON</p> <p>7am Mens Study Group 8:30am ORTHROS-MATINS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY 7pm 7th-8th Grade Bball 7pm Senior GOYA Meeting 8:15pm HS Boys Bball</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>5:30pm Faith Love Joy Christmas Festival</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>9am AHEPA Doughnuts with Santa 11am Philoptochos Advent Luncheon at Sunset Ridge Country Club 12pm YAL Ice Skating 1:30pm-3pm Basketball Games 5pm VESPERS 5pm Bball Game - H.S. Boys</p>
<p><b>15</b> +11TH SUN LUKE +ST ELEFTHERIOS</p> <p>8:15am ORTHROS-MATINS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY 11am Christmas Pageant Full Rehearsal 11am Coffee Connection 11:30am Philoxenia House</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>6:15pm 1st &amp; 2nd Grade Basketball Practice 8pm HS Boys Bball Practice</p>	<p><b>17</b> +PROPHET DANIEL &amp; 3 HOLY CHILDREN</p> <p>8:30am ORTHROS-MATINS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY with AGAPE Students 6pm 4th/5th Boys Basketball 8pm Bball Mens YAL (pickup)</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>10:30am Bible Study 10:30am AGAPE Christmas Program 6pm Junior GOYA Holiday Bash 6pm 3rd-6th Grade Girls Bball 7pm Choir Rehearsal 8:30pm Mens Over 40 Bball Practice</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>7am Mens Study Group 7pm 7th-8th Grade Bball 7pm Parish Council Mtg 8:15pm HS Boys Bball</p>	<p><b>20</b> +ST IGNATIOS GODBEARER</p> <p>7:30pm Pan-Orthodox Nativity Concert @ St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Cicero, IL</p>	<p><b>21</b> +ST JULIANA</p> <p>2pm-5pm Sanctuary Cleaning 5pm VESPERS</p>
<p><b>22</b> +SUN BEFORE NATIVITY +ST ANASTASIA PHARMOKALYTRIA</p> <p>8:15am ORTHROS-MATINS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY 11am Christmas Pageant 1:30pm-5pm Basketball Games 6pm Bball Game - H.S. Boys</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>6:15pm 1st &amp; 2nd Grade Basketball Practice 8pm HS Boys Bball Practice</p>	<p><b>24</b> +EVE/FOREFEAST OF NATIVITY</p> <p>CHRISTMAS EVE OFFICE CLOSED 9am ROYAL HOURS 5pm VESPERAL LITURGY</p>	<p><b>25</b> +NATIVITY OF LORD</p> <p>CHRISTMAS DAY OFFICE CLOSED 8:30am ORTHROS-MATINS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>7pm 7th-8th Grade Bball 8:15pm HS Boys Bball</p>	<p><b>27</b> +ST STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>29</b> HOLY INNOCENTS/CHILDREN +SUN AFT NATIVITY</p> <p>NO CHURCH SCHOOL</p> <p>8:15am ORTHROS-MATINS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY 1pm Holy Apostles 65th Anniversary at Hilton Chicago in Oak Brook</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>6:15pm 1st &amp; 2nd Grade Basketball Practice 8pm HS Boys Bball Practice</p>	<p><b>31</b> +APODOSIS OF NATIVITY</p> <p>NEW YEARS EVE OFFICE CLOSED 7pm GREAT VESPERS at St. Basil's Church, Chicago</p>	<p><b>COMING IN JANUARY</b></p> <p>1 ST. BASIL Liturgy at SSPP 5-6 Theophany/Epiphany Feast 6-7 ST JOHN THE BAPTIST Des Plaines parish feast day 12 Parish Vasilopita 13 Catechism classes begin 17 Vespers at ST ATHANASIOS, Aurora parish feast day 18 ST ATHANASIOS Liturgy at SSPP 26 Sanctity of Life service at All Saints Antiochian Chicago</p>			

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