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A Message from Father Rick

Father Richard Demetrius Andrews

Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

We started the year with liturgies commemorating St Basil (Jan. 1) and Theophany/Epiphany (Jan. 5-6) as well as our second annual **Outdoor Water Blessing Services** (Agiasmos) on *January 11*. One service was at *Gilson Beach* and the other at *Gallery Park* in Glenview. Thank you to all who braved the cold and ice to celebrate the re-creation of creation.

On *January 12th* we held our Oath of Office service for the **2025 Parish Council** and then elected our new officers afterwards. They are President: *Steve Koulogeorge*, Vice President: *Christy Gouletas*, Treasurer: *Nick Colis*, Assistant Treasurer: *George Seletos*, Recording Secretary: *Sophia Castleberry*, Corresponding Secretary: *Julie Stefanski*. Other council members include: *Vanessa Adinamis*, *Mary Alukos*, *Keith Anderson*, *Chris Atsaves*, *George Karagianis*, *Angie Katsamakis*, *John Mackris*, *Maryann Rasmussen*, *Tracy Ronstadt*, and

Jim Santos. Please support them as they lead our parish in the New Year and beyond!

On the same day, we celebrated our annual parish **Vasilopita**, sponsored by our Philoptochos ladies. We cut and presented pieces to various community leaders, who accepted them on behalf of our dedicated volunteers and parishioners. Of course, we had a special guest that day. **Metropolitan Nathanael** made a surprise visit and prayed Trisagion/Memorial, blessed the new parish council, and cut the Vasilopita. We pray that God grant him many years of good health, rightly/correctly teaching/leading our Metropolis in the Orthodox Faith. Xronia Polla!

Pres. Jane and I just participated in the National **Clergy Couple Retreat** in Florida. Approximately thirty couples joined together in this event sponsored by the Archdiocese Department of Marriage and Family Ministry. The director of the department, Fr. Alex Goussetis, presented the theme of "*Who Do You Say That I Am?*" which focused on how we relate to Jesus

Christ. Fr. Harry Pappas presented on the theme of "*Stability and Change: Growing Up in Christ.*" And I presented on "*Emotional Survival for Clergy and Their Spouses.*" I recently gave the same presentation to our *Glenview Clergy Association* on January 8th. Each session included small group discussions and time for couples to reflect on and discuss the themes, applying them to their own marriage relationship as well as their parish ministry. As always, I appreciate the parish's support of involvement in these spiritually enriching and recharging experiences.

Coming this month is our annual **Godparent/Godchild Sunday February 2nd**, the same day as **Meeting of our Lord Feast**. The feast commemorates Jesus Christ being dedicated to God in the Temple at 40 days of age. Two important persons become prototypical godparents: 1) the Elder Symeon who, according to Tradition was 270 years old, and was "*just and devout*" (Lk.2:25) who came by the Spirit into the

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THE PRODIGAL SON (FEB 16)

Through the parable of today's Gospel, our Saviour has set forth three things for us: the condition of the sinner, the rule of repentance, and the greatness of God's compassion. The divine Fathers have put this reading the week after the parable of the Publican and Pharisee so that, seeing in the person of the Prodigal Son our own wretched condition -- inasmuch as we are sunken in sin, far from God and His Mysteries -- we might at last come to our senses and make haste to return to Him by repentance during these holy days of the Fast.

Furthermore, those who have wrought many great iniquities, and have persisted in them for a long time, oftentimes fall into despair, thinking that there can no longer be any forgiveness for them; and so being without hope, they fall every day into the same and even worse iniquities. Therefore, the divine Fathers, that they might root out the passion of despair from the hearts of such people, and rouse them to the deeds of virtue, have set the present parable at the forecourts of the Fast, to show them the surpassing goodness of God's compassion, and to teach them that there is no sin -- no matter how great it may be -- that can overcome at any time His love for man.

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who came by the Spirit into the Temple (v.27) and was blessed to receive the baby Jesus into his arms (v.28). He then prophesied about the future of Jesus' life (vv.34-35); 2) the Prophetess Anna, who, even at 84 years of age, did not depart from the temple and served God with fasting and prayer night and day (v.37).

We encourage godparents and godchildren to accompany one another to church for the full Divine Liturgy and to receive Holy Communion together. Please note – parents and godparents should *receive the Eucharist before* their children and godchildren to set a good example. Please come on time for Liturgy 9:30am.



Update on *executive assistant, Lisa Billingsley*. Lisa began working for our parish in mid-October. I have met with her on a weekly basis and much of our work over the past three months is an on-

boarding process including familiarization with my work style and preferences, with our parish technology tools for email and scheduling, as well as familiarization with Orthodox Christian terms, practices, and traditions.

As many know, the hospice and death of my mother delayed the onboarding process with Lisa as well as my own work in general during the month of November. However, I believe we've finally arrived at the point where Lisa and I are ready for her to take over the processing of my email and managing my appointment schedule. Thus, *she may be answering email and scheduling appointments on my behalf*. As previously stated, the main purpose of Lisa's work is to help reduce my work hours (from an average of 70 per week down to 50-55 hours per week) and specifically my hours spent on administrative tasks. This will help me devote more time, energy, and attention to the tasks that only I can and need to do including setting a future vision for the parish. I thank the parish council and all of you for your patience and support!

On *Sunday February 9 the Triodion begins*. This is the three-week period prior to *and including Great and Holy Lent*. The first week is fast-free, no fasting. The second week is normal with fasting

on Wednesday and Friday. The third week is after Sunday of *Meatfare* (Feb.23rd). Thus, we begin fasting from all meat products (from animal flesh/fats). The fourth week is after *Cheesefare* (March 2nd) when the strict fast begins and we abstain from meat and cheese/dairy products. We also reduce our consumption including skipping meals and we try to pray, worship, give alms and repent even more. The strictest fasting is called 'xerophagia' which includes fasting on weekdays (M-F) from olive oil and similar oil based products, as well as alcohol products. Great Lent is like a training camp for Christians. Use the Triodion to plan and prepare so Lent does not catch you by surprise.

The beginning of Triodion also includes three *Saturday of Souls* (Feb.22, March 1, 8) on which we celebrate Orthros and Divine Liturgy and memorial prayers for our loved ones who have fallen asleep in the Lord. On the first Saturday (Feb.22) we commemorate all those who died in the true Faith and hope of the Resurrection. On the second Saturday (March 1) we commemorate all ascetic/monastic saints. On the third Saturday (first Saturday of Lent) on which we celebrate the *miracle of the coliva/sitari* by St Theodore of Tyro (Feb.17). Please bring names of the dead/reposed with you to the

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liturgy. You don't need to resubmit names for each week.

Watch for news about our upcoming *Lenten Lectures* (on Wednesdays) and our *Lenten Retreat* on *March 14-15* with *Pres. Dr. Jeannie Constantinou* (Dr. Jeannie).

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 a 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 New Month / Kalo Mina!
+Fr. Rick

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Welcome new members to our beautiful parish, Kwaku Adonteng, Chris and Melissa Giannakopoulos, Tom Giolas, Sofia Montanile, Rosa Salloum, and Elizabeth Ann Tubekis



Clergy Family holiday party in Racine WI 12-29-2024



40 day churching Catherine (Nick) Kafkis & baby George 12-15-2024



AGAPE Christmas program angels 12-18-2024



AGAPE Christmas program animals 12-18-2024



Clergy Acolytes Christmas Eve 12-24-2024

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Dena Pavlopoulos at Hellenic Foundation Awards 12-12-2024



Elle Sutter & Luc Purcell Wedding 12-15-2024



GOYA Alumni Meeting 12-19-2024



Jack Hoszkiewicz Baptism 1-11-2025



Greek Night - Chicago Bulls 12-23-2024



Theophany 1-5-2025

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM RECAP

This year's Church School pageant was a hit! Joseph and Mary were portrayed beautifully by two of our High School Seniors, Evangelos Milovanovic and Olivia Lehocky. All the students had such enthusiasm and everyone could feel it in the Church! Thank you to all who were involved and great job to all.



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Greek School Christmas Program 12-21-2024



Joanne Trahanas and Seven Thell at the Hellenic Foundation Awards 12-12-2024



Outdoor Agiasmos Glenview 1-11-2025



Parish Council with Metropolitan Nathanael 1-12-2025



Outdoor Agiasmos Wilmette 1-11-2025



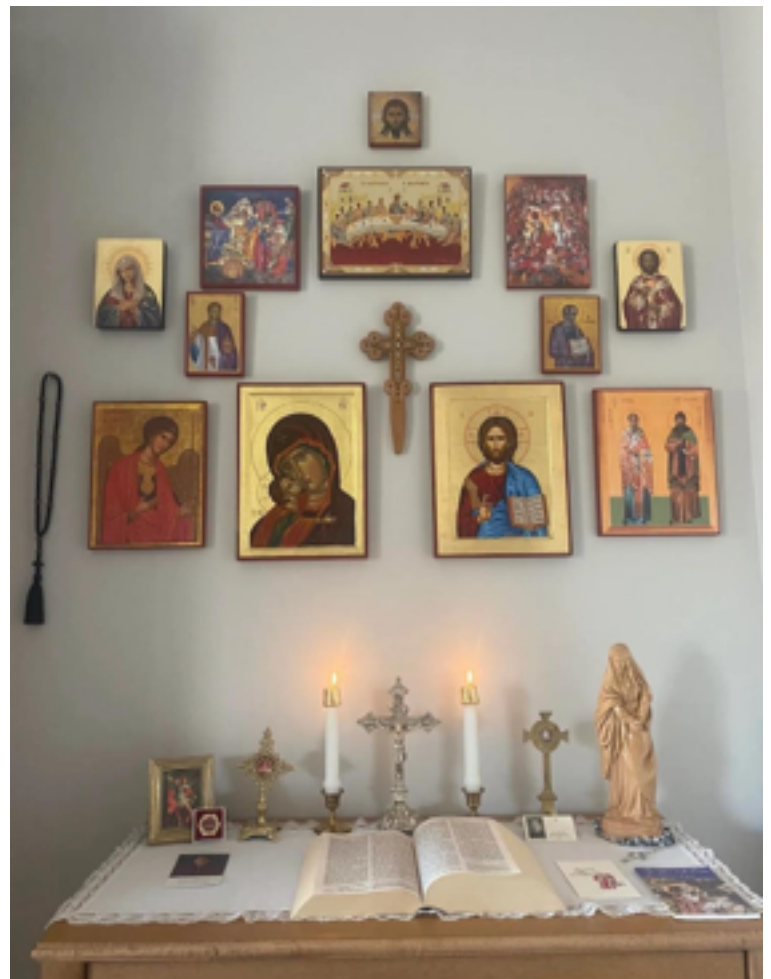
SSPP Staff Volunteer Advent Lunch 12-19-2024



Sanctuary Cleaning Crew 12-21-2024

BUILDING A HOME ALTAR

During this recent season of home and house blessings after the Feast of Theophany/Epiphany, a question was raised about the items needed for this service.-Most of the items are things we should strive to have/keep in our home altar. This is the place in our home that is dedicated to God and reminds of His presence in our life and in our home. It is the place where we come to Him each day in prayer, talking to Him and standing in silence before Him listening to Him in silence. The home altar should include icons of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Virgin Mary and our patron Saint. It should have a candle and/or oil lamp that we can keep lit all the time or at least during times of prayer. It should include an incense, charcoal, and a burner that we can light to fill our home with the aroma of God's presence, the smoke rising reminding us to raise our prayers to God. It should include a prayerbook to help us get started in our daily prayer, giving daily prayer, giving us the words when we may not know what to pray for or how to pray. It should include a Bible that we read from each day following the lectionary of the Church or a regiment set by our spiritual father. The altar can include sacred items, called phylakta from worship services at church like holy water, flowers, palm branches/crosses, etc. We can anoint ourselves, drink the holy water and sprinkle it in our home throughout the year, renewing the blessings of Theophany/Epiphany throughout the whole year. The home altar might also include photos of our loved ones, especially those who have fallen asleep in the Lord. This reminds us of their special place in our lives and to pray for them. Most of these items can be obtained in our parish bookstore or online. Please contact Fr. Rick or the bookstore manager, Tina O'Donnell bookstore@ssppglenview.org if you have any questions.



2025 GREEK FEST



SAVE THE DATES: 2025 – JULY 26 & 27

Plan your summer now so you'll be available to help celebrate the return of our Greek Festival – right here on our church grounds – as a major event of our parish's 65th anniversary year. We're off to a great start in planning the Fest and there are already a few ways you can get involved:

- Join the Festival coordinating team. We're bringing together interested participants who have little or no Fest management experience with the seasoned veterans, so newcomers of all ages can learn about taking on key Fest leadership roles. If you can't join the planning team, tell us how you would like to participate on the Fest days.
- Do you own or work at a business that can provide food items, beverages or other goods or services as an in-kind donation to the Fest? If so, please reach out to us.
- There also will be opportunities to sponsor or underwrite key aspects of the Fest. (More info. on this soon.)
- Make a monetary donation to help cover Fest expenses. You can do so online at sspoglview.org or mail a check to the church office. (Be sure to designate it for the Festival.)

If you're willing to help with any of the first three bullet items, send a quick email to us at greekfest@sspoglview.org. Let's all work together to make Greek Fest 2025 a truly successful and enjoyable event!



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!

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

AS THE WEATHER DROPS

With the temperatures dropping to below zero and thoughts of whether your water pipes or your automobile will freeze up first, it's good to know that there are plenty of activities that you can get involved with that can not only make you forget the frozen tundra of Glenview, IL. for a while, but can also do some good for our Parish and those around you as well: The annual SSPP Men's Social dinner at the Hilton Hotel Doubletree Monaco Room in Skokie, was a huge success, with a record number of attendees! Proceeds went to the SEAL Future Foundation: which is "committed to providing Navy SEALs a foundation that supports their well-being, education and career to continue a life of service within their communities".

<https://sealff.org/get-involved/>.

Congratulations to Men's Committee members: Evan Adams, Frank Bolos, Steve Callas, Mike Carrozza John Livaditis and George Logothetis.

Church Festival Committee – Our First meeting was attended by 10-12 people. Our second meeting was upwards of 24 people. This committee has a number of energized members who want to make our current year Festival an event to remember. Our Festival date will be the weekend of *July 26-27* Contact: greekfest@ssppglenview.org Next meeting on Monday, February 10th, at 6:30pm (Fellowship Hall). SSPP's 65th Anniversary Festival will be held in October/November. Committee Chairs are Steve and Phaedra Koulogeorge skoulogeorge@gmail.com and phaedrakoulogeorge@gmail.com. More information to follow.

We were extremely blessed to have a visit from Metropolitan Nathanael at our Sunday, January 12th Divine Liturgy. The Metropolitan commended our Parish on our continued efforts to involve both men and women in the Ministries of Saints Peter and Paul. He also took time to remind not only our Parish Council, but all Parish members; that as it is the beginning of a new year, we must start each New Year with a vow of repentance:

"we repent to come to our senses, in many ways and to face Christ... not like Adam and Eve, not to shy away from him, as if he is a God who punishes us and is harsh, but as a God who wants to embrace us and is ready to help us make a new start".

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2025

The results of our Parish Council Officer Elections for 2025 are:

President - Steve Koulogeorge
Vice President - Christy Gouletas
Treasurer - Nick Colis
Asst. Treasurer- George Seletos
Recording Sec.- Sophia Lehocky
Corresp. Secretary - Julie Stefanski

And congratulations to our new Parish Council member, John Mackris!

PLEDGE CARDS

Please remember to fill out and return your pledge cards, as we need to tally our commitments for 2025. For those of you who's support have it's greatest impact through their "Time and Talents", please register on our "Time and Talent" card where your help can be put to best use: Young Adult (Hope, Faith Love and Joy), Youth (Athletics), Liturgical as well as Philanthropy (Soup Kitchen, Blood Drives).

As I mentioned in last month's Messenger, the October 2024 Parish Leadership Retreat that the Parish Council embarked on along with the Ministry leaders of Saints Peter and Paul, focused on the lessons learned in 2024; and more importantly as a starting point to grow as individuals and as an Orthodox Community; by renewing our pledge to build a healthier parish, to move closer to our faith and to our community. In 2025 we will be putting together a team to identify and develop a "Parish Health Plan", which will be our framework for our spiritual and administrative growth going forward.

For 2025 my own personal objective has been to challenge myself and others to "Be Present" in our parish as well as in each of our own personal lives.

In Christ,

Steve J. Koulogeorge
 Parish Council President



JOIN US FOR A
INTERGENERATIONAL
GAME NIGHT (AGE 50+)

JR. GOYA & SENIORS GAME NIGHT

18TH FEBURARY | 6:30-8:00 PM

CALLING ALL 50 + SENIORS, PLEASE
JOIN OUR YOUTH FOR GAME NIGHT
DINNER PROVIDED. RSVP TO
YOUTHDIRECTOR@SSPPGLENVIEW.ORG



YOUTH LETTER

A MESSAGE FROM STEVEN

The Faith Love Joy started the new year off with a bang. We had a movie night, where we watched *Inside Out 2*. The kids wore their pajamas and brought their stuffies and sleeping bags. It was a fun event. We finished off the month with a service project for those in need. We put together 148 food bags filled with sandwiches, fruit, granola bars, chips, and a beautiful note made by the kids. It was a great way for the kids to learn what almsgiving means.

The Junior GOYA filled all the Holy Water Bottles for the Epiphany service. They also learned about forgiveness and read different parts of the bible that highlight forgiveness. They joined Senior GOYA and attended feed my starving children. They packed food for kids in Haiti and Guatemala. Looking ahead, we have an overnighter on *February 7th* where we will do a reader vespers service at night. On *February 18th*, we will have a Jr. GOYA and SSPP Senior (50 plus) intergenerational game night. If you are 50 plus and would like to participate, please reach out to youthdirector@ssppglenview.org. Senior GOYA learned about the Ephiny service, the Icon of Theophany and participated in Feed My Starving Children. I was very proud of them for braving the cold, below-zero temperature to give their time to those in need. Afterward, we went to Culvers for a group meal. Going forward, we have an overnighter on *February 21st*. I send out the activity schedule every month, so please reach out if you are not on our email list. Have a Happy Valentine's Month!!

Have a blessed day - *Steven Thell*



Jr. GOYA Filling the Holy water bottles for theophony. 1/3/25



FLJ group photo with 148 packed bags of food for those in need. 1/22/25



FLJ Movie night in their pjs and sleeping bags. 1/10/25



Group photo of Feed my starving children. 1/21/25

BOOK STORE AND MORE

BOOK AND ICON STORE

It may be cold outside, but that's all the more reason to warm up with a good book or add a new icon to your Prayer Corner. So many amazing books for readers of all ages and abilities can be found to both enhance and grow your spiritual life. We are looking forward to showing you everything from Snuggly Saint dolls to challenging puzzles and games for family fun; and there's still plenty of time to purchase one of our beautiful calendars. Stop in on any Sunday following the Divine Liturgy or email us at bookstore@ssppglenview.org for questions or appointments.



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 Winter starting on *Tuesday, February 11 through March 18, 2025, 7-8:30 p.m. CT*, 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, MS 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.



COFFEE CONNECTION SPEARHEADS A NEW MINISTRY INITIATIVE

Water for Tanzania - As part of our outreach ministry as a Local Eucharistic Community, Coffee Connection has committed to assist 2 Greek Orthodox Churches in California (St. Barbara in Santa Barbara and St. Paul in Irvine) with regard to their truly wonderful ministry of providing fresh water for communities in Tanzania, Africa through building, repairing and maintaining wells in remote villages. We have dedicated a fund for this project and welcome the whole parish to join us in this initiative.

At our December session we discussed our initial commitment to the Mission Tanzania project and have decided to set \$10,000.00 as our initial goal. So, we presented the project to the parish council, and received their unified support to dedicate a fund at SS Peter and Paul to this project, and the fund is up and running. If you would like to contribute to this worthy cause, please send a check made out to SS Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church with "Mission Tanzania" in the memo line. For further information or any questions, contact Coffee Connection at coffeeconnection@ssppglenview.org.



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
<https://ssppglenview.org/agape-preschool/>



PHILOPTOCHOS

HAVE HEART!

February is all about having heart! But beyond aiming to keep our hearts filled with love, SSPP Philoptochos also wants to raise awareness about heart disease—our nation's number one killer. Join us in Wearing Red on *Sunday, February 2*, as we show support for those affected by cardiovascular disease and promote heart health education. Be sure to also stop by during Coffee Hour for a free blood pressure reading and to glean information on how simple lifestyle changes can make a significant impact on our well-being.

Together, let's strive for healthier hearts and a stronger, more informed community. We look forward to seeing you there ... and remember to Wear Red!



Ladies of SSPP Wear Red in support of raising awareness about heart disease in 2024.

JOIN US

Keeping with our theme, please join us for our General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, *February 25* when Cardiologist Sarah Alexander will give a presentation about cardiovascular health for women. 6-6:30 Social Hour; 6:30 – 7 general meeting; 7 -7:30 presentation.

MIX AND MINGLE

Mix and Mingle returns to the Valley Lo Club on Thursday, *February 6!* You won't want to miss this fun Ladies Night Out that will be emceed by Angie Beltsos, MD, a Women's Health Advocate. Enjoy a festive atmosphere, heavy appetizers, an opportunity to win luxury raffle prizes, and most importantly, fellowship, as we join together in raising funds for our many philanthropic projects. Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased on-line or in Fellowship Hall after liturgy. For more information, contact Diane Papadakis-Economy at kafedmp@sbcglobal.net.



Guests at our 2022 Mix and Mingle enjoyed a lively night out.

BLANKETS FOR BABIES

And to care for those little ones who are hospitalized at UIC Pediatric and Adolescent Child Life Program, we will be hosting the annual Metropolis of Chicago Philoptochos Blankets for Babies event on *Saturday, April 5*, from 10am – 2:30pm. No need to know how to sew! We just need you're your willing hands (and maybe your own scissors). For more information, reach out to Tru Bazianos at sspeterandpaulphiloptochos@gmail.com.

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BLANKETS FOR BABIES

You can also make donations in advance by going to <https://ssppglenview.org/philoptochos-blankets-for-babies/> or mailing them to SS Peter and Paul Philoptochos, Atten: Blankets for Babies, 1401 Wagner Road, Glenview, IL 60025.



Participants in last year's Blankets for Babies complete a unicorn comforter.

PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE

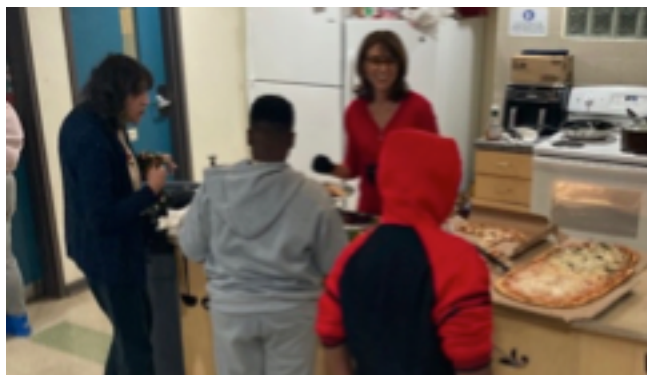
As we prepare for our Palm Sunday Bake sale, please keep an eye out for our upcoming baking dates! We invite everyone to join us in this fun, yet critical, activity that supports so much of our philanthropic efforts.

AND REMEMBER

It's not too late to become a Philoptochos Member. 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!



TAKE A LOOK AT SOME OF OUR RECENT ACTIVITIES!!



Amalia Johnson and Pam Leventis join the SSPP Philoptochos team in celebrating Christmas with the young men of Lawrence Hall.



Philoptochos Member Maria Ress joins members of our board who put on a beautiful Vasilopita celebration for our parish.

DAVE THE DATES!

Sunday, February 2 –

Go Red Sunday - Raising Awareness Heart Disease

Thursday, February 6 –

Mix and Mingle at Valley Lo Club, 6pm

Tuesday, February 25 –

General Meeting & Presentation with Cardiologist, Sarah Alexander, MD. 6pm social hour; 6:30pm general meeting; 7 presentation.

Saturday, April 5 –

Blankets for Babies 10am – 2:30pm

Sunday, April 13 –

Palm Sunday Bake Sale after Liturgy

All events at Saints Peter and Paul unless otherwise indicated.



**THANK YOU TO
OUR VOLUNTEERS!**



**150 bags assembled for
distribution to The Des
Plaines Food Pantry and the
Northside Men's Shelter.**



**Thank you for your generous
donations. We reached our \$2,000 goal
for purchasing food..**

SS Peter and Paul Philoptochos

*Mix and Mingle
Ladies' Night*

FEBRUARY 6 AT 6:00PM

**MC/SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER-
DR. ANGIE BELTSOS
WOMEN'S HEALTH ADVOCATE**

**VALLEY LO CLUB
2200 TANGLEWOOD DRIVE
GLENVIEW**



**Scan QR code
to purchase
tickets
\$75**

**Proceeds will benefit
our philanthropic
efforts**

**Heavy appetizers
Cash Bar
Luxury Raffle Prizes**

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SS PETER AND PAUL PHILOPTOCHOS
SEMINAR AND LECTURE SEASON
AND GENERAL MEETING

WOMEN'S HEALTH

DISCUSSING WOMEN AND
HEART DISEASE



DR SARAH ALEXANDER

**Board certified
cardiologist
Endeavor Health Glenview
and Evanston**

Tuesday, Feb. 25

SS Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church
Atrium

1401 Wagner Road, Glenview

6:00-6:30 SOCIAL HOUR

6:30-7:00 GENERAL MEETING

7:00-7:30 DR SARAH ALEXANDER PRESENTATION

<https://www.northshore.org/apps/findadoctor/physicians/sarah-alexander>

FEBRUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
COMING IN MARCH						
1 SATURDAY OF SOULS (#2) 2 CHEESEFARE 3 CLEAN/PURE MONDAY - GREAT LENT BEGINS 5 Lenten Meal/Lectures/Begin (every Wednesday) 8 SATURDAY OF SOULS (#3) 9 SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY/ICONS 14-15 Lenten Retreat w/ Pres Dr Jeanne Constantinos 23 VENERATION OF CROSS - Youth Oratorical 25 ANNUNCIATION FEAST						12:00pm Basketball Semi-Finals 5pm VESPERS 6pm GOYAL Bball Banquet
2 +MEETING OF OUR LORD NO CHURCH SCHOOL GODPARENT/GODCHILD SUN-DAY GO RED SUNDAY 8-11am ORTHODOS-MATINS 9-10am DIVINE LITURGY 4pm - 7pm Basketball Finals	3 6:30pm Philopochos Board Mtg 7pm Senior GOYA Gathering 8pm Bball Men's YAL (pickup) 7pm Catechism Class	4 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir Rehearsal 8:30pm Bball Men over 40 (pickup)	5 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir Rehearsal 8:30pm Bball Men over 40 (pickup)	6 +ST PHOTIOS PATR CONSTANTINOPOLE 7am Men's Study Group 10am Dynamis "Kali Pareo" Breakfast at George V's in Northbrook 6pm Philopochos - MIX & Mingle at Valley Lo in Glenview	7 5pm Night to Shine Event at St Haralambos GOC in Niles 6:30pm Junior GOYA Overnighter	8 +ST THEODORE STRATELATES & PROPHET ZECHARIAH 10am Ministry of Women in the Church at St. Andrews GOC in CHI 5pm VESPERS
9 +THEODORON BEGINS 8-11am ORTHODOS-MATINS 9-10am DIVINE LITURGY 12:15pm Greek Dance 7pm GREAT VESPERS at St. Haralambos GOC in Niles	10 +ST HARALAMBOS FAST FREE WEEK 8am ORTHODOS at St. Haralambos GOC in Niles 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY at St. Haralambos GOC in Niles 6:30pm Greek Fest Meeting 7pm Catechism Class 8pm Stewardship Camie Mtg	11 7pm Cancer Support 7pm Divorce Rebuilders Meeting 8pm Bball Men's YAL (pickup)	12 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm Senior GOYA Gathering 8:30pm Bball Men over 40 (pickup)	13 10am Dynamis "Kali Pareo" Breakfast at George V's in Northbrook	14 VALENTINE'S DAY 6pm Faith Love Joy Gathering	15 9am Peace of Mind Training at Peace of Mind Training at Holy Apostles GOC in Westchester
16 +PRODIGAL SON 8-11am ORTHODOS-MATINS 9-10am DIVINE LITURGY 10-11am Church School Brown Bag Service Project 11am Coffee Connection 12:15pm Greek Dance	17+ST THEODORE OF TIRON PRESIDENTS' DAY OFFICE CLOSED 7pm Catechism Class	18 6:30pm Senior (50+) Game night with Jr. GOYA 7pm Divorce Rebuilders Meeting 8:30pm Bball Men over 40 (pickup)	19 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir Rehearsal 8:30pm Bball Men over 40 (pickup)	20 10am Dynamis "Kali Pareo" Breakfast at George V's in Northbrook	21 6pm Sr. GOYA Overnighter	22 +SAT. OF SOULS #1 8:30am ORTHODOS 9:30am LITURGY 11am Preparing for College Seminar at Holy Apostles GOC in Westchester 5pm VESPERS 6pm SSPP Glendi
23 -MEATEFARE-APOKREO +ST POLYCARP OF SMYRNA 8-11am ORTHODOS-MATINS 9-10am DIVINE LITURGY 10-11am Church School Festival of Faith	24 FUNDING OF FORERUNNERS SKULL (1ST & 2ND) FAST FROM MEAT 6:30pm Ministry Meeting 7pm Catechism Class	25 6pm Philopochos Gen Mtg 7pm Divorce Rebuilders Meeting 8pm Bball Men's YAL (pickup)	26 ST PHOTINI - SAMARITAN 7am Men's Study Group	27 7am Men's Study Group	28	

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