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SAINTS PETER & PAUL MARCH 2025

A Message from Father Rick

Father Richard Demetrius Andrews

Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

Thank you to all who attended our annual Godparent/Godchild Sunday February 2nd, the same day as Meeting of our Lord Feast. The Basketball season is now over. Thank our coaches for ably guiding our children: Christ Atsaves & Dino Tsitsis (1-2 grades), Evan Adams & Jordan Kardos (3-4 grades), Peter Triantafilou (5-6 grade boys), Julia Economy (3-6 grade girls), Christina Ballester & Matthew Koukios (7-8 grade boys), Steve Konstantopoulos (7-12 grade girls). Matthew Assimos, Steven Thell, Peter Kokinnis, Chris Batrich (HS boys).

Triodion started on Feb.9th and we have two more Saturday of Souls (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 commemorated all those who died in the true Faith and hope of the Resurrection. On the second

Saturday of Lent) on which we Great Lent. celebrate the *miracle of the coliva*/ sitari by St. Theodore of Tyro and will receive an offering for the (Feb. 17). Please bring names of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center dead/reposed with you to the (OCMC). On that day, we will liturgy. You don't need to resubmit celebrate the Catechumenate names for each week.

amounts (eat less food at meals and the Sacrament of Chrismation. reduce to one or two meals per opportunities for almsgiving— the parishes of the Metropolis. offering material assistance to the tools that help us grow closer to God.

Saturday (March 1) we Please note that Akathistos/ commemorate all ascetic/monastic Salutations services will be starting saints. On the third Saturday (first earlier (6pm) on Friday evenings of

Cheesefare Sunday is March 2nd **Service** for those people who have Great and Holy Lent begins on completed the catechism course and Clean/Pure Monday (March 3). Not who have expressed their sincere only is it a time for fasting from desire and intention to join the certain foods (meat, dairy) and Orthodox Christian Church through

In relation to that, Metropolitan day), but, more importantly, it is Nathanael issued a directive for all also a time for increased/intensified parishes to do the Litany and Prayer worship and prayer. We will offer of the Catechumens during the three extra services per week with Divine Liturgy. This happens with Monday Compline, Wednesday the Prayers of the Faithful right Presanctified Liturgy and Friday before the Great Entrance. This is Akathistos/Salutations. Please join in accordance with the Metropolis us for these important and inspiring goal of 'Growth,' to bring more services. Also, seek out additional people into the Orthodox Faith in

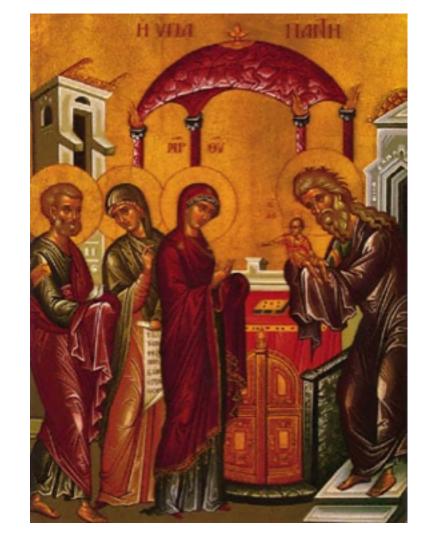
What is a 'catechumen'? The poor and needy. Why are these word has the same root as important? Because they are all 'catechism,' which in Greek means

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PASTORAL MESSAGE

'to teach orally.' Thus, a catechumen is one who is being taught and specifically receiving instruction in the Christian Faith to prepare for the Sacraments of Baptism and/or Chrismation.

The Wednesday Lenten Lectures the me is "Journeys to Orthodoxy." Six people will share their stories of how they heard of, learned about, and decided to join the Church, and how they have changed since that time. Please join us in listening to their journeys as we journey through Great and Holy Lent. For more info see flyer in the newsletter and other parish media.

Back by popular demand for our annual Lenten Retreat on March 14-16 is Dr. Presvytera Jeanne Constantinou speaking on the theme/title of her recent book: Thinking Orthodox- Understanding and Acquiring the Orthodox Christian Mind. The three topics/ talks are 1) Apostolic Origins of Orthodox Mind, 2) The Departure of the West, and 3) Why Phronema Matters. Please rsvp by March 5th the Friday evening lecture and two presentations on Saturday. For more information see flyer in the newsletter and other parish media.

On *March* 9th we celebrate the **Sunday of Orthodoxy/Icons**. No church school that day but we encourage all youth bring an icon from home and participate in the festive procession at the end of the

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Divine Liturgy. That evening the *Pan-Orthodox Vespers* will begin 6pm at *Assumption Greek Orthodox Church* in Chicago.

On March 23rd we celebrate the half-way point of Lent with the Veneration of the Cross. No church school but all children are invited to bring a cross and participate in the special service at the end of the Divine Liturgy. Right afterwards, Sister Vassa Larin will speak during coffee/fellowship hour on the theme: "Lent-Back to the Basics of our Faith."

On *March 25th* we celebrate the Great *Feast of the Annunciation* to the Theotokos. We will have Orthros and Divine Liturgy here at SSPP on Tuesday morning. We encourage everyone to attend Vespers on Monday evening at one of our sister parishes (Chicago, Milwaukee, Kankakee).

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 Lent / Kali Tessarakosti! +Fr. Rick



OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Welcome new members to our beautiful parish: Georgia Londos, Kosta & Anthea Mavrianos, and Ghanem & Zeina Zureikat



TSeveral choir members visited Angie Anast for her 102 birthday at her home.



Clergy Couple Retreat - Chicago cohort



Prosfora bakers 1-25-2025

Clergy Couple Retreat Florida Jan 2025





Church School's students are starting Lent by giving. We collected over 55 bags full of food items for the needy. Thank you to all who participated in Brown Bag Sunday!



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Fr. Rick and the Parish Council wish to thank all those who generously gave stewardship in 2024 in support of our parish and ministries. We set records for the month of December with \$262,155 received and for Year 2024 with \$927,740 received. Working together, we strive to fulfill our mission: "Connecting with God and Each Other" Thank you again! Glory to *Italized indicted pledge card received.

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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 ssppglenview.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@ssppglenview.org. Let's all work together to make Greek Fest 2025 a truly successful and enjoyable event!

LENTEN LECTURE SERIES

SAINTS PETER & PAUL GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH YEAR 2025

Annual Lenten Lecture Series

Journeys to Orthodoxy

Since the time of Jesus' Great Commission to "make disciples of all nations" (Mt.28:19), billions of people have been baptized and/or chrismated into the Orthodox Christian Church. Many became Christians as infants and children. Many journeyed to Orthodoxy as adults. Six persons will share their stories of how they heard of, learned about, and decided to join the Church, and how they have changed since that time. Please join us in listening to their journeys as we journey through Great and Holy Lent.



WEDNESDAYS DATE March 5 March 12 March 19 March 26 April 2 April 9

SPEAKER

Keith Mark Anderson Matthew Baeckelandt Kwaku Moses Adonteng Brad Vasilios DeSent Tracy Anastasia Ronstadt James Iakovos Santos



SCHEDULE

5:30pm Ninth Hour Service ◆ 6:00pm Presanctified Liturgy ◆ 7:30PM Lenten Community Meal 8:00pm Lecture ◆ 8:45pm Q&A ◆ 9:00pm Conclude.

To host a meal, contact Christy Gouletas at christygouletas@gmail.com or (847) 989-3382

LOCATION

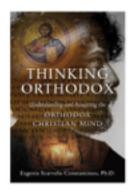
Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church, 1401 Wagner Road, Glenview, Illinois 60025 www.ssppglenview.org

About our community:

The parish of Saints Peter and Paul in Glenview, Illinois was established in 1960. The sanctuary was completed in 1964 and the community center in 1974. We have over 700 individuals, couples, and families with about 30 different ministries. Our worship services are in English, we have a robust Sunday Church School, and active youth programs for all ages including basketball and Greek School. Agape Day School has classes for preschool and kindergarten. We are located at 1401 Wagner Road, on the corner of Lake Avenue, across the street from the historic Wagner Farm. For more info, visit www.ssppglenview.org.



LENTEN RETREAT



Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church Lenten Retreat March 14-16, 2025 Thinking Orthodox

Understanding and Acquiring the Orthodox Christian Mind Guest Speaker: Dr. Jeanne Constantinou

Sponsored by the Saints Peter and Paul Creticos Memorial Lectures

Friday, March 14

6:00pm Akathistos/Salutations Service | 7:30 PM Lenten Meal (RSVP by March 5)*

8:00pm Apostolic Origins of Orthodox Mind

What is the origin of the Orthodox Christian mind? What makes Orthodox Christianity unique and why do we think so differently than everyone else? What are the essential characteristics of Orthodoxy?

Saturday, March 15

10:00am Coffee and Fellowship

10:30am The Departure of the West

Why was the ancient Christian mentality lost in Western Christianity? When, why and how did the Catholic Church develop so differently from Orthodoxy? What is the essence of Protestantism and

Catholicism and what are the characteristics of the Catholic and Protestant minds?

12:00pm Lenten Luncheon (RSVP by March 5)*

1:00pm Why Phronema Matters

How does our Orthodox phronema impact our salvation? How does an Orthodox mind differ from the mind of "the world"? How does our phronema affect how Orthodoxy and Orthodox Christians respond to issues in our contemporary culture? How do we develop an Orthodox phronema? What should we do and

what should we avoid?

3:00pm Great Vespers Service

Sunday, March 16

9:30am Divine Liturgy – Homilist Dr Jeanne Constantinou

Presvytera Jeannie Constantiniou, Ph.D. earned a B.A.in Religious Studies at the University of San Diego, a J.D. from Pepperdine University School of Law, a Master of Arts in Practical Theology from University of San Diego, Masters of Theology from Holy Cross Seminary and Harvard Divinity School, and a Ph.D. from Universite Laval, Quebec City, Canada. She taught biblical studies and early Christianity extensively at Orthodox and non-Orthodox universities and graduate schools of theology, including Hellenic College/Holy Cross. She is the host of Search the Scriptures LIVE on Ancient Faith Radio. Her most recent books are The Crucifixion of the King of Glory and Thinking Orthodox. She is married to Father Costas and they have one child, Christopher (33).

Anastasia and Angelo Creticos were founding and longtime members of Saints Peter and Paul who established this fund so as to encourage all parishioners in the continuing study and growth in our faith, in part by bringing the best thoughtful and faithful educators to speak at Saints Peter and Paul.



^{*}Rsvp by emailing coffeeconnection@ssppglenview.org or going to our website: https://ssppglenview.org/events/

YOUTH LEADER LETTER

A MESSAGE FROM STEVEN

Hello Saints Peter and Paul,

As we are starting our Lenten journey. Please see the schedule for date changes as our times and days may be different than the normal throughout the Lenten period. I have also emailed the Lenten schedule to our email list. Some events coincide with services and I encourage all to attend and experience church outside of a Sunday.

The FLJ met on Valentine's day and we learned who Saint Valentine was and why we write cards to our love ones. We also attended the altitude trampoline park in Skokie. That was a blast.

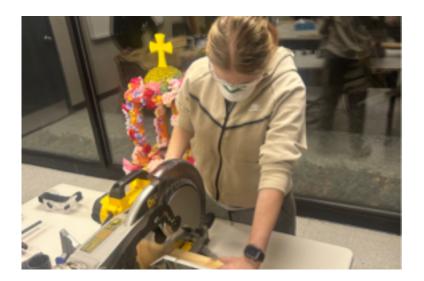
The Jr Goyans had two events this month. They had an extended GOYA day, where they participated in a reader service at night and learned about the publican and the Pharisee. We also had a game night together with adults (or kids at heart). We had dinner, shared stories, played board games and ended the night with a trivia competition between the kids and adults. I want to thank all the adults who came and hung out with our Goyans.

Our senior Goyans made bird houses from Scratch. They cut the wood, and put together the houses. We also had an overnighter where they competed in a giant array of games. We also learned about the last judgment, what it means to follow Christ, and ways we can prepare for lent.

Senior GOYA Boston Pilgrimage: July 28th - August 2nd, 2025**

I am excited to announce that we are taking GOYAns on a week-long pilgrimage to Boston. During this trip, we will explore monasteries, visit Holy Trinity Seminary, and tour Saints Nicholas Orthodox Church, located at the 9/11 Memorial site.

Please email <u>youthdirector@ssppglenview.org</u> for more info.







PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

MARCHING ON...

Now that our old pal the Groundhog has put our already cold winter into overtime, we just want to remind you that it is STILL not too late to volunteer your time and efforts to one of our many other opportunities available for you and your family, to get involved in our Church activities.

OUR CHURCH FESTIVAL

Our Committee keeps rolling along. The group is making great progress, with committee leaders already being assigned. Volunteers will be needed for the following tasks:Festival tents/ tables/chair set-up and tear downs, Publicity - brochures, flyers, sign distribution to Glenview and surrounding neighborhoods, villages, Social Media presence -(information and updates). Food Preparation - Before and during the Festival (includes food runners, table cleaners, dish washers) Booth Assignments, Cash Runners - This Committee has a number of energized members who want to make our current year Festival an event to remember; and we could always use a few more!!! The Festival date is the weekend of July 26th - 27th. For more information contact Joanne Trahanas at: greekfest@ssppglenview.org

Next Festival meeting on Thursday, March 20th at 6:30pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

STEWARDHSIP COMMITTEE

This committee is looking for new members. For further information, contact Steve Koulogeorge at PCpresident@ssppglenview.org or our Parish Administrator at parishadmin@ssppglenview.org for more information.

SSPP 65TH ANNIVERSARY

SSPP's 65th Anniversary Festival will be held in October/November. Committee Chairs are Steve and Phaedra Koulogeorge@gmail.com and phaedrakoulogeorge@gmail.com. More information coming soon.

HAVE YOU READ THE "SAINTS PETER AND PAUL CHILDREN'S BULLETIN?"

Debuting Sunday February 16th 2025 as our latest "Pew-stuffer". The Children's Bulletin is our newest addition to helping our youngest Orthodox Christians get the most out of their Liturgical experience. The Weekly Message is presented in easy to understand words. The Pamphlet's inside has a puzzle or word search game, and the back is a picture that can be used to color-in, with a crayon or colored pencil. A huge thanks to our creative ace, Amanda Sideris, for pulling together the layout for our special addition. Look for our Children's Bulletin in upcoming weeks!!!!

EVENTS - NEXT UP:

March 3 (Monday) Beginning of Orthodox Lent

March 10 (Monday) Stewardship Committee meeting 8:00pm (Zoom)

March 11 (Tuesday) Divorce Rebuilders meeting 7:00pm (Church Library)

March 11 (Tuesday) Cancer Support Group 7:00pm (Zoom)

March 20th (Thursday) Church Festival Meeting 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall Contact: greekfest@ssppglenview.org

March 24-28 – AGAPE Spring Break.

April 13 (Sunday) – Philoptochos Palm Sunday Luncheon.

July 26-27 Annual Church Festival

In Christ, Steve J. Koulogeorge (Parish Council President)

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BOOK STORE AND MORE

BOOK AND ICON STORE

Let your Book and Icon Store help you with preparations for Great Lent. We have cookbooks with new Lenten recipes, Icons for your home altar, and so many books with daily



devotions to help you lead a life of prayer and reflection. You don't want to miss our collection of prayer ropes and jewelry along with games, puzzles, and Paschal readings for our youngest Orthodox Christians that will embellish any Easter Basket. Finally, check out our collection of Snuggly Saint dolls that introduce scripture and sainthood to everyone! Stop in any Sunday immediately following the Divine Liturgy or after our Lenten Lectures. Hope to see you soon!

TANZANIA WATER PROJECT

A big THANK YOU to the people who have donated money to provide fresh water for communities in Tanzania, Africa through building, repairing and maintaining wells! Our donations thus far have totaled \$2,600, so we are one fifth of the way to our goal of \$10,000! And... we now have another way for you to donate on our website:

- Go online to ssppglenview.org
- Scroll down to DONATE
- Decide on the amount of your donation and click on the dropdown option to find "Mission Tanzania".

If giving online is not your thing, simply send a check to SS Peter & Paul Church with the words "Mission Tanzania" in the memo line.

COFFEE CONNECTION

Please join us on *Sunday, March 2,* following Holy Communion in the Youth Room for Coffee Connection: An Educational Ministry Open to All Adults This Year's Theme is: "Navigating the Challenges of Contemporary Life with an Orthodox Compass"

- We will be discussing: Modern Science Can Modern Science and Faith coexist? Can they support one another?

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

On April 6th, Coffee Connection
will be putting together Spring
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

<u>youthdirector@ssppglenview.org</u> OR <u>office@ssppglenview.org</u> *by March 28th*

AGAPE ANNOUNCEMENTS

AGAPE Christian Academy is open for enrollment for both Summer Camp and the 2025-2026 school year. Please contact Julie Mantice for details at agape@ssppglenview.org

AGAPE hosted the annual Saints Peter and Paul Glendi at Michigan Shores on *February 22nd* in Wilmette. The evening was full of fellowship and fun. Families enjoyed an amazing dinner, dancing and silent auction.



PHILOPTOCHOS

BEGINNING OF LENT

Lent begins March 3! Let's use this time to strive towards improving our spiritual lives and giving back to others. Join us in our upcoming events where we endeavor to come together as a community and do just that!

Our SSPP Chapter will be hosting the annual Metropolis of Chicago Philoptochos Blankets for Babies event on Saturday, April 5, from 10am – 2:30pm. Help us make blankets for those little ones who are hospitalized in the UIC Pediatrics Unit or are in the UIC Adolescent Child Life Program. No need to know how to sew! Just stop by with your willing hands, hearts, and maybe a pair of scissors! All are welcome. For more information, reach out to Tru Bazianos at sspeterandpaulphiloptochos@gmail.com. Here are some pictures from last year's event.





We are starting something new and exciting! Thanks to the generosity of Gigi and Louie Pappas and family who are donating the meal, we will be hosting a Palm Sunday Luncheon after Liturgy on April 13. Join us for traditional bakalao catered by the Fountain Blue, and for the kids, we will be offering makoranada. Tickets are only \$25 for adults (including wine) and \$10 for children. As we enter into the holiest of weeks, there is not a better way to be together as a family and community, and a portion of the day's proceeds will benefit MISSION TANZANIA whose mission is to build wells in rural Tanzania.

Advance purchase of tickets is necessary as we expect to sell out. Watch for details in upcoming correspondence and look for our reservation table after Liturgy during Lent. Would you like to be involved and help us serve that day? We would love that! Please reach out to Diane Economy at kafedmp@sbcglobal.net.



And speaking of Palm Sunday, do not forget about our Bake Sale! This is a major annual fundraiser for us that supports our many philanthropic projects. Remember to pick up your mouthwatering Karidopita, Galaktobouriko, Koulourakia, Kourambiethes, Tsourekia, Melomakarona, Spanakopites, Tiropites, and more! You can also save time and money by preordering one of our beautiful baskets that you can pick up on Palm Sunday. Baskets are \$100 and can be ordered by contacting Nancie Poulos at nepoulos@hotmail.com.

You can also reach out to Nancie to find out more about how you can be involved with the bake sale. We need volunteers to help us bake in advance of the event and to sell on Palm Sunday. If you would like to join us in baking Greek cookies, join us in Fellowship Hall on March 20 beginning at 9:30am.

PHILOPTOCHOS



You can see we have a lot to look forward to. Now, take a look at what we have been up to!

Over 35 people came to help with the Project Hope Bagging Event on January 31. This project is done in conjunction with our entire Parish. Over 150 bags of groceries were filled and distributed to the DesPlaines Food Pantry and the Northside Men's Shelter.

GO RED SUNDAY

Thank you to everyone who wore Red on February 2 as we raised awareness about heart and cardiovascular disease – our nation's number one killer.

Mix and Mingle on Thursday, February 6, was a great night out! We enjoyed a wonderful evening of fellowship among women of our parish, as well as many others including Holy Apostles, Saint Demetrios, Ascension of our Lord, Saint Nectarios and Saint John's. Thank you to Diane Economy and Georgene Shanley for your leadership in bringing us together to raise funds for our philanthropic projects, and to Angie Beltsos, MD, who emceed with grace and style!







SAVE THE DATES!

Thursday, March 20 – Baking Koulourakia, Kourambiethes, & Paximathia

Saturday, April 5 – Blankets for Babies 10am – 2:30pm

Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday Bake Sale and Luncheon after Liturgy

Saturday & Sunday, June 28 & 29 – Saints Peter & Paul Vespers and Feast Day 1401 Wagner Road Glenview, IL 60025 Non-Profit Org. U.S. POSTAGE PAID Bedford Park, IL Overt Press



