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## A Message from Father Rick

Father Richard Demetrius Andrews

Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

Christ has Ascended!

Congratulations to our **high school graduates** *Olivia Lehocky* and *Tommy Paradies*, who were honored on May 4<sup>th</sup>. We will honor our college graduates on *Sunday June 1st*.

Thank you to all our church/ Sunday school teachers and staff for a wonderful year that was celebrated with the **Church School Promotion Ceremony** on *Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup>*. Thank you especially to retiring teachers *Kevin & Pam Paradies* and *Anna Engro*, and to our leadership team of *Nick & Kery Obradovich*, and *Elaine Carrozza*.

**Junior Olympics** took place *May 25-26*. No results or photos as of this writing. Congratulations also to our **Metropolis Oratorical** participants on *April 26<sup>th</sup>*.

Congratulations to our finalists at the Metropolis! *Lia Mackris* placed second in junior essay. *Mia Carrozza* placed second in junior iconography.

Yianni Papadouloulos placed third in junior poetry. *Nicholas Kiriklakis* had tough competition with 16 other speeches in the senior division and we are very proud of him for his hard work!

**Summer Hours** for Sunday Divine Liturgy begins *June 1<sup>st</sup>* and extends through the end of August. By starting earlier, we'll finish earlier and have more of the day to enjoy the weather and time with family and friends.

*Metropolitan Nathanael* issued a follow-up encyclical to his initial one on the **Catechumenate**. The latter reaffirms the continuation of the catechumen litany and prayer. It also clarifies that the fervent litany and prayer, along with the two prayers of the faithful prior to the Great Entrance be included and read out loud. Of course, the purpose is to further emphasize and uplift the evangelical spirit of the parish communities and deepen the experience of the Divine Liturgy for all.

Saturday Vespers will discontinue during the Summer

except for a few major festal periods (e.g. Pentecost on *June 7<sup>th</sup>* and SSPP Feast on *June 28<sup>th</sup>*).

We are happy to host again the **Mission Team Chicago banquet** on *Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup>* to benefit the *Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC)* and its missionaries. *Fr. Luke Veronis* will be the keynote speaker talking about the life and witness of *Archbishop Anastasios of Albania*.

The great Feast of **Pentecost** will occur *Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup>* culminating with the *Kneeling Prayers* at the end of the Divine Liturgy. The day before, *June 7<sup>th</sup>*, we will also have Divine Liturgy for the *Saturday of the Souls*. Please submit names of departed/ deceased loved ones. The week after Pentecost is Fast Free—no fasting required. Only feasting to celebrate the birth of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church!

Later that same afternoon, we will have our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual **Animal/**

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# PASTORAL MESSAGE

## CONTINUED...

**Pet Blessing** service. Please be sure your pet is leashed, caged or otherwise under control to make sure everyone (including the pets) are safe and happy.

**Metropolitan Nathanael's N a m e d a y** (N a t h a n a e l / Bartholomew) is *June 11<sup>th</sup>*. We pray many years of good health, rightly teaching the Word of God's truth. Later that evening we will hold our **Ministry Council** meeting where we bring together the leaders of all our various ministries to discuss important issues and plan the future together.

The following *Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup>* is **Father's Day** and also the **Feast of All Saints**. Please celebrate your father by accompanying him to liturgy. From *June 16<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>* is the forgotten **Fast of the Apostles**. Please honor them and God by refraining from meat and dairy, reducing intake and offering almsgiving to help those in need.

On *Tuesday June 17<sup>th</sup>* we will host a speaking event by **Fr. Vasileios Thermos** who will talk about his two latest books: *The Dramatic Journey of Faith* (about convert journeys to Orthodoxy) and *The Alliance of Compassion and Integrity* (about pastoral treatment of homosexuality and the queer movement).

After the Apostles' Fast, we

celebrate **our parish feast day** of Saints Peter and Paul on *Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup>* (Vespers 6pm) and *Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup>* with Orthros (7:45am) and Divine Liturgy (9:00am).

**Agape Summer Camp** begins *June 3* and runs every weekday until *July 11*. Over 50 kids have registered and we expect 20 more for **Vacation Church School** week *June 9-13*.

I wish to thank our **ministerial staff** for all their dedication and hard work for our parish on their work anniversaries: *Elea Bentley* (3 years); *Julie Mantice* (3 years) and *Steven Thell* (2 years). Great job!

**Fanari Camp-** Week 1 takes place *June 15-21* and Week 2 *June 22-28*. Subsequent sessions occur for the next three weeks thereafter. **Does God take Summer vacation?** No, and neither does our parish. We are open throughout the summer and Divine Liturgies are scheduled for every Sunday and weekdays for major feasts and saints. Even though we do not have Church School classes, we should still come for Sunday Liturgy. If we are travelling for vacation, we should look to attend an Orthodox Christian Church nearby or on the way. Take a photo with you family inside or in front of the church and send to Fr. Rick if

you'd like to share with the community. This is an excellent way to continue to center our life around God and to experience other parishes and styles of worship.

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.**

He has Ascended in Glory!  
+Fr. Rick



# MODERN HERESIES - SECULARISM

Means "Of or relating to worldly things or to things that are not regarded as religious, spiritual, or sacred; temporal: *secular interests*." Not pertaining to or connected with religion (opposed to sacred): *secular music*. The etymology/history shows 1250-1300; < Medieval Latin *sēculāris*, Late Latin *saeculāris* worldly, temporal (opposed to eternal), Latin: of an age, equivalent to Latin *saecul(um)* long period of time + *-āris ar*<sup>1</sup>; replacing Middle English *seculer* < Old French < Latin, as above.

**Sacred** means "Devoted or dedicated to a deity or to some religious purpose; consecrated. Entitled to veneration or religious respect by association with divinity or divine things; holy. It goes back to 1275-1325; Middle English, orig. past participle of *sacren* to consecrate < Latin *sacrāre* to devote, derivative of *sacer* holy; see -ed

People of faith can act in a secular manner, compartmentalizing their life into religious and non-religious. Thus, they claim faith in God and may act piously at times, but at other times and places they act as if they have no faith/belief in God.

We petition and pray numerous times during our Orthodox worship services... *Remembering our most holy, pure, blessed, glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary, and all the Saints, let us commit ourselves, and one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.* (Petition of Orthodox worship services).

The Great Commandment given to Moses and reaffirmed by Christ says:

<sup>36</sup>"Teacher, which is the **great commandment** in the law?"

<sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with **all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.**' <sup>38</sup>This is the first and great

commandment. <sup>39</sup>And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." (Matthew 22:36-40)

We also remember that <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is **the same** yesterday, today, and forever. (Hebrews 13:8)

We begin our morning and evening prayers, invoking God the Holy Spirit...

"O Heavenly King, Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, who are **everywhere present and fill all things**, Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life, come and abide in

us and cleanse us from every stain of sin." (Prayer to the Holy Spirit)

In the Old Testament, we also hear:

<sup>24</sup>Can anyone hide himself in secret places, So I shall not see him?" **says the LORD; "Do I not fill heaven and earth?"** *says the LORD.* (Jeremiah 23:24)

<sup>7</sup>Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? <sup>8</sup>If I ascend into heaven, **You are there**; If I make my bed in hell, behold, **You are there.** <sup>9</sup>If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, <sup>10</sup>Even **there Your hand shall lead me**, And Your right hand shall hold me. (Psalm 139:7-10)

"Holy, holy, holy, Lord of Sabaoth: **heaven and earth are filled with Your glory.** Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna to God in the highest!" (Hymn from Divine Liturgy; Isaiah 6:3)

From all these sources, we learn that the sacred-secular distinction is a false one. Our whole life and being is supposed to be sacred and holy. When we start separating off parts and call some sacred and others secular, we are making a grave

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mistake, misunderstanding God's purpose for our lives.

Secularism is a functional atheism. Those who think that way and act that way are practically like atheists. Whereas, propositional atheism is stated belief, which is different starting point but reaches the same destination.

To help us understand how secularism came into the fore, we need to learn more about **Epistemology**- (episteme = knowledge + logoi = words) how we know what we know and the sources of knowledge. There are three main eras/epochs of knowledge: Premodern, Modern and Post Modern.

**Premodernism** (Beginnings up to 1650's)

*Epistemology.* The primary epistemology of the premodern period was based upon *revealed knowledge* from authoritative sources. In premodern times it was believed that **Ultimate Truth could be known** and the way to this knowledge is through direct revelation. This direct revelation was generally assumed to come from God or a god.

*Sources of Authority.* The church, being the holders and interpreters of revealed knowledge, were the primary

authority source in premodern time.

**Modernism** (1650-1950's)

*Epistemology.* Two new approaches to knowing became dominant in the modern period. The first was ***empiricism*** (knowing through the senses) which gradually evolved into scientific empiricism or modern science with the development of modernist methodology. The second epistemological approach of this period was ***reason or logic***. Often, ***science and reason*** were collaboratively or in conjunction with each other.

*Sources of Authority.* As the shift in power moved away from the church, politics (governments, kings, etc.) and ***universities*** (scholars, professors) took over as the primary sources of authority. Oftentimes, a religious perspective was integrated into these modern authority sources, but the church no longer enjoyed the privileged power position.

**Postmodernism** (1950's to current times)

*Epistemology.* Postmodernism brought with it a questioning of the previous approaches to knowing. Instead of relying on one approach to knowing, they advocate for an

**epistemological pluralism**

which utilizes *multiple ways of knowing*. This can include the premodern ways (revelation) and modern ways (science & reason), along with many other ways of knowing such as ***intuition, relational, and spiritual***.

*Sources of Authority.*

Postmodern approaches seek to deconstruct previous authority sources and power. Because power is distrusted, they attempt to set up a ***less hierarchical*** approach in which ***authority sources are more diffuse***.

[http://](http://www.postmodernpsychology.com/Philosophical_Systems/Overview.htm)

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For a more full critique of secularism, read Fr. Alexander Schmemmann's seminal work title "*For the Life of the World: Sacraments and Orthodoxy*." It was originally published in 1963 and reprinted many times in numerous languages. Our men's study group just completed the book this Spring.

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# PROSPHORA MAKING

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Would you like to learn to make prospora? Please join Tracy Ronstadt on Saturday, June 21st from 9am-1pm to learn the importance of our prospora ministry and how we make this heavenly gift from our earthly kitchen. Please RSVP to [prospora@ssppglenview.org](mailto:prospora@ssppglenview.org) by *June 15*, or call Tracy at 312-502-1685.





# OUR LIFE TOGETHER

*Welcome our newest member to our beautiful parish: Donna Benetatos*



40 day churching - Vaness Kontos, baby Panteleimon, dad Peter 4-27-2025



40 day churching - Georgette Katsoulis, baby George, dad Michael 5-18-2025



Baptism - Evangelos Kelly 4-26-2025



Baptism - Georgia Ianezza 4-26-2025



Baptism - Sarah Salloum 4-27-2025



High School Grads Olivia Lehoccky and Tommy Paradies 5-4-2025



Baptism - Xenia Daniels 5-03-2025



# OUR LIFE TOGETHER



*Philoptochos Scholarship Dean Tranas and Olivia Lehocky*



*Philoptochos Scholarship Olivia Lehocky*



*MOC Clergy Retreat 2025 Chapel*



*Glenbrook North High School Students Church Tour 4-22-2025*



# CHURCH SCHOOL GRAD



Church School ended the 2025 school year with a promotional ceremony. We look forward to seeing all our students in class again soon. Church school also recognized three retiring teachers. Pam Paradies, Kevin Paradies (12 years) and Anne Engro (4 years). Thank you for your endless support to our ministry. We will miss you in the classroom.



N4 grade



1st grade



7th grade



6th grade



High School



Directors 2025



# CHURCH SCHOOL GRAD



*N3 grade*



*K grade*



*4th grade*



*5th grade*



*8th grade*



*3rd grade*



*All Church School Grades*



# 4TH OF JULY PARADE



**GET YOUR RED, WHITE & BLUE  
ON... AND COME WALK WITH US IN  
GLENVIEW'S JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> PARADE!**

Have you ever wanted to march in a real holiday parade? Now's your chance! Glenview's parade is only 10 blocks in length and starts at 11:20am. We'll be representing Saints Peter & Paul to promote our upcoming Greek Fest and mark the church's 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary. All adults, young people and families with strollers are welcome to participate!

To sign up contact Steven Thell, [steven@ssppglenview.org](mailto:steven@ssppglenview.org), or Elaine Buscaglia, [ebuscaglia24@gmail.com](mailto:ebuscaglia24@gmail.com), or visit the Greek Fest table during Sunday fellowship.





# GREEK FEST SIGN UP



## GREEK FEST JULY 26 & 27 / 1-10PM VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

*Many helping hands are needed to make our Fest successful. Can we count on you to volunteer? Scan the QR code at right to sign up online; sign up at the Greek Fest table during Sunday fellowship; or contact Zach Alukos, [zalukos@gmail.com](mailto:zalukos@gmail.com), for sign-up assistance. We need help in these key areas:*

- Dinner/Food Tent
- Kids Zone
- Food Prep (Th-7/24)
- Mezze Tent
- Loukoumades
- Site Set-up (F-7/25)
- Bar/Beverages
- Pastry Sales
- Clean-up (S-7/27))
- Kitchen Support
- Welcome Table
- Site Tear-down (M-7/28)



# PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT LETTER

## YES! IT'S SUMMER AND WE NEED YOU!!

Summertime!!.... Not only does it mean school is winding down and we are all hitting our summer-break stride, but it's also a good time to remind you, that Saints Peter and Paul could use some able-bodied people to help to support our upcoming events: **Our Church Festival** -The Church Festival Committee had it's update meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup>, with our Festival date coming right around the corner!! They've made great progress, with committee Leaders already assigned in each of the key areas, where volunteers will be needed. We are planning on hosting many more people, Greek and Non-Greek, at this year's event. Could still use some young, energetic individuals in the following areas:

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**, **Kid Zone** – Goya/Jr. Goya/Youth volunteers to help on shifts, **Cash Runners**

## A GREAT BIG THANKS

**A Great Big thanks:** to everyone who gave blood at our recent blood drive on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. For those of you that have day jobs, its not always easy to just jump into the car and head on out to Saints Peter and Paul in the middle of the afternoon... especially to donate blood and/or platelets to those in need. We are eternally grateful to those of you who took the time to give to others in need...you are all truly lifesavers!

## GREEK FESTIVAL

***The Festival date is the weekend of July 26th-27th.*** - For more information contact Joanne Trahanas at: [joannetrahanas@mac.com](mailto:joannetrahanas@mac.com). - ***Next Festival meeting on Monday, June 2nd at 6:30, in the Fellowship Hall.***

- **Our Stewardship Committee** – Is looking for new members. For further information, contact Steve Koulogeorge at [PCpresident@ssppglenview.org](mailto:PCpresident@ssppglenview.org) or our Office Administrator at [Elea@ssppglenview.org](mailto:Elea@ssppglenview.org) for more information.

- **SSPP's 65th Anniversary Dinner Dance** – The Committee has picked out the date, time and place for our 65th Anniversary dinner dance: ***October 26th, (5:00pm- 10:00pm) at The Westin Northshore, in Wheeling Entertainment to be provided by Sarlas Music.***

- The Committee still welcomes volunteers for our event. Those who can help out with invitations, Flowers, and Children's entertainment are most certainly welcome.

- Committee Chairs: Steve and Phaedra Koulogeorge can be reached at: [skoulogeorge@gmail.com](mailto:skoulogeorge@gmail.com) and [phaedrakoulogeorge@gmail.com](mailto:phaedrakoulogeorge@gmail.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 1st** (Sunday) College Graduation Sunday 10:30-11:00

**June 2nd** (Monday) Parish Festival Meeting 6:30-8:00pm;

**June 7th**(Saturday) Annual Blessing of the Animals 4:00pm – 5:00pm

**June 9th - June 13th** (Mon-Fri) Vacation Church School 8:30pm – 1:30pm

**June 16th-June 21st** (Mon-Sat.) Fanari Camp (week 1)

**June 21st-June 28st** (Mon-Sat.) Lighthouse Retreat

**June 30th-July 2nd** (Mon-Weds.) Fanari Camp (week 3)

**July 5th-July 6th** (Sat-Sun) Fanari Camp (week 3)

**July 26th-27th** (Sat-Sun) Annual Church Festival

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# BOOK STORE AND MORE

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## BOOK AND ICON STORE

Your Book & Icon Store is a great place to find graduation gifts, Father's Day gifts, and gifts for anyone special for any occasion. We are open every Sunday immediately following the Divine Liturgy, and would love to help you find just what you're looking for. Constantly adding new inventory, and available for special orders or requests. Call the church office or email [bookstore@ssppglenview.org](mailto:bookstore@ssppglenview.org)

## AGAPE PROGRAM

Fall registration is coming soon! Please refer to our website regarding AGAPE Christian Academy, which are offered from ages 2 through Kindergarten.

## CONFIRMING THE EVANGELICAL SPIRIT OF HOLY METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO

At the direction of Metropolitan Nathanael, all churches began doing the catechumen litany and prayer several months ago. This practice is reaffirmed (Protocol 33/2025, dated 5-20-2025) and includes the fervent litany and prayers before the Great Entrance. Please join in these petitions and prayers to spread the Faith in Christ and draw into our community those who are searching for the True Faith of Orthodox Christianity! Full text of Metropolitan Nathanael's latest encyclical can be found online.



# PHILOPTOCHOS

## PHILOPTOCHOS UPDATE

It may be summer, but Philoptochos hasn't slowed down! There are still plenty of opportunities for you to join us in our ministry and fellowship in the coming months. One of our first events this season is a special dinner honoring our outgoing president, Dena Pavlopoulos, at Sunset Ridge Country Club on Wednesday, June 18. Dena embodies a rare blend of warmth and efficiency, making her an exceptional leader. Her vision, patience, compassion, and professionalism have deeply shaped her tenure as president. Through her thoughtful guidance—and her commitment to inspiring the board to pursue excellence in our mission of serving those in need—we raised and distributed over \$100,000 each year during her leadership. Dena, we are so grateful to have had the opportunity to serve on the board under your leadership and look forward to honoring you on June 18th. For those wishing to join us in this celebration, please use this QR code to purchase tickets (\$55) by June 1. For more information, contact [julieanastos@me.com](mailto:julieanastos@me.com).



## A NOTE FROM DENA

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

As my role as President of the Saints Peter and Paul Philoptochos comes to a close, my heart is full. Serving our parish in this capacity has truly been one of the greatest honors of my life. I am so very proud of all we've achieved together. Many of you have joined us in giving your time, your talents, your treasure, and your hearts to our Philoptochos mission, and together we have made a meaningful impact, one rooted in faith, compassion, and unity. All of these accomplishments were made possible by you and by the unwavering support of the wonderful board who worked alongside me.

I want to take a moment to recognize and deeply thank the following board members who stepped down from their positions last month: Carol Wells, Pat Nassos, Tru Bazianos, Suzanne Santos, and Georgia Ryerson. These incredible women have given so much to this board. Their presence, leadership, and contributions have shaped our success in countless ways. We will truly miss them, but they are passing on their batons to another group of wonderful women, Patty Damisch, Tina Reimer, Maria Collins, Maria Gordon, and Daphne Mazarakis. Please join me in welcoming them warmly into their new roles as our newest Philoptochos Board Members. Axios!

With Agape, *Dena*

## SENIOR APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Parishioners of a "certain age", don't miss out on our Senior Appreciation Luncheon on Tuesday, August 19! This is often the highlight of the summer, and as you can see by these photos from last year, you may need to wear your dancing shoes! More information will follow.





# PHILOPTOCHOS

## VOLUNTERING

Are you looking for a way to help those in need? Volunteer with us as we provide fellowship and a hot, home-cooked meal at Bessie's Table in DesPlaines on Monday, June 2. Bessie's Table is located at the First United Methodist Church at 668 Graceland. We will need help preparing, serving, and cleaning up after the meal. Please contact Kris Tsitsis at [kristitsis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kristitsis@sbcglobal.net) if you can lend a hand with this very worthwhile ministry.



*Siblings Georgene Shanley and Anthony Karkazis at Bessie's Kitchen in January 2024.*

## PROJECT HOPE

And as always, please continue to bring your non-perishable food items to church for Project Hope. Now, more than ever, people are relying on your contributions.



## FEAST DAY

Join us as we celebrate the Feast Day of Saints Peter and Paul with a Vesper Service on Saturday, June 28, and a Liturgy on Sunday, June 29. We are also seeking volunteers to assist us with the receptions that follow each service. For more information on how you can help, contact Julie Anastos ([julianastos@me.com](mailto:julianastos@me.com)) or Joanne Trahanas ([joannetrahanas@mac.com](mailto:joannetrahanas@mac.com)).



*Scenes from our Feast Day in 2024.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday, June 2** – Bessie's Table, First United Methodist Church in DesPlaines, 4 pm –7 pm

**Wednesday, June 18** –Dinner honoring Dena Pavlopoulos, Sunset Ridge Country Club, 6pm

**Saturday & Sunday, June 28 & 29** – Saints Peter & Paul Vespers and Feast Day

**Tuesday, August 19** – Senior Appreciation Luncheon

**Saturday, September 20** - Chicago Metropolis Luncheon, "Spirit of Hope – Soaring through God's Strength" at the Concorde

**Saturday, September 27** – Children's Medical Fund Luncheon in Atlanta, Georgia



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"We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.... through him all things were made."

Nicene - Constantinopolitan Creed

• Honoring the 1700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea •

## ECUMENICAL PRAYER TO COMMEMORATE THE MYSTERY OF CREATION IN CHRIST

### A Vigil of Psalms on Pentecost

Christian communities throughout Chicagoland are coming together on Pentecost Sunday to celebrate the Triune God as creator, reflecting the mystery of creation as the foundational event of salvation history. All are welcome to attend.

Annunciation Cathedral  
1017 North LaSalle Drive  
Chicago, Illinois

FREE VALET PARKING

Sunday, June 8, 2025  
3:00 pm

RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWS

Livestream of the Vigil is available at <https://www.annunciationcathedralchicago.org/>

ECUMENISM METRO CHICAGO



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 +7TH SUNDAY PASCHA - FATHERS +STS MARTHA & MARY - NAT'L PRESVYTERAS SUNDAY COLLEGE GRADUATE SUNDAY 7:45am ORTHROS-MATINS 9am DIVINE LITURGY 10am College Graduate Sunday 11am Philoptochos Board Oath	2	3  6pm Mission Team Chicago Dinner	4  8:30pm Bball Men's over 40	5 7am Men's Study Group at Jasper's Cafe in Glenview 10am Dynamis "Kali Parea" Breakfast at Georgie V's in Northbrook 6pm OCF Fundraiser for NIKA House at Saint Haralambos GOC 7pm YAL Volleyball 7pm Greek Fest Meeting	6	7 +SATURDAY OF SOULS  8:30am ORTHROS-MATINS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY 10:30am MEMORIAL FOR ALL 12pm GOYA Car Wash 4pm ANIMAL BLESSING SERVICE 5pm VESPERS
8 +PENTECOST+	9 +HOLY TRINITY FAST FREE - NO FASTING  Vacation Church School	10    7pm Cancer Support-Zoom Only 8pm Bball Men's YAL (pickup)	11 +ST BARTHOLOMEW / NATHANAEL	12    10am Dynamis "Kali Parea" Breakfast at Georgie V's in Northbrook 6pm PC Exec Meeting 7pm YAL Volleyball	13	14
7:45am ORTHROS-MATINS 9am DIVINE LITURGY 10:30am KNEELING PRAYERS - PENTECOST 3pm Ecumenical Vigil of Pentecost at Annunciation Cathedral in Chicago, IL	8am ORTHROS/LITURGY at Holy Trinity GOA in Schiller Park, IL	7pm Cancer Support-Zoom Only 8pm Bball Men's YAL (pickup)	6pm Ministry Council Mtg 8:30pm Bball Men over 40 (pickup)	10am Dynamis "Kali Parea" Breakfast at Georgie V's in Northbrook 6pm PC Exec Meeting 7pm YAL Volleyball		
15 +ALL SAINTS+	16 +APOSTLES FAST +  FANARI CAMP WEEK 1	17   8pm Stewardship Meeting	18   6pm Philoptochos Dinner 8:30pm Bball Men over 40 (pickup)	19   10am Dynamis "Kali Parea" Breakfast at Georgie V's in Northbrook 7pm YAL Volleyball	20	21   9am Prospophora Class
7:45am ORTHROS-MATINS 9am DIVINE LITURGY		5pm Fr. Vasileos Thermos Speaking Event 8pm Bball Men's YAL (pickup)	6pm Philoptochos Dinner 8:30pm Bball Men over 40 (pickup)	10am Dynamis "Kali Parea" Breakfast at Georgie V's in Northbrook 7pm YAL Volleyball		
22 +2ND SUNDAY MATTHEW	23   8pm Stewardship Meeting	24 +NATIVITY OF FORERUNNER	25   6pm Philoptochos Dinner 8:30pm Bball Men over 40 (pickup)	26   11:45am Dynamis "Kali Parea" Break- fast at Georgie V's in Northbrook	27 +ST SAMPSON INKKEEPER	28
7:45am ORTHROS-MATINS 9am DIVINE LITURGY 12pm Greek Dance	FANARI CAMP WEEK 2  7pm Greek Fest Meeting			11:45am Dynamis "Kali Parea" Break- fast at Georgie V's in Northbrook		
29 +3RD SUNDAY MATTHEW +STS PETER & PAUL - PARISH FEAST DAY	30 +HOLY APOSTLES  FANARI CAMP WEEK 3	JULY 1  8pm Bball Men's YAL (pickup)	8:30pm Bball Men over 40 (pickup)	7pm Parish Council Meeting 7pm YAL Volleyball		6pm GREAT VESPERS
7:45am ORTHROS-MATINS 9am DIVINE LITURGY 12pm Greek Dance	9am DIVINE LITURGY at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church in Westchester, IL	JULY 1  8pm Bball Men's YAL (pickup)	8:30pm Bball Men over 40 (pickup)	7pm Parish Council Meeting 7pm YAL Volleyball		
		JULY 1  8pm Bball Men's YAL (pickup)	JULY 2	JULY 3	COMING IN JULY	20 PROPHET ELIAS/ELIJAH 26 ST PARASKEVE 27 ST PANTELEIMON 26-27 Greek Festival 28-31 Youth Trip to Boston (2nd annual)

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