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# THE MESSENGER

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## A Message from Father Rick

Father Richard Demetrius Andrews

### CHRIST IS RISEN!

Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

As I write this, we just completed Holy Week and Pascha! I want to thank again the staff and volunteers for helping this to be a most beautiful and edifying experience: *Deacon Ted, Fr. Chris Webb, Steven Thell, parents and advisors for youth activities, Choir, Chanters, Sanctuary cleaning crew; Flowers and decorations crew, Egg-dye crew, Acolytes, Myrrhbearers, Agape Vespers readers, and parish council.*

I also want to welcome our newly chrismated catechumens who joined the Orthodox Faith on Palm Sunday: *Anthony Baroud, Gabriel Bayer, Melissa Giannokopoulos, Michael Bratta, and Alex Vabakos.* We congratulate them and their sponsors. Please continue to welcome them and help them in their continuing journey.

On April 5<sup>th</sup> I was invited to give a talk for *Carpatho-Russian diocese of the Midwest* at *St. Michael Orthodox Church* in Niles. The title

of my talk was ‘*Modern Heresies.*’ that you have done and still do for It was an abbreviated version of a us. We remember also the greatest Lenten Lecture series I did many mother of all, the Panagia Virgin years ago. The general thesis is that Mary Theotokos!

modern heresies are more We will also celebrate our anthropological versus *Church School Promotion* Christological. The list of modern *Ceremony* on *Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup>*. heresies includes secularism, We will recognize our students and humanism, rationalism, pluralism, staff and take photos of each class. phyletism and transgenderism. In *Junior Olympics* will take place this month’s article, I offer an at the end of the month (*May* introduction to the topic. *24-25*). There are numerous sports and competitive activities for kids of many different age groups to participate. Please contact Chris Orthodox Christian Charities Atsaves and Tommy Mantice for *(IOCC) Chicago banquet* will be more info.

*Graduation Sunday* for high school seniors will be *May 4<sup>th</sup>*.

The annual International *College/University Graduation* Banquets in Addison. For more info *Sunday* is *June 1<sup>st</sup>*. Please send and to purchase tickets, contact your graduate’s name, parents’ national board member *Kim Adams-Angelos* or *Patty Damisch*. accomplishments and future plans

This is great way to support the to the office no later than *May 27<sup>th</sup>*. continuing relief efforts around the world, as well as the US Frontline The national *Memorial Day* Chaplains, Action Teams and holiday on *May 26<sup>th</sup>* is set aside to remember our fallen service members who fought in foreign wars. Occurring on the last Monday of May each year, our parish HomeFront programs.

*Blessed Mother’s Day* on *May 11<sup>th</sup>* to all our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers and mother figures. Thanks for all that

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# PASTORAL MESSAGE

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## CONTINUED...

holiday on *May 26<sup>th</sup>* is set aside to remember our fallen service members who fought in foreign wars. Occurring on the last Monday of May each year, our parish conducts a memorial service at the Greek section in Memorial Park Cemetery in Skokie at 10am Monday morning. Please join together in prayer and support for one another that day.

The end (**Apodosis**) of the **Paschal** season will be marked with Liturgy on *Wednesday May 28<sup>th</sup>*. This is the last day we sing *Christos Anesti...Christ is Risen...* Our sister parish of *Ascension* in Lincolnshire celebrates their parish feast day that evening and the following morning. We will have Liturgy here at SSPP on Thursday morning May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Our second annual *Animal/Pet Blessing service* has been rescheduled to *Saturday June 7<sup>d</sup> at 4Pm*. Please be sure your pet is leashed, caged or otherwise under control to make sure everyone (including the pets) is safe and happy.

I would like to welcome parish council member *George Karagiannis* as our new **Stewardship ministry chair** and thank *Julie Stefanski* for serving in this role for the last three years.

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.**

TRULY HE IS RISEN!

+Fr. Rick

# MODERN HERESIES - INTRO

Heresy means false belief or teaching and is a very important concern for Christians. The Church teaches that incorrect belief leads to inappropriate and sinful behavior. This is why many Church Fathers and Saints throughout history fought fiercely to maintain the true Faith in Christ. In this article I will examine several modern heresies to understand what they are and how they influence us. In a future article I will discuss ways to overcome them so we may be guided on the right path towards salvation in Jesus Christ.

## Heresy

From a Greek word signifying (1) a choice, (2) the opinion chosen, and (3) the sect holding the opinion. In the Acts of the Apostles ([5:17](#); [15:5](#); [Isaiah 24:5](#); [Isaiah 24:14](#); [26:5](#)) it denotes a sect, without reference to its character. Elsewhere, however, in the New Testament it has a different meaning attached to it. Paul ranks "heresies" with crimes and seditions ([Galatians 5:20](#)). This word also denotes divisions or schisms in the church ([1Corinthians 11:19](#)). In [Titus 3:10](#) a "heretical person" is one who follows his own self-willed "questions," and who is to be avoided. Heresies thus came to signify self-chosen doctrines not emanating from God ([2Peter 2:1](#)). <http://www.biblestudytools.com/>

## αἵρεσις,η

1) act of taking, capture: e.g. storming a city, 2) choosing, choice, 3) that which is chosen, 4) a body of men following their own tenets (sect or party), 4a) of the Sadducees, 4b) of the Pharisees, 4c) of the Christians, 5) dissensions arising from diversity of opinions and aims.

## Heresy in Scripture

<sup>19</sup>*Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, **heresies**, <sup>21</sup>envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that **those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.** (Galatians 5:19-21)*

<sup>1</sup>*But there were also **false prophets** among the people, even as there will be **false teachers** among you, who will secretly bring in destructive **heresies**, even **denying the Lord** who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. <sup>2</sup>And **many will follow their destructive ways**, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. <sup>3</sup>By covetousness **they will exploit you with deceptive words**; for a long time their judgment has not been*

*idle, and their destruction does not slumber. (2Peter 2:1-3)*

## Other Definitions

Orthodox definition of heresy: taking part of the truth and making it the whole truth.

## Atheism/Atheist

the doctrine or belief that there is no God.

disbelief in the existence of a supreme being or beings.

## Theism

The belief in one God as the creator and ruler of the universe, without rejection of revelation (distinguished from deism).

Belief in the existence of a god or gods (opposed to atheism).

## Deism

Belief in the existence of a God on the evidence of reason and nature only, with rejection of supernatural revelation (distinguished from theism).

Belief in a God who created the world but has since remained indifferent to it.

<sup>1</sup>*The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, They have done abominable works, There is none who does good. (Psalm 14:1; 53:1)*

+Fr. Rick

# OUR LIFE TOGETHER

*Welcome new members to our beautiful parish: Ana Dheftos and Christine Rayan*



*Steven and kids learning and decorating the AGAPE Kouvouklion*

*AGAPE children participated in hands-on learning about Holy Week*



*Our High School class has some amazing future leaders and friends.*



*A sweetie during palm folding*

# OUR LIFE TOGETHER



*Church School 1st-8th Students grade sang their hearts out on Holy Saturday morning.*



*Choir during Anastasi Service*



*Saint Stephen Men's Group During Holy Week Part 1*



*Saint Stephen Men's Group During Holy Week Part 2*



*Holy Week Flower Power Crew*

*Kouvouklion - Stavromenon Holy Friday 4-18-2025*



*Kouvouklion Bearers Holy Friday 04-18-2025*



# OUR LIFE TOGETHER



*Chrismations on Palm Sunday 4-13-2025*



*Alex Vabakos Chrismation 4-13-2025*



*Greek Independence Day 4-5-2025*



*Fr. Rick talk on Modern Heresies at Carpatho Russian Church 4-5-2025*



*Holy Saturday Youth 4-19-2025*

# OUR LIFE TOGETHER



*Myrrhbearers Acolytes on Holy Friday 4-18-2025*



*Palm Sunday Procession 4-13-2025*



*Sister Vassa Speaks with our Children 3-23-2025*



*Veneration of Cross 3-23-2025*



*Team Clean 4-12-2025*

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# GREEK FEST JULY 26 & 27

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## *What's New This Year?*

Our Greek Festival is less than three months away and the Fest organizing committee has been busy putting plans into action. Here are just a few features that will be added or returning:

- The main parking lot will be used for Festival activities, so free parking will be available at Loyola Academy (*Lake & Laramie Aves., near Edens Expy.*) Shuttle buses will take guests to/from the church, thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor. Limited valet parking will be available in our north lot.
- An expanded menu will include new items at the food, taverna/mezze and beverage tents. (*Details to follow in future updates.*)
- A supervised Kids Zone will offer a variety of fun children's activities.
- Our own SSPP dancers, directed by Anna Andrews, will perform at the Fest. A DJ will also play Greek music during the event for guests' enjoyment and dancing.
- Church tours will be conducted several times each day. In addition, as part of the church's 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, a photo gallery entitled "Our 65 Years in Photos" will be on display in the community center.

## *How Can You Help Make the Fest Successful?*

- We're seeking sponsors to underwrite key aspects of the Festival. Donors of \$1,000, \$2,500 or \$5,000 will be acknowledged in Fest programs and signage. If you or your company can help, please contact Fest co-chair Joanne Trahanas at [greekfest@ssppglenview.org](mailto:greekfest@ssppglenview.org).
- While we're renting large tents for major Fest areas, we are in need of smaller pop-up tents to provide sun/weather protection at welcome tables, ticket sales, bookstore, etc. If you are willing to loan us your pop-up tent for this purpose, please contact Joanne at the above email address.
- Help us promote Greek Fest by asking local businesses you frequent to put a flyer in their window; invite friends, neighbors and extended family to the event; or march with us in the Glenview July 4<sup>th</sup> parade to create event awareness. Stop by the Greek Fest table during Sunday coffee fellowship for more info.
- Volunteer to help during the event and for set-up or tear-down. Sign up online by scanning the QR code shown below, or stop by the Greek Fest table during Sunday coffee fellowship.
- If you will be out of town during our Festival, consider making a cash donation to help cover Fest expenses. You can do so online at [ssppglenview.org](http://ssppglenview.org) or by mailing a check to the church office. (*Be sure to designate it's for Greek Fest.*)

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# GREEK FEST JULY 26 & 27

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SSPP 2025  
Greek Fest Volunteer  
Sign-Up

# YOUTH LEADER LETTER

## A MESSAGE FROM STEVEN

Hello Saints Peter and Paul. Χριστός Ανέστη Christ is Risen, What a month March was, the youth have been incredibly busy, aside from Holy Week.

Each group attended services throughout lent, and learned the significance and history of Holy week in their own way. The FLJ learned about Holy Week through trivia. The Bunny Ear Besties took home the trivia win. The Junior GOYAnS learned about Holy Week sitting in the church. We went through the week explaining why we do every service as they asked questions. The Senior Goyans had a talk in the youth room about Holy Week. We also did a joint youth event with the Ascension church. We had a Jeopardy showdown and we unfortunately lost on the final Jeopardy question.

Palm Folding was a success; the youth came and folded 1,000 palms, stripped bayleaves, and packed Easter eggs for our egg hunt. It was a fun night. The next morning, on Lazarus Saturday, our youth came and volunteered their time to clean and prep our church for Holy Week. It was beautiful to see the kids use their time and talents and give back to the church. I hope we can continue this wonderful tradition every year.

We had our Holy Friday Retreat. We decorated the Kouvoulkion with flowers, as well as pulled flower petals and bay leaves for Holy Saturday morning. We then went into our activities. We had four different stations: we did a lesson about the epitaphios, did a craft on what the cross meant to us, gym time, read the story of the Christ journey through Holy week, and played Bingo. The older kids did an extra station and picked up trash around the church. This was for pre-K through 5th grade. We had our amazing middle schoolers run each station, which were fantastic at teaching and guiding these kids. We ended Holy Week with an easter egg hunt after the Agape Vespers.

It was a wonderful Lent and Holy Week, and it made me so happy to see all the youth who attended the church services. I want to thank you—the parents—for being their example and for making the effort to bring them to church. You are truly the conduit to their faith.

Thank you  
Have a blessed day,  
Steven Thell  
Youth Director



*'Bunny Ear Besties' participating in Trivia. 4/3*



*Joint Jeopardy night with the Ascension Goya. 3/31*



*Holy Friday retreat, the 3-5th graders with our Jr. GOYA helpers.*



*Holy Friday Retreat youth after decorating Kouvoulkion.*

# A LOOK INTO PRISON MINISTRY

Presented by St. Tikhon's Seminary and  
Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM)

## MAY 17, 2025

- 🕒 10am-12pm: STOTS & OCPM Presentation  
12pm-1pm: Lunch provided  
1-3pm: Workshop on prison ministry engagement

📍 **St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church:**  
2350 E Dempster St., Des Plaines, IL 60016

- 👥 **With Speakers:**
- V. Rev. John Parker
  - Nicholas Pretrogeorge
  - V. Rev. John Kowalczyk
  - Natalie Becerra

The Certificate Program in Prison Ministry from St. Tikhon's Orthodox Seminary provides clergy and lay volunteers that are interested in prison ministry with the necessary knowledge and experience to effectively lead and support people in prison. Join us to be inspired and engaged with this critical ministry.



## YOU CAN HELP HUNGRY PEOPLE

The Pilsen Senior Center is experiencing serious shortages in food supplies. Please help!

# FOOD DRIVE

**DROP OFF** your food donations in our designated Project Hope boxes located in the Church Atrium or Fellowship Hall (outside of the bookstore). Please drop off donations by May 30th

### Suggested Shelf Stable Items

Canned entrees (stews, chili, Chef Boyardee)  
 Hearty Soups  
 Pasta, rice, ramen, mac n cheese  
 Pasta sauce  
 Canned tuna, salmon, chicken  
 Cereal, oatmeal  
 Pancake mix, syrup  
 Peanut butter, jelly, jam,  
 Granola bars  
 Protein bars  
 Oil: vegetable, olive, canola  
 Vinegar: white, apple, balsamic  
 Condiments: ketchup, mustard, mayo, dressing  
 Canned fruit, applesauce, pudding  
 Canned vegetables or beans



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# BOOK STORE AND MORE

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## BOOK AND ICON STORE

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

May is the time to remember and thank all the mothers, godmothers, and grandmothers! Stop in to your Book & Icon Store for a meaningful gift that they will always treasure. As we celebrate our graduates and all their accomplishments, find some special treasures to show your pride. We strengthen our faith during Great Lent and Pascha, keep it going with materials found in our shop. We look forward to serving any and all needs and are open each Sunday immediately following Divine Liturgy. Special requests and personal orders are always welcome. Please email [bookstore@ssppglenview.org](mailto:bookstore@ssppglenview.org)

## AGAPE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### AGAPE Summer Camp: Ready for a summer adventure?

Sign up for AGAPE Summer Camp it is offered June 4th through July 11. We welcome children ages 2 through students entering 3rd grade in the fall. Questions? Contact Julie Mantice at 847-849-7870 or [agape@ssppglenview.org](mailto:agape@ssppglenview.org)

### AGAPE Christian Academy 2025-2026 enrollment is now open.

AGAPE was established in 2002 and offers a center-based, nurturing environment. Our curriculum prepares students for Kindergarten while prioritizing social emotional growth and a strong Christian Orthodox foundation. Come for a tour of the school! Check out our programs on the SSPP website under Ministries/Education/AGAPE.

Doves: 2 years old by September 1

Fishermen: 2 1/2 years old by September 1

Disciples: 3 years old by September 1 (must be potty trained)

Apostles: 4 years old by September 1

Saints: (Kindergarten) 5 years old by September 1

## SAINT STEPHEN MEN'S GROUP

The Saint Stephen Men's Group would like to thank Fr Rick, Pres. Jane, Clergy, Chanters, Choir, Ushers, Philoptochos, and everyone who participated in HOLY WEEK services, they were a blessing. Thanks to the following people who made it happen early Easter morning. Brad DeSent, Adam Peterson, Alvaro Lima, Chris Nicolopoulos, Jim Spiropoulos, Gus, Karagiannis, Mary Alukos, Christy Gouletas, Desi Peterson, and Debbie Kunkel. May God continue to Bless Saints Peter and Paul.

## COFFEE CONNECTION

Please join us on Sunday, May 11 for our final session on Navigating the Challenges of Contemporary Life with an Orthodox Compass

Our topic is Atheism and we will be asking the question: "How do we as Christians begin to speak to the challenges that Atheism brings to us?"

## GREEK SCHOOL

Please support our church and register your children in our Greek School Program. Registration for 2025 - 2026 school year is now in progress.

### SCHOOL HOURS

Monday: Preschool /Kindergarten / 1 st to 6 th grade 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Saturday: Preschool 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Saturday Kindergarten / 1 st to 6 th grade 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Our students learn how to read, write and speak the Greek language. We put emphasis on Conversation knowing that this is what our students need the most. They also learn about the Greek history, civilization, art, literature, traditions, dance, music and they feel proud of their heritage so rich in every aspect. They engage in hands on activities which make learning a fun experience, in a child centered, child friendly, safe church environment. A deduction will apply towards the tuition if registered by June 1st . For more information please contact: Stella Theoharopoulos at: (847) 529 - 5899 or [theostell@aol.com](mailto:theostell@aol.com)

# PHILOPTOCHOS

## PHILOPTOCHOS UPDATE

Christ has Risen! Xristos Anesti!

We have been busy in the past month and wanted to offer you a few highlights of our accomplishments.

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Our SSPP Chapter hosted the annual Metropolis of Chicago Philoptochos Blankets for Babies Lenten Project on Saturday, April 5. Over 50 volunteers, including people from St. Demetrios of Libertyville, St. Haralambos, St. Basil, St. George, Annunciation, St. Andrew, St. Demetrios of Chicago, St. John the Baptist, and Ascension of our Lord, helped us make over 100 blankets for those little ones who are hospitalized in the UIC Pediatrics Unit or are in the UIC Adolescent Child Life Program. Thank you, Tru Bazianos, for organizing this fulfilling ministry, which is in its third decade.



## PALM SUNDAY

What A joyous Palm Sunday we celebrated on April 13! Our community came together as a family at the start of Holy Week by supporting our Annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale and the launch of our First Annual Palm Sunday Bakalao Luncheon. Thank you, parishioners, for volunteering your time, purchasing our sweets, attending the events, and donating to these causes. We couldn't do it without you!

The Bake Sale is a major fundraiser for us that supports our many philanthropic projects. Specifically, a portion of this year's proceeds was donated to the Philoxenia House, which provides free housing to patients at the Mayo Clinic and their families. Kudos to Nancie Poulos, Debbie Kunkel, and Anastasia Gonzalez, who worked for months in preparation by baking thousands of mouthwatering Galaktoboureko, Koulourakia, Kourambiethes, Spanakopites, and Tiropites; to Gayle Stellas, for heading up the baking of Melomakarona; to Eleni Soukoulis, who led the two-day Tsourkekia-baking effort; to all those who baked at home and donated their pastry; and to Georgene Shanley, whose creativity and coordination brought us the adorable Easter baskets.

## SENIOR MINISTRY

The Philoptochos Senior Visit Ministry made Pascha deliveries to 50 seniors in our parish community. Spending time with them and listening to their stories is truly a blessing. Sincere thanks to Debbie Kunkel and Maria Sellis for preparing the bags that were so deeply appreciated. Please consider volunteering at our Tuesday, August 19 – Senior Appreciation Luncheon. It is a lively event that honors this very special part of our community.



*Elaine Salapatas performed a beautiful Beethoven piece during her Pascha visit.*

# PHILOPTOCHOS

## **PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON**

The delicious, sold-out Palm Sunday Luncheon, catered by Fountain Blue Banquets, was made possible by a generous donation from Gigi and Louie Pappas and family. Our parish really enjoyed the meal and the fellowship, which also honored our five new Catechumens who were Chrismated that day. A portion of the lunch's proceeds benefitted Mission Tanzania, an organization that builds wells in rural Tanzania. Thank you, Diane Papadakis Economy for chairing this beautiful gathering.



## **EASTER PARTY**

Our chapter hosted an Easter Party for the boys at Lawrence Hall on April 10. The kids are always so happy to see us. What a joy! While we cannot show images of them because of privacy issues, here is a photo of the staff who joined in the fun of making sock bunnies, as well as Kris Tsitsis and Pat Nassos, readying the baskets for delivery.



## **FEED THE HUNGRY**

Members of our Philoptochos participated in Feed the Hungry at the Annunciation Cathedral on Tuesday, April 15. Over 130 people stopped in for lunch, new socks, and blessed palms from our Palm Sunday service. Join us in Des Plaines on Monday, May 5, when we host Bessie's Table at the First United Methodist Church at 668 Graceland. For more information about how you can help, please contact Kris Tsitsis at [kristitsis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kristitsis@sbcglobal.net)



## **SAVE THE UPCOMING DATES**

*Sunday, May 4 – Graduate Sunday and Presentation of the Scholarships*  
*Monday, May 5 – Feed the Hungry at Bessie's Table, First United Methodist Church*  
*Tuesday, May 20 – Philoptochos Elections*  
*Wednesday, June 18 – President's Dinner honoring Dena Pavlopoulos, Sunset Ridge*  
*Saturday & Sunday, June 28 & 29 – Saints Peter & Paul Vespers and Feast Day*  
*Tuesday, August 19 – Senior Appreciation Luncheon*

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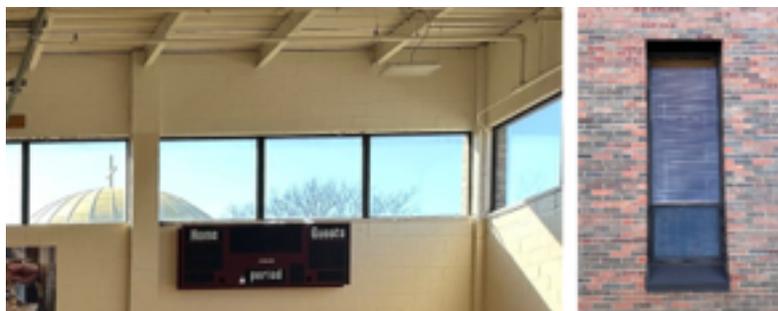
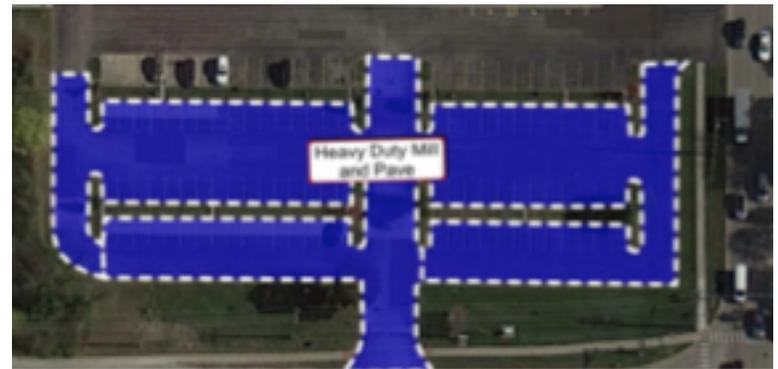
# RENEWING OUR LORD'S HOUSE

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The Parish approved a Capital Plan in 2019 to renew the components of our Church and Latto Center buildings. We have completed numerous major and minor projects in the last five years through your generous annual stewardship commitments and special donations without a Capital Fundraising Appeal. As we celebrate the Risen Christ, we are again busy planning and executing several projects again this year.

- The hardwood floors in the Narthex were refinished during Bright Week with a durable finish. Please take a moment to wipe off any excess moisture from your shoes as you enter.
- This year's masonry restoration and tuckpointing project will target the west facades of the main church building. The plan is to have all elevations of both buildings completed by 2028.
- The second and third of five phases to restore the entire parking lot that is thirty years old will start shortly.
- The original single pane windows in the Latto Center classrooms, office and gym will be replaced with dual pane energy efficient windows.
- Latto Center Classroom Remodeling & Furnishings project will get underway during the summer break to include new and efficient storage, new energy efficient LED lighting and new chairs and tables that are more suitable for student use.

Let me know if you have any ideas for a project that you would like to sponsor [john@vranas.com](mailto:john@vranas.com). In the meantime, please continue your generous annual stewardship commitments to fund these projects.





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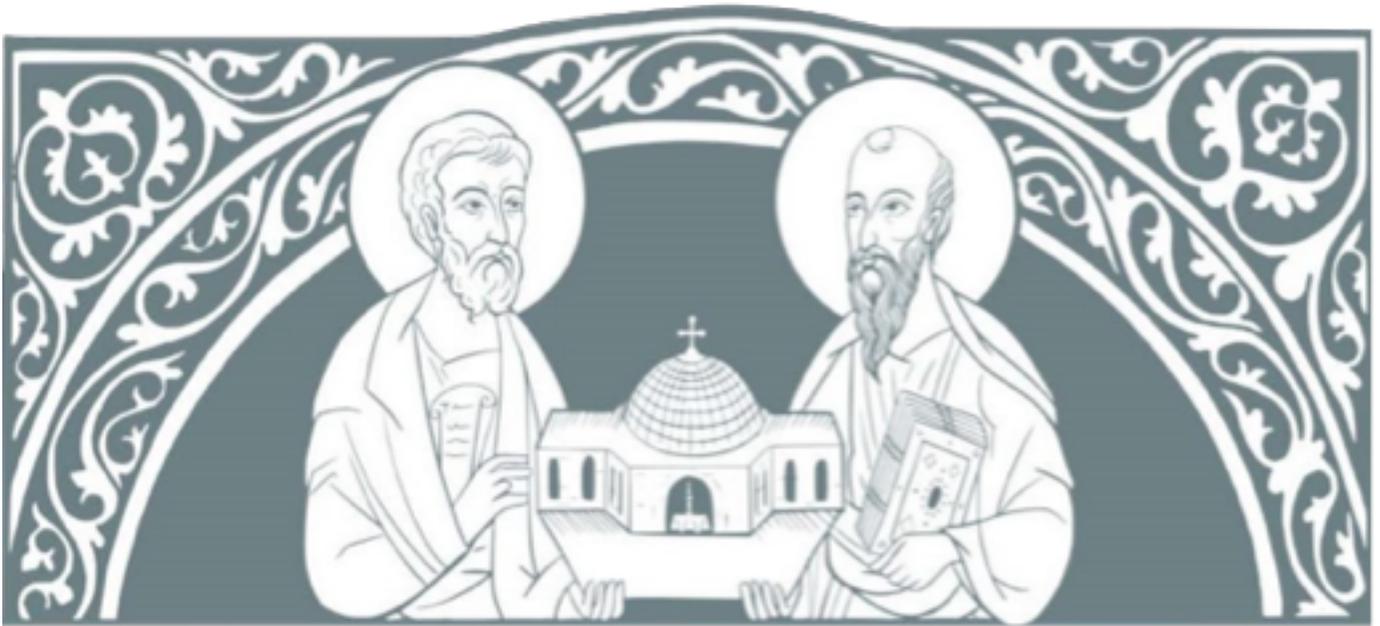


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