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A Message from Father Rick Father Richard Demetrius Andrews

Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

As I write this, we're preparing for our **Greek Festival** on *July 26-27*. I wish to thank to our committee for working hard to prepare these last several months and to thank all our volunteers who helped make it as successful as possible with God's blessings!

The second annual *Annette Starr Memorial Blood Drive* was held on *July 9th*. Thank you to all who supported this worthy cause.

We welcomed **Fr. Peter Sarolas** as our new associate priest with a reception on Sunday July 20th along with *Presvytera Maria* they have three sons: *Yianni, Vasili, and Stefanos*. I look forward to working with Fr. Peter to minister in preaching the Gospel, teaching the Commandments, and offering the healing power of God to all who desire health of soul and body.

Fanari Camp 2025 is complete. Around 750 children, including forty from our parish, participated during the five weeks of camp. We invite all the **campers** and **staff** from SSPP to wear their t-shirts and share

inspiring experiences on *Sunday August 17th*.

Agape Summer Camp concluded July 11th. And our *Parish Feast Day* took place on *June 28-29*. Thank you to our brother clergy who participated in the Vespers and **Metropolitan Nathanael** for presiding at the liturgy, assisted by *Archdeacon Vasilios Smith*. Thank you to the Philoptochos for hosting the receptions after Vespers and Divine Liturgy on Sunday!

As the month of August begins so does the **Fast of the Dormition**. This is a two-week (Aug.1-14) period of preparation before *Feast of the Falling-Asleep of the Virgin Mary* on August 15th. It is customary during this time to repeatedly celebrate the **Paraklesis services**, also known as the Supplicatory Canon in which we beseech the Mother of God to intercede to God on our behalf for strength and salvation. During the Fast, we also celebrate another Great Feast: the **Transfiguration of our Lord** on August 6th.

Like all the great feasts of our Church, we learn many **important lessons** from these two. In the **Transfiguration feast**, we become eyewitnesses with the disciples Peter,

eyewitnesses with the disciples Peter, James and John of Jesus' divine nature. Thus, as the Apolytikion says, we know that Christ suffered willingly because He had the power to bypass His crucifixion. In the **Dormition feast**, we are taught the eternal nature of the soul, as depicted in the icon by Christ receiving the soul of His mother in the figure of a small child. Furthermore, we are taught the future disposition and destination of the body in that the Virgin Mary was bodily assumed into heaven after her death. This makes sense that the earthly tabernacle of God would take its rightful place on the eternal heavenly altar. We seek to imitate the Virgin Mary so that we also become earthly tabernacles of Christ.

Also in August we are taking care of several **building and grounds projects** including the classroom remodel and replacing windows in the community center. The parking lot and tuckpointing were completed earlier this summer and look great!

We will have **Saturday Vespers** during the Dormition Fast August 2nd and 9th. There will not be Vespers on August 16, 23, and 30th. Regular Saturday Vespers will

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PASTORAL MESSAGE

FROM FATHER RICK

resume in September.

Sunday **Divine Liturgy** continues *early summer start of 9am* through August, then will return to normal 9:30am start in September.

Coming this month of July, we look forward to...

Summer Hours for Sunday Divine Liturgy (start 9am) began on *June 1st* 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.

Steven took a group of high schoolers to Boston and New York for a summer **youth pilgrimage** including the Hellenic College – Holy Cross Seminary July 28-31. These youth will share their experiences on *Sunday August 3rd*.

We will send off our **college youth** on *Sunday August 10th* with a special prayer and blessing. The Philoptochos **Senior Appreciation luncheon** will occur on *Tuesday August 19th*. The **Church school staff** and teachers have their Fall prep meeting on *Sunday August 24th*.

Mr. Dean Theophilos, son of *Ted and Ann Theophilos*, grandson of *+Demetra Phelus* and *+George Alex*, will be **ordained to the Holy Diaconate** by *Metropolitan Nathanael* on *Sunday August 24th* at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Saint Paul, Minnesota. As many may know *Demetra* was an active member at our parish for decades and *Ted* grew up here. This is personally meaningful to me because I knew *Dean's* parents and grandfather when I first was ordained and served at Holy Apostles in Westchester. I came to know *Dean* and his wife *Leigh-Ann*, during my time serving in St Paul, as we were all pursuing graduate degrees in the counseling field. It is also meaningful because it is the first-ever ordination to occur at the parish of St. George in their 85-year history. Axios!

Please help our sister parish of **St. John**

85-year history. Axios!

Please help our sister parish of **St. John the Baptist in Des Plaines** as they celebrate one of their parish feast days on *August 28-29th*, the Beheading of the Forerunner--August 29th is a strict Fast Day.

The **11th Annual Solemn Vespers** for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation aka Vespers for the Protection of the Environment will take place on *Sunday August 31st* 7pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic parish in Glenview. *Dr Apostolis Sambanis* will be the guest speaker that evening. See flyer for more info.

In accordance with the Metropolis Vision of Growth initiative that highlights the catechumenate, we will host the usual **Fall Catechism course** on *Tuesday evenings 7-9pm* beginning *September 16th*. These classes are open to everyone, especially catechumens, seekers, inquirers and current Orthodox Christians wishing to deepen their knowledge of the Orthodox Faith.

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 your 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

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.

Some parishioners did not give in 2024 and some have not yet given in 2025. Stewardship giving statements were mailed in mid-July. Please give now and give regularly. We appreciate monthly gifts. <https://onrealm.org/ssppglenview/-/form/give/now>

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**.

With Gratitude!

+Fr. Rick

MODERN HERESIES - RATIONALISM

Rationalism is the principle or habit of accepting reason as the supreme authority in matters of opinion, belief, or conduct independent of experience and unaided by divine revelation.

In [epistemology](#), **rationalism** is the view that "regards [reason](#) as the chief source and test of knowledge"^[1] or "any view appealing to reason as a source of knowledge or justification".^[2] More formally, rationalism is defined as a [methodology](#) or a [theory](#) "in which the criterion of the truth is not sensory but intellectual and [deductive](#)".^[3]

Age of Reason/Enlightenment

The **Enlightenment** (also known as the **Age of Enlightenment** or the **Age of Reason**;^[1] was an intellectual movement which dominated the world of ideas in Europe during the 18th century.

Listen to what the Lord God says about rationalism...

⁸*"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. (Isaiah 55:8)*

⁵*Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; (Proverbs 3:5)*

²³*Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; (Jeremiah 9:23)*

Our patron Apostle Paul wrote about rationalism...

¹⁸*For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

¹⁹*For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent." [Isaiah 29:14]*

²⁰*Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age?*

Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

²¹*For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached*

to save those who believe.

²²*For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom;*

²³*but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness,*

²⁴*but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.*

²⁵***Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. (1Corinthians 1:19-25)***

¹⁴***But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. (1Corinthians 2:14)***

In the Divine Liturgy, the priest recites the **Prayer before the Gospel...**

"Illumine our hearts, O Master Who loves mankind, with the pure light of

*Thy divine knowledge. **Open the eyes of our mind to the understanding of Thy gospel teachings.** Implant also in us the fear of Thy blessed commandments, that trampling down all carnal desires, we may enter upon a spiritual manner of living, both thinking and doing such things as are well-pleasing unto Thee. For Thou art the illumination of our souls and bodies, O Christ our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, together with Thy Father, Who is from everlasting, and Thine all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen."*

Question: "How should a Christian view rationalism vs. empiricism?"

Answer: Rationalism vs. empiricism is a philosophical debate about the way human beings gain knowledge. There is a wide array of theses associated with rationalism and empiricism. Empiricists look to the world outside themselves as the source of knowledge, while rationalists look to the world within themselves as the source of knowledge. The empiricist holds that we cannot truly know something without first examining the related empirical evidence—that is, what we can see, smell, hear, touch, or taste. We learn by experiencing the world around us in concrete ways. The rationalist would argue that humans have an innate knowledge that does not come from experience but simply exists within us from birth. Based on that innate knowledge, the rationalist

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also holds that humans can reason toward new knowledge. The debate between rationalism and empiricism focuses on the divide between using the scientific method and one's own rationale (independent of external evidence) to arrive at "truth."

Closely related to rationalism, is **Scholasticism**

Scholasticism is a method of critical thought which dominated teaching by the academics ("scholastics," or "schoolmen") of medieval universities in Europe from about 1100 to 1700 CE, and a program of employing that method in articulating and defending dogma in an increasingly pluralistic context. It originated as an outgrowth of and a departure from Christian monastic schools at the earliest European universities.^[1]

Scholasticism is not so much a philosophy or a theology as a method of learning, as it places a strong emphasis on dialectical reasoning to extend knowledge by inference and to resolve contradictions.

The terms "scholastic" and "scholasticism" derive from the Latin word *scholasticus* and the latter from the Greek σχολαστικός,^[5] which means "that [which] belongs to the school". The "scholastics" were, roughly, "schoolmen".

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scholasticism>

The Church Fathers of Orthodox Christianity had a different approach to learning called **Apophysis** which is. knowledge, understanding, or

description of God through negative statements about qualities and characteristics that God does not possess, such as "God is not confined by space or time." This is contrasted with **Cataphasis** which is knowledge, understanding, or description of God through positive statements about qualities and characteristics that God possesses, as "God is good."

One can only say speak positively about God by what He reveals about Himself. Otherwise, we can only approach knowledge of Him through negative/apophatic statements.

In addition, the Church Fathers were very skeptical regarding rational thoughts, or what they call the **Logoismo**. One must be very cautious about what thoughts they entertain, engage and converse with in their mind. Again, knowledge was not supposed to be a discursive exercise of the intellect. Rather, knowledge came through revelation from God when the mind (nous) was properly prepared through spiritual askesis (prayer, fasting, worship, almsgiving, repentance, confession, etc.). Listen to what the Apostle Paul says...

²And do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. (Romans 12:2)

⁸Finally, brethren, whatever things are **true**, whatever things are **noble**, whatever things are **just**,

whatever things are **pure**, whatever things are **lovely**, whatever things are of **good report**, if there is any **virtue** and if there is anything **praiseworthy--meditate on these things**. (Philippians 4:8)

²¹if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: ²²that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, ²³and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. (Ephesians 4:21-24)

Again, in the Divine Liturgy, the priest prays the **First Prayer of the Faithful** (right before the Great Entrance)...

O God, great and praised, through the life-giving death of Your Christ, You have borne us from corruption to immortality. Liberate all our senses [aistheseis] from killing passion, setting over them as a benevolent sovereign our inner reason [endothern logismon]. Let the eye be averted from every evil sight, and the ear be deaf to idle talk. May the tongue be purged of unseemly speech. Purify these lips that praise You, Lord. Make our hands abstain from wicked deeds, doing only such things as are pleasing to You, thus sealing with Your grace all our members, and our mind [dianoian].

And The Second Prayer of the Faithful...

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*Holy Master, infinitely good, we entreat You, rich in mercy, to be gracious to us sinners, and to make us worthy to receive Your only Son and our God, the King of Glory. For behold, His spotless body and life-giving blood are about to make their entrance at this hour, to be laid on this mystical table, invisibly attended by a multitude of the heavenly **host [stratias]**. Grant that we may receive them in blameless communion, so that as the **eyes [omma]** of our **understanding [dianoias]** see the light, we may become children of light and of day.*

And the **Prayer of Completion Litany** (after the Great Entrance)...

*O God of ineffable and unseen mysteries, in You are hidden the treasures of **wisdom [Sophia]** and **knowledge [gnoseos]**, yet You have **revealed [apokalypsas]** to us this Liturgy and, in Your great love for mankind, appointed us sinners to offer gifts and sacrifices to You, for our sins and for the failings of the people. Invisible King, You perform works great and inscrutable, glorious and extraordinary, beyond number. Look upon us Your undeserving servants as we stand, as at Your throne of the Cherubim at this Your holy altar, where Your only-begotten Son, our God, rests in the awesome mysteries here offered. Freeing us all, and Your faithful people, of all uncleanness, sanctify all of us, soul and body, with a sanctification that cannot be taken away. Thus, partaking of these divine Blessings with pure **conscience***

*[syneidoti], faces unblushing, hearts enlightened, and being **quicken**ed [zwopoiumenoi] by them, we may be united to Your Christ Himself, our true God. For He said: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood, abides in me and I in him. " Having Your Word indwelling and moving within us, we may thus become the temple of Your all-holy and worshipful Spirit, free of every wide of the Evil One affecting our acts, our words, our **thoughts [kata dianoian]**, and so obtain the blessings promised to us as to Your Saints who have pleased You through the ages.*

As we have seen in our series about Modern Heresies, there are no new false teachings, just old ones wrapped in new packaging. Rationalism started with the ancient Greeks, continued with the Gnostics of the second century and still exists to this day. It was a heresy then; it is still a heresy.



PASTORAL MESSAGE

FROM FATHER PETER

A Message from Father Peter

Father Peter Sarolas

Dear Stewards of SS. Peter and Paul,

I pray that this letter finds you in Good Health. I would like to take the time to introduce myself to the community, for those who may not know about me, here is a little bit about me. I married Presbytera Maria in 2005 and we have three children, Yanni (18), Vasili (16), and Stefanos (10). I have been a priest for eighteen years. I grew up on the South Side of Chicago and attended Chicago Public School. I followed my calling to Hellenic College and graduated in 1991 with a Bachelor's Art Degree and then entered Holy Cross School of Theology and graduated in 1994 with a Master of Divinity Degree.

In 1995, I was employed at St. Basils Academy as the Religious Education Instructor for the six through eighth grades as well as the Student Life Coordinator for the Kindergarten to Eighth Grades. I returned back home to Chicago after spending two and a half years in Garrison, NY/St. Basils Academy.

I was the Registrar of our Metropolis from 1998 to 2007. While serving the Metropolis as Registrar, I worked closely with the offices of the Administrative Assistant, Chancellor, and Metropolitan with various tasks and responsibilities. I also have served as a Lay/Pastoral assistant at the communities of Holy Trinity, St. Nicholas, Oak Lawn and St. Andrew. I have been a part of the Camp Fanari Program in various areas such as being a bible study leader, serving on the (Camp Fanari) Steering Committee and Orthodox Life.

I was ordained to the Diaconate on January 1, 2007, the Feast Day of St. Basil and was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on May 20 of 2007 at St. Demetrios, Chicago by His Eminence Metropolitan IAKOVOS of blessed memory.

I have served the communities of St. Demetrios, Chicago for six and a half years as an associate priest, Saints Constantine and Helen, Rockford, as presiding priest and most recently at St. George, Chicago as associate priest. We look forward to starting many wonderful memories just as we had at St. Demetrios, Chicago, Sts. Constantine and Helen, Rockford and at St. George, Chicago.

We ask for your patience as we transition to this assignment at Saints Peter and Paul. We would like to say thank you for the wonderful welcome that you all showed my

family and me on Sunday, July 20th. I look forward to working closely with my brother in Christ and classmate Father Rick.

Thank you and we look forward to laughing, crying, working together for the Glory of God.

May our Patron Saints Peter and Paul and all-laudable, paramount apostles protect us all and keep us safe as we strive to do God's will, Amen.

In His Service,
Rev. Fr. Peter Sarolas, Economos



OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Welcome our newest member to our beautiful parish: *Konstantinos Stavropoulos, Nikolaos Stavropoulos and Chi Nguyen*



40 Day Churching Eleftheria Mihailidis & baby Gianais 6-28-2025



David and Athanasia Metz remembered their 28th Wedding Anniversary in Racine Wisconsin with a visit to Father Rick at SSPP



40 Day Churching - Leo Parcell & Vasilios Baroud 6-22-2025



Craig Galanis Eagle Scout Project Youth Gaga Ball Pit



Emily Karkazis & Matthew Baekelandt married at Ascension GOC 6-21-2025

OUR LIFE TOGETHER



Olivia Lehocky - Ionian Village 7-13-2025



Fr Peter Sarolas 1st Sunday at SSPP 7-20-2025



SSPP Feast Day Liturgy 6-29-2025



*John Kiriklakis and Angela Bicons
Visit a church in Greece*



SSPP Feast Day Vespers Chanters 6-28-2025

*John and
Maria Bausch
at a Church
in Greece*



SSPP Feast Day Vespers 6-29-2025

OUR LIFE TOGETHER



SSPP Fanari campers & staff week 1



SSPP Fanari campers & staff week 4



SSPP Fanari campers & staff week 5



George Kafkis Baptism 7-6-2025



SSPP Glenview July Fourth Parade

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

HELLO SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

I can't believe it's already August! I hope you all had a wonderful July.

I would like to highlight that our very own Craig Matern built a new gaga ball pit behind our parish center, near the fire pit, as part of his Eagle Scout project. We are grateful for his hard work, and our youth groups are already enjoying it!

The Faith Love Joy group met our new priest, Father Peter, and learned about the Saints.

The Junior GOYA group also had the opportunity to meet Father Peter. We shared stories and played in the new gaga ball pit.

Our Senior GOYAns enjoyed a bonfire and baked cookies this month.

Additionally, our youth participated in the Glenview Parade, where they passed out candy and Greek danced their way down the street. It was a fun day!

Here are some upcoming events for August. Please reach out if you are interested in any of them. The Junior and Senior GOYAns will be going to Bear Paw Adventure Park in Wisconsin later this month. The Faith Love Joy group will meet at Kim Angelos' house on August 22nd.

We will also be attending Cubs Greek Night on August 20th. This event is open to all youth and families. Each ticket includes an exclusive Greek jersey designed by a local Greek artist. We will provide a bus to transport everyone to and from the church to the stadium.

Lastly, save the date! Our youth kick-off will be on September 7th.

Thank you!
Steven Thell
Youth Director



Junior GOYA meeting with Fr. Peter



Craig Matern and his crew standing in the finished Gagaball pit



Our youth participating in the Glenview Parade

JULY FOURTH RECAP

Thank You to All Who Represented Our Parish in Glenview's July 4th Parade



Many thanks to the volunteers of all ages who showed up to represent Saints Peter and Paul in Glenview's July 4th parade and promoted our upcoming Greek Festival.

We handed out 400 flyers and gave away just shy of 1,000 pieces of wrapped/package candy. Best of all, many people expressed their excitement to attend the Fest, enjoy the food, the music and, particularly, our loukoumades!

A special thank you to Angie Katsamakis and Steven Thell for helping to organize our participation, and to Steve Callas for driving his Jeep Wrangler in the parade.



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA
METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO

On behalf of the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago,
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church and Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church,
you are cordially invited to the

Eleventh Annual

Solemn Vespers for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Sunday, August 31, 2025 | 7 p.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
1775 Grove Street, Glenview, Illinois 60025

All are invited as the Catholic and Greek Orthodox communities of greater Chicagoland join together for an ecumenical service to give thanks for God's gift of creation and to recognize the conservation efforts of His disciples.

Bishop Mark Bartosic, Archdiocese of Chicago, will preside at this service and is honored to be joined by His Grace Bishop Timothy of Hexamilion, Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago.

The event will be live streamed as well at: vimeo.com/event/3581003.

The Vespers will be followed by a reception and lecture by Dr. Apostolis Sambanis

Water as Sacred Stewardship in the Catholic and Greek Orthodox Churches

As the Vice President of Sustainability at Sloan, Dr. Apostolis Sambanis is responsible for developing, managing, and constantly improving the company's sustainability program. His leadership in global governance, processes, and systems ensures the company's position at the forefront of the industry in its socio-economic systems towards sustainability.

In addition, Dr. Sambanis is an adjunct assistant professor and director of the Emergency Management and Resilience Planning Program at the University of Illinois at Chicago's School of Public Health. Dr. Sambanis' academic accomplishments include being an expert in geographic information systems (GIS), Spatial Analysis and Decision Assistance (SADA), and Hazards United States (HAZUS). Combined with a solid quantitative background, this work creates the ideal profile for his current risk visualization and decision-support research, which focuses on managing disasters or measuring resilience.

BOOK STORE AND MORE

BOOK AND ICON STORE

Send your college students to school with a small icon, Orthodox Study Bible, or Orthodox Prayer Book, to remind them always that the Lord is with them. We have replenished our supply of prayer ropes, filaktos, and hand-embroidered antithoro bags beautifully and uniquely made by the nuns of the Monastery of Patmos, Greece. Stop in to the Bookstore any day following Divine Liturgy or call during the week for special appointments. You will find books and gifts for Orthodox Christians of all ages! Questions? bookstore@sspoglennview.org

COFFEE CONNECTION SUMMER BOOK CLUB

This summer, Coffee Connection will take the opportunity to read and discuss several writings by Fr. Stephen Freeman from his blog "Glory to God for All Things" <https://glory2godforallthings.com/>

We will meet for two nights: Thursday, August 7 and Wednesday, August 27, from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm in the Youth Room. For each night, we will study two of Fr. Freeman's blog posts, reading the posts together and delving into the questions, teachings and truths presented.

It is not necessary to read the posts in advance.

The readings for August 7 are:

"Is Heaven a Long Church Service?" (June 23, 2025) and

"Good Friday and Unbelief" (April 22, 2022)

The readings for August 27 are:

"And Justice for All- The Heart's True Desire" (June 29, 2020) and

"Remembering the End" (May 27, 2020)

Please join us for discussion, and fellowship, along with coffee, tea and something sweet!

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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Beloved Saints Peter and Paul Church Family,
As we reflect on a meaningful and joy-filled months of June and July, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks on behalf of the entire Philoptochos Board for your continued support, participation, and partnership in our ministry.

We are especially grateful to all our dedicated Philoptochos sisters who baked, set up, served, and cleaned for our beautiful celebration of the Vespers and Feast Day of our patron saints. It was a true labor of love that showcased the strength and warmth of our parish community. Over 80 guests joined us for Vespers, and more than 200 came to celebrate on the Feast Day itself. Every pastry was absolutely delicious, and the plentiful brunch served after the Divine Liturgy was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We also want to express our sincere appreciation to the Parish Council for their collaboration and support. Together, we created an event that beautifully reflected the heart and hospitality of Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church.

A special thank you goes to our wonderful chairladies—Joanne Trahanas, Dena Pavlopoulos, and Diane Economy—whose leadership and tireless efforts made these days a success.

Looking ahead, we are excited to invite the seniors in our community to a Senior Appreciation Luncheon on Tuesday, August 19 at Noon. This event is a small way we can honor and thank the treasured elders of our parish. We welcome and encourage our Philoptochos sisters to join us in setting up, serving, and cleaning up for this special gathering.

As we prepare for the busy Fall season, our calendar is already filling up with events and opportunities to serve. We will continue to keep you informed and hope you'll find ways to be involved that are meaningful to you.

Wishing you all a safe and cool remainder of the summer months!

With love and gratitude,
Julie Anastos
President, Philoptochos Society
Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church

(From left: Dee Faden, Julie Mantice, and the incredible Sandra Karas baking away!)

CELEBRATE OUR SENIORS AT SUMMER'S END

It's hard to believe how quickly the summer is passing us by! Be sure to join us later in this month as we present one of the season's highlights ... our SS Peter and Paul Philoptochos complimentary Senior Appreciation Luncheon on Tuesday, August 19, at noon!

Ida Haris and Pat Nassos have planned another enjoyable afternoon of fellowship, great food, and entertainment by Grecian Formula, and you won't want to miss out. Please be a part of this special day. It is our way of saying thanks to our cherished senior community. RSVP by August 14 to Ida at 847-309-9223 or Pat at patnassos@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you!



(Celebrating our seniors -- join us again this year on August 19th!)

ROLLING IN THE DOUGH

This past Tuesday, July 22nd, the dedicated ladies of our Philoptochos Society were hard at work once again, lovingly preparing trays of traditional Greek pastries—melomakarona, baklava, and so many more—for the Greek Fest on July 26th and 27th. We are deeply grateful to these generous women for sharing their time, talent, and love in every batch they bake. Thank you for nourishing both our community and our mission!



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(Pat Nassos has her baking down "pat"!)

FEAST DAY BRUNCH

SSPP hosted a beautiful vespers reception and feast day brunch in honor of our Patron Saints Peter and Paul on June 28 and 29. This was a joint effort between the Philoptochos and the Parish Council. Thank you to our co-chairs Joanne Trahanas, Dena Pavlopoulos, and Diane Economy for this lovely event. Here are a few photos from the celebration.



Our committee and people gather for Saints Peter and Paul Feast Day

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday, August 19th** - Senior Appreciation Luncheon in Fellowship Hall
- Saturday, September 20th** – Metropolis Philoptochos Luncheon at Concorde Banquets
- Thursday, September 25** - Philoptochos Membership Reception
- Saturday, September 27th** – Children's Medical Fund Luncheon in Atlanta, Georgia
- Saturday, October 4** – Dress A Girl, St. Basil, Chicago 9am-2pm
- Saturday, October 18** – Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in Chicago, Soldier Field
- Sunday, November 2** – Philoptochos Sunday
- Saturday, December 6** – Holiday Faire
- Saturday, December 13** – Advent Brunch at Sunset Ridge Country Club
- Sunday, December 14** – The Metropolis of Chicago Christmas Open House

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11AM-4PM | CHILDCARE AVAILABLE (5YO+)
COFFEE & LUNCH PROVIDED

RSVP BY AUGUST 9TH TO ENSURE YOUR SEAT

AUGUST 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
COMING IN SEPT.						
1 ECCLESIASTICAL/CHURCH NEW YEAR & Labor Day Holiday 7 Church Sunday School begins & Parish Picnic & Fall Youth Kickoff 8 NATIVITY OF THEOTOKOS 14 ELEVATION OF HOLY CROSS 17 ST SOPHIA 20 Metropolis Philoptochos Luncheon 28 Ministry Fair	4 +7 CHILDREN OF EPHESUS +ST PROKOPIOS GREAT MARTYR	5	6 +TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD	7	1 +PROCESSION OF HOLY CROSS 2	
3 +8TH SUNDAY MATTHEW						
FAST OF DORMITION						
7:45am ORTHROS-MATINS 9am DIVINE LITURGY 11am Boston/NY Youth Talk	7pm PARAKLESIS 6:30pm Philoptochos Board Mtg 7pm VESPERS at Holy Transfiguration Monastery 8pm Bball Men's YAL (pickup)	11am PARAKLESIS 6:30pm Philoptochos Board Mtg 7pm VESPERS at Holy Transfiguration Monastery 8pm Bball Men's YAL (pickup)	8:30am MATINS-ORTHROS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY 7pm PARAKLESIS 8:30pm Bball Men over 40 (pickup)	10am Dynamis "Kali Pareia" Breakfast at Georgie V's In Northbrook 12pm PARAKLESIS 6pm PC Exec Meeting 7pm Coffee Connection Summer Book Club	+FAST OF DORMITION Boston Youth Trip 8am ORTHROS 9:30am LITURGY 5pm VESPERS	
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17 +10TH SUNDAY MATTHEW	18	19 +ST ANDREW GREAT MARTYR SOLDIER 11am Senior Luncheon 8pm Bball Men's YAL (pickup)	20 +PROPHET EZEKIEL 7pm SSPP Cubs Greek Night @ Wrigley Field 8:30pm Bball Men over 40 (pickup)	21 10am Dynamis "Kali Pareia" Breakfast at Georgie V's In Northbrook 7pm Parish Council Meeting	23 +APODOSIS OF DORMITION 5:30pm FLJ @Kims House	5:30pm Faith Love Joy Youth at Kim and Bill Adams' Home
24 +11TH SUNDAY MATTHEW +ST KOSMOS OF AITOLOS	25	26 +STS ADRIANOS & NATALIE MARTYRS 5pm AGAPE - Teacher Meet & Greet 8pm Bball Men's YAL (pickup)	27 +Presvytera Zafiroula (Lula) Latto reposed 2018 +ST PHANOURIOS MARTYR 7pm Coffee Connection Summer Book Club 8:30pm Bball Men over 40 (pickup)	28 +ST MOSES ETHIOPIAN 10am Dynamis "Kali Pareia" Breakfast at Georgie V's In Northbrook 7pm GREAT VESPERS at St. John the Baptist GOC in Des Plaines, IL	29 +BEHEADING OF FORERUNNER - STRICT FAST 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY at St. John the Baptist GOC in Des Plaines, IL	30 +STS ALEXANDROS, JOHN & PAUL - PATRIARCHS OF CONST.
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31 +12TH SUN MATT - THEOTOKOS +DEPOSITION BELT THEOTOKOS						

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