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# THE MESSENGER

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## A Message from Father Rick

Father Richard Demetrius Andrews

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Congratulations to our **high school graduates** who were recognized on May 3rd. See other page in this month's newsletter for more info. Many blessings in school and life moving forward. Stay close to Christ and His Church!

The annual International Orthodox Christian Charities (**IOCC**) **Chicago banquet** was *May 7* at the Empress Banquets in Addison. Many of our parishioners were present and generously supporting it.

Our **Church School Promotion Ceremony** was *May 17*. We recognized our students and staff. We especially thank our **Church Sunday School directors**, *Elaine Carrozza, Nick & Kery Obradovich* who are retired after six years of dedicated service. We are currently looking for their successors. If anyone is interested in applying, please contact them or Fr. Rick asap.

I wish to thank our **ministerial staff** for all their dedication and hard work for our parish on their work anniversaries: *Elea Bentley* (4 years); *Julie Mantice* (4 years) and *Steven*

*Thell* (3 years). Great job!

Our Agape Academy director, **Julie Mantice**, announced recently her intention to retire after the completion of the 2026-2027 school year (e.g. June 1, 2027). We appreciate Julie giving us ample advance notice so that we can begin succession planning. The parish council and Agape board are planning a succession strategy.

**Summer Hours** for Sunday Divine Liturgy begins *June 7* and extends through the end of August. By starting earlier (Orthros 7:45am; Divine Liturgy 9:00am), we'll finish earlier and have more of the day to enjoy the weather and time with family and friends. Also Saturday Vespers will discontinue during the Summer.

We are happy to host again the **Mission Team Chicago banquet** on *Tuesday June 2* to benefit the **Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC)** and its missionaries. Please plan to attend this wonderful event!

**Feast of All Saints** Feast and **College/University Graduation Sunday** is *June 7*. Please send your graduate's name, parents' names, school, degree, significant accomplishments and future plans to

the office by *June 1*.

Our **Ministry Council** will meet on *Monday June 1* where we bring together the leaders of all our various ministries to discuss important issues and plan the future together.

**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 8-12*.

From *June 8 to 28* 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.

**Metropolitan Nathanael's Nameday** (Nathanael/Bartholomew) is *June 10-11*. We pray many years of good health, rightly teaching the Word of God's truth.

**Father's Day** is *Sunday June 21*

We celebrate **our Parish Feast Day** of Saints Peter and Paul on *Sunday June 28* (Vespers 7pm) and *Monday June 29* with Orthros (8:30am) and Divine Liturgy (9:30am).

**Fanari Camp**- Week 1 takes place *June 15-21* and Week 2 *June 22-28*. Subsequent sessions occur for the

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# PILGRIMAGE OF DISCOVERY

## OUR MISSION

The Pilgrimage of Discovery is a transformational program dedicated to sending Orthodox Christian young adults to Constantinople each year to learn about Orthodoxy, our Patriarchate, the history of the Church, the challenges facing the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the experience of the remaining Orthodox people living in Asia Minor and other important priorities. This rewarding experience helps participants better connect to their religious tradition and understand the relevance of the Ecumenical Patriarchate as they prepare to lead the Orthodox Church in the future. This immersive journey creates a lasting impact on identity, faith, family, community and culture and helps secure the continuity of the Orthodox Church from a grassroots level.



## WHY CONSTANTINOPLE?

"During your time in this queen of cities, you walk upon paths made smooth by the *prayers of the saints*. You enter temples where *emperors once knelt*, where *confessors of the faith preached and served*, and where the *same Divine Liturgy* that sustains us today *has been offered for centuries*. You witness the *quiet resilience of the omogenia*, the Orthodox faithful still present in this city whose numbers may be few, but whose dignity and devotion remain profound."

- His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew in an address to pilgrims from the Pilgrimage of Discovery, 2025

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# PASTORAL MESSAGE

next three weeks thereafter.

The Archdiocese *Clergy-Laity* in Cleveland is *June 30 - July 2*. Our parish delegates are *Fr. Rick, George Seletos, Vanessa Adinamis and Tracy Ronstadt*.

**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 for an Orthodox Christian Church nearby or on the way, to attend. 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.

Our 2026 Archdiocese *Stewardship* Theme: **“Rise Up and Build: Building Up the Body of Christ.”** The words of the prophet Nehemiah to the Jewish people when he saw the crumbling walls of Jerusalem “Rise up and build” (Neh.2:19), apply to us today. We must continually rise up and build up the Body of Christ. We the people together form the Body of Christ—to carry out His ministry in our modern time. We are called to build up the walls of our parish temples, and at the same time, tear down the walls/barriers in and around our parish that prevent people from experiencing

the love, mercy and forgiveness of Christ. We do this by building up our worship and ministries. Receiving the Body of Christ in the Eucharist means little if we are not building up each other, carrying one another's burdens and fulfilling the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2).

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 \$2.2M we encourage everyone to strive towards tithing (10%) but **suggest a minimum of five percent (5%) annual giving** in 2026. We appreciate monthly gifts. <https://onrealm.org/ssppglenview/-/form/give/now>

The Spirit Has Descended Upon Us!  
+Fr. Rick



# PASTORAL REFLECTION

## FROM FATHER RICK ANDREWS

### A Reflection from Father Rick

### *A Reflection on Officer John Bartholomew's Death and Funeral*

Chicago Police Officer John Bartholomew was killed in the line of duty on Saturday April 26, just a few days after his 38th birthday. The murder of any human being, from womb to old age, is a heinous act and one that our community is mostly shielded from in our low crime, high affluence neighborhoods. However, that came crashing down a few weeks ago and struck at the heart of our parish. John is the brother of Paula Mueller and nephew of Therese Speropoulos, both dedicated and active members of our choir and community. Whenever a loved one dies, it is a traumatic loss. However, loss by murder is exponentially more impactful. It is like bomb blast, and it causes wounds that take years to heal. I pray that we continue to surround Therese and Paula and the rest of John's family with prayer, love and support.

As I stated after liturgy recently, we should also look for ways to thank and support our law enforcement and first responder—all year-round—not just when tragedy strikes. Serving as a police chaplain and supporting our Hellenic American Police Association are ways that I try to help.

Officer Bartholomew's funeral was Friday May 8 at St Andrew Greek Orthodox Church, where his grandfather of blessed memory, Fr. John Kutulas, served as parish priest for many years. Led by Metropolitan Nathanael, who gave a stellar eulogy, several clergy including Fr. Peter and myself participated, and Chris Atsaves helped chant. I have been a part of several critical incident responses in the past (I35W Bridge Collapse 2007 and Minneapolis Riots 2020) and it is always heartening and inspiring to see good people respond to the consequences of disasters and evil. Law enforcement officers respond to serve and protect when citizens are experiencing their worst day, whether facing a medical crisis, an accident or as victims of crime. They are authorized to prevent, confront and respond when people are committing crime—especially violent offenses. Countering false narratives, police stand on the frontline representing good against evil.

The good was fully evident as approximately 6,000 CPD officers participated by coming to the visitation and funeral. They filled the sanctuary even more than family and friends. The funeral service was broadcast live by all the local news networks and on the CPD website. The chief superintendent and two commanders also gave eulogies. When the casket exited the church, the streets, which were blocked off for two hours prior, were filled police and fire department personnel including the bagpipe and drum band, as well as a flag honor guard. A special police pallbearer detail conducted a flag-folding for the presentation to John's wife Renee and mother Kiki. After the special ceremony concluded, the procession began down Lake Shore Drive. The first mile of the Drive was lined with police officers standing arm's length apart. The procession of vehicles (nearly all CPD) itself was two mile long and turned west on Lawrence Avenue. For the entire six-mile distance, every single street and alley was blocked off by a CPD squad, officers standing at attention. Thousands of people stood along the route, many saluting or holding hands over their heart. Several fire station crews stood along the route. The city stood still for a moment to honor and remember their fallen officer.

The procession turned onto Interstate 90 (Kennedy), which was completely blocked off for six miles to Cumberland. Many people stood and fire trucks were parked on overpasses along that route. The mile long route on Cumberland also had every intersection and parking lot blocked by police squads including other jurisdictions. As we turned into Elmwood Cemetery, two fire trucks with ladders raised held a huge United States flag hanging above the entrance. After family, friends and clergy gathered at the graveside, the hearse was escorted by the drum and bagpipe band. The same police pallbearers carried the casket to the grave. Then all solemnly departed to allow a private graveside Orthodox Trisagion service. The vault that held John's casket was emblazoned with his name and the CPD insignia.

The reason I share all of this is to show how much care and concern is conveyed through ritual actions. The time, energy and attention devoted to planning and execution of these

rituals is enormous and shows the value the police and fire departments and other agencies placed on the life of Officer Bartholomew and the care of his family. The message of 'one for all and all for one' came through loud and clear. It cannot be overstated and we were all blessed to be a part of it. John's life touched so many. I pray that our culture and attitude towards law enforcement improves for those came to know John through his ultimate sacrifice.

May his memory be eternal!



*Officer Vartholomew funeral outside 5-8-2026*



*Officer Vartholomew funeral inside 5-8-2026*



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# RENEWING LORD'S HOME

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*We continue to Rise and Rebuild!*



*This year's masonry restoration and tuckpointing project is nearly complete.*



*The parking lot asphalt restoration has been completed!*

# YOUTH GROUP

## *Happy Graduation and Summer!*

Our year is coming to an end; it has flown by. One key thing we talked about with our Goyans is to cherish these moments because they are gonna fly by one day. Here is a collage of pictures from our year, highlighting the cherished moments.

We will continue to have youth events over the summer. Check the emails for events.

Have a blessed day,  
Steven Thell - Youth Director



*FLJ Holding a Snake! 9/13/26*



*Junior GOYA Baking Prospora 2/13/26*



*Junior GOYA Meeting Father Peter 08/01/25*



*IMetropolitan Nathaneal talking to our GOYANs at the retreat center 11/14/25*



*Senior GOYA Visits Aquarium 4/25/26*

# 2026 PLEDGERS

Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge donation for 2026 to support our parish and our ministries. Working together, we strive to fulfill our mission "Connecting with God and Each Other" Thank you again! Glory to God.

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<i>George &amp; Anastasia Chiampas</i>	<i>Mary Jimenez</i>	<i>Nicholas &amp; Stephanie Loukas</i>	<i>Demetrius &amp; Brenda Papson</i>
<i>Peter &amp; Priscilla Chioros</i>	<i>Dean Johnsen</i>	<i>Mark &amp; Kathryn Lucas</i>	<i>Pamela &amp; Kevin Paradies</i>

# 2026 PLEDGERS

Pamela & Richard Pasminski  
 Nickolas & Sandra Paterakos  
 Steve & Dena Pavlopoulos  
 Joseph & Vicky Perna  
 Nicholas Peszek  
 Laura Peterson  
 Peter T. & Larissa Petrakis  
 Louis & Colby Polychronos  
 George & Harriet Pontikes  
 Lee & Jeannie Poteracki  
 John & Nina Pouloupoulos  
 Angelo & Bethany Poulos  
 Catherine & Harry Poulos  
 Nancie Poulos & Fred Watson  
 Peter & Susan Poulos  
 Steven & Karin Poulos  
 George & Athanasia Pratikakis  
 Joanne & Kurt Prinz  
 Rocky & Marietta Quiroga  
 Tina & Gregory Riemer  
 Tracy & David Ronstadt  
 George & Demetra Roubekas  
 Pete & Joanne Routsolias  
 Rebecca & Nagui Sabri  
 Dn. Ted & Diaconissa Sonia Saclarides  
 Jimmy & Elizabeth Samartzis  
 James & Suzanne Santos  
 Christine Schenk  
 Alexandra Scoulas  
 Presbytera Mary Scoulas

George & Holland Seletos  
 John & Maria Sellis  
 Susan Shaheen  
 Georgene & Larry Shanley  
 Nicholas & Toulia Sideris  
 Patricia Siuntres  
 George & Patricia Skoul  
 Carole Slavens  
 Frances Slisz  
 Lucas & Shannon Smith  
 James & Eleni Soukoulis  
 Nicholas & Mao Soulakis  
 Steven & Asimo Souleles  
 Thomas & Megan Spathis  
 George & Therese Speropoulos  
 Christopher & Georgia Stefanski  
 Paula Steil  
 Peter & Fontaine Stellas  
 Christopher Stephanos  
 Annamaria Stornello  
 Maria & Brian Sullivan  
 Max Sutter & Jeannette Penniman  
 Suzanne & Harold Symanietz  
 Dr. John & Constance Tasiopoulos  
 James & Aphrodite Tatooles  
 Steven Thell  
 Dr. Constantine & Sophia Theodoropoulos  
 Eva Thomas  
 Antonia & Jeffrey Tollefsen  
 Douglas & Valerie Trabaris  
 Joanne Trahanas

Dr. Demetrius Trakas  
 Nick & Charlotte Tryfonopoulos  
 Constadinos & Carrie Tsitsis  
 Konstantine & Niki Tsitsis  
 Kris Tsitsis & Bill Scannell  
 Elaine Tzakis  
 Tula Tzakis  
 Irene Tziforos  
 Peter & Susan Valessares  
 Caidi & Steven Vanderporten  
 Opie & Maria Vasilopoulos  
 John & Effie Venetos  
 John & Stephanie Vlahakis  
 Georgia Vlahos  
 Georgia Vlamis  
 Bill J. & Peggy Vranas  
 John & Annette Vranas  
 Tom & Allison Vranas  
 William & Affie Vranas  
 John Vratimos  
 Tina Vulgaris  
 Carol & William Wells  
 Brett & Michelle Woodley  
 Samer & Sylvia Zabaneh  
 Emelie Zaharakis  
 Jeannette Zissis  
 Alexandra Zubay



\* A pledge is recognized as a commitment to give stewardship and/or actual giving when the total amount is gifted in advance or early in the current year. Those who commit through a weekly, monthly, or quarterly donation are also recognized.

# OUR LIFE TOGETHER

*Please Welcome our new members to your beautiful parish!  
Louis and Colby Polychronos, Tammy Suarez, and John Thomaidis*



*Church School had their last day of the school year on 5/17. Students were promoted to their next grade for the fall and we recognized retiring teacher, Nick Mastros. Thank you Nick for 4 years of dedication to our students.*



*Thank you also to our retiring CS leadership team, Elaine Carrozza, Nick and Kery Obradovich, thank you for 6 years of service leading our ministry!*



*Met Nathaneal Holy Monday 4-6-2026*

# OUR LIFE TOGETHER



*APC Meeting in Orange, CT 5-13-2026*



*MOC Clergy Retreat 5-5-2026*



*Fr. Angelo Artemas 3 yr Memorial 4-27-2026*



*Fr. Rick with Fr Michael Pres. Matia Prevas in Orange, CT 5-13-2026*

# OUR LIFE TOGETHER



*Natalia Bull baptism 5-9-2026*



*Rosa Magdalene Salloum Chrismation 4-27-2026*



*Parish Council dinner 4-18-2026*



*Syndesmos officers with  
Bishop Dionysios 5-6-2026*

# OUR LIFE TOGETHER



*SSPP High School grads 5-3-2026*



*Sophia Levi Castleberry farewell 5-3-2026*



# Cradles to Crayons

## Donation Pickup Day

Cradles to Crayons will be stopping by Sts Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> for a donation pick up!

Been holding onto donations?  
This is a great time to bring clothing and shoes  
(any size!) with you before the 11th.



Cradles to Crayons is a non-profit organization, and our mission is to end clothing insecurity. We provide children from birth to age 12 living in homeless or low-income situations with the essential items they need to thrive - at home, school, and play.

# PASTORAL MESSAGE

## FROM FATHER PETER

### A Message from Father Peter

### *Is there a symbolic meaning to a priest's vestment color?*

This past Great and Holy Lent I was asked if I purposely wore my "green" vestments in honor of Saint Patrick's day. Let me give a little background to the "green" vestment pseudo-debate: St. Patrick's Day was around the third Sunday of Lent AKA Veneration of the Cross. The answer is no; I was not wearing my "green" vestments for St. Patrick's day but rather for the Veneration of the Cross. There is a reason "why" certain colors are worn during certain periods of the church. Let me explain the reasoning and the "why".

There are certain colors that clergy wear for certain feast days. Let me give you an example of what I am talking about. Clergy wear green vestments on specific feast days of the Lord: September 14th the Elevation of the Lord, Veneration of the Cross (third Sunday of Lent), Palm Sunday and on Monday of the Holy Spirit. A priest may wear his "gold" vestments on those days as well because Gold, White, and Green are typically worn during the Feast Days of the Lord. Those colors are associated with the Feast Day of the Lord because of their bright color.

With that said the color purple is traditionally worn throughout the weekdays of Great and Holy Lent. Some priests even wear black vestments with either white or silver mixed in because solely black vestment color is not allowed in our church tradition. I remember having a conversation with our late Metropolitan Iakovos of blessed memory where he often told me that purple vestments are a recent western influence. To be honest with you I am not sure how recently the color purple was introduced to the east - meaning Eastern Orthodox Church. Our late Metropolitan would use the phrase "krasato" or wine like (the wine color of merlot comes close to what our late Metropolitan was talking about) color to explain to me what his definition of the true Orthodox Great and Holy Lenten color was. Our late metropolitan would often tell me to make sure that I had the "basic"

"basic" colors were he would tell me white, gold, green, blue and "krasato". When I asked him, "IF they do not have that color in stock then what should I do.....he responded with a smile "then get something close to it".

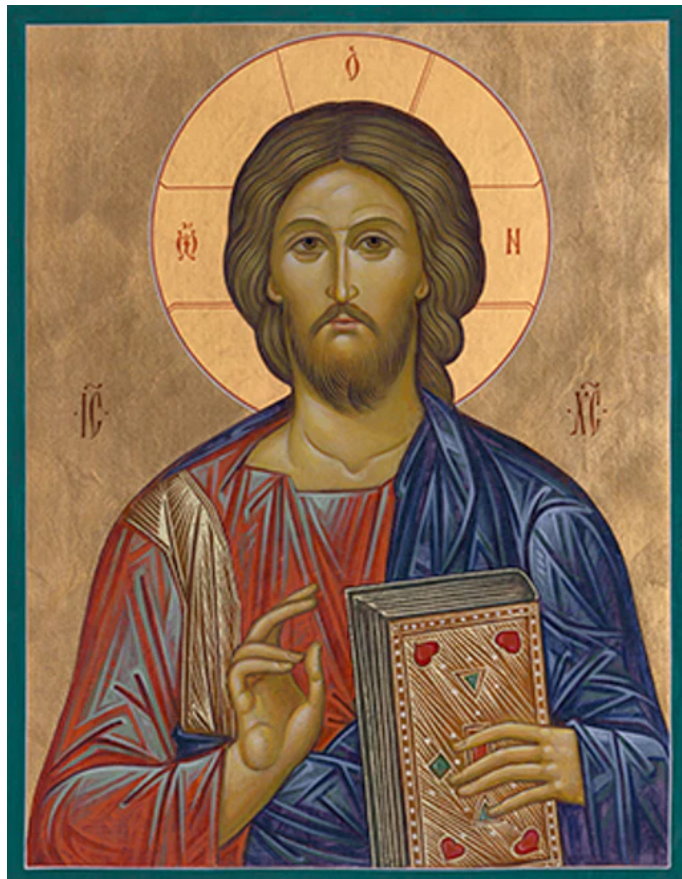
During the Sundays of the Great and Holy Lenten period the clergy should not wear the purple vestments because they are a mourning/sad color. Sundays of Great and Holy Lent are festive as in the Resurrection and white and gold color vestments should be worn. The other times/periods the clergy might/may wear the following colors: Red vestments for feast days of martyrs. The blue vestments for any of the feast days of the Theotokos: The Dormition (August 15th), The Nativity of the Theotokos (September 8th), Entrance of the Theotokos to the Temple (November 21st) and on Bright Friday the Life

Giving Fountain/Zoodohos Peghe, additionally on the eve of Epiphany and Epiphany (January 5th/6th) because of the "blue" waters. Usually white with gold vestments are worn for weddings, baptisms and funerals to represent the resurrection. Traditionally white and gold are worn for various saints and hierarchs feast days.

In a nutshell, the vestment colors do have a meaning behind them. Now that you know the "why", you can have an understanding of which color a priest chooses because of the specific event/day that is celebrated.

In His Service,

Fr. Peter Sarolas, Ekonomos



# CONGRATS GRADS!



**Craig Matern**

New Trier High School

Awards & Achievements:  
Eagle Scout (project included building a  
Gaga Pit for SSPP) ; JV Wrestling Team;  
Varsity Football; Education Fellowship  
Scholarship  
Future Plans: Ohio Wesleyan University;  
playing football



**Valerie Keys**

Glenbrook North High School

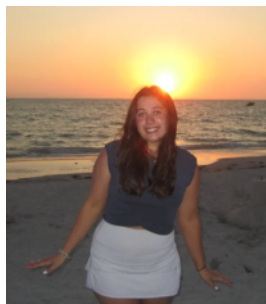
Awards & Achievements: Varsity  
Golf Team that won state 3  
years in a row; National Honor  
Society  
Future Plans: Marquette  
University - Pre Med and  
Business.



**Abby Obradovich**

Adlai E Stevenson High School

Awards & Achievements: National Honor  
Society; President - Choir Board; Publicity  
Chair - Thespian Board; All-State  
production of Newsies; Choreographer -  
Middle School Choir; Counselor - Musical  
Theatre camp; 2026 Rebecca Gayle Berger  
Memorial Music Scholarship  
Future Plans: Marquette University - Human  
Resource and Theatre



**Angela Alexopoulos**

Glenbrook North High School

Awards & Achievements: Field  
Hockey; Helped with special  
education children  
Future Plans: Purdue University  
- Psychological Sciences &  
Sociology



**Amalia Tryfonopoulos**  
Glenbrook South High School

Awards & Achievements: Vice President -  
Women in Business Club; Marketing  
Editor - Etruscan Yearbook; National  
Honor Society; Honor Roll (4 years)  
Future Plans: Michigan State University -  
Broad College of Business - Marketing



**Magdalene (Maggie) Gjermano**  
Glenbrook North High School

Awards & Achievements:  
National Merit Commended  
Student; President of the  
Hellenic Club; Leader/  
Choreographer of Orchesis  
Dance Company; Teen Director  
of Operation Snowball  
Future Plans: Northwestern  
University - Economics



**Julia Alifieris**  
Glenbrook South High School

Awards & Achievements:  
National Honor Society; Tri M  
Honor Society; National Merit  
Commended Student; AP  
Scholar; Symphony Orchestra  
(4 years)  
Future Plans: Undecided



**Marissa Duri**  
Glenbrook South High School

Awards & Achievements: Pursued  
SELC track and many STEM projects  
and clubs; Led the Glenview Got  
STEAM initiative for middle school  
children; Tutored at the Titan Learning  
Center  
Future Plans: Ohio State University -  
Biology/Pre Dental



**Jianna Devine**  
Glenbrook South High School

Awards & Achievements: Quill & Scroll International Journalism Honors; National Honor Society; Journalism State Finalist and Regional Champion, Northern IL Scholastic Press Assoc. Blue Ribbon Columnist, Varsity Soccer; Model United Nations Conference Winner  
Future Plans: Villanova University - Political Science/Public Policy



**Nicolette Mackris**  
New Trier High School

Awards & Achievements: New Trier Advisory Board; United Nations Club; Spanish Club; Tennis Team; Soccer Team; Awards for Excellence in Engineering & Automotive Studies; National Merit Commended Student  
Future Plans: Purdue University - Mechanical Engineering



**Jaima Devine**  
Glenbrook South High School

Awards & Achievements: National Honor Society; Varsity Soccer; All-Conference Flag Football; Flag Football State Finalist (2023 & 2024)  
Future Plans: University of Tennessee



**Mari Juichko**  
Cove School

Awards & Achievements: National Honor Society; Department of Fine Arts Leadership Award in the Visual Arts; OSHA Ten Hour Construction Certification  
Future Plans: Charles H Walsh Academy - Welding



**Chris Tranas**  
Glenbrook North High School

Awards & Achievements: Sectional & Regional Wrestling Champion; Habitat for Humanity; SSPP Pilgrimage  
Future Plans: Loyola University



*Congratulations to our high school graduates on reaching this important milestone. We thank God for guiding you to this moment and pray that He continues to bless your path with wisdom, courage, and faith. May you always remember that your church family is proud of you and cheering you on in all that lies ahead.*

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# TANZANIA PROJECT

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## *Tanzania Well Project Update*

Coffee Connection has received wonderful news about the Tanzania well project which our parish so generously donated \$30,000.00 to build new wells and to repair old wells too!

Below is an email Helen received from Alex Gorbenko from St. Paul's Church in Irvine CA: Linda [Alex's wife] and I had an awesome journey to Africa and have prepared a package for Saint's Peter and Paul including water from the wells your parishioners so graciously donated. Also included is a short video of images of your 3 new wells and the wonderful villagers who are benefitting from the amazing gift you have given them sharing their thoughts. Also, we included the (5) villages that you helped repair wells. Included are some photos the repair crew captured and the datasheets for each repair. Also, the water is actually from two of the wells. The third well wasn't logistically possible for us to visit so the crew provided images for us and will share images of the plaque after it is mounted. Please thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts to help us continue God's work! May God bless your entire community!

With love in Christ,

Alex Gorbenko  
Chairperson, Mission IsPossible  
St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church

If you would like to watch the video, please click on our church YouTube link -> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nnTzhjxgWkU>

It is 8 minutes long. Part of the length is because of the translation back and forth between the translator and the villagers. Make sure to watch villagers' faces when they discuss receiving the new well water!

Thank you again for your generosity toward this life saving gift of water.

With love in Christ,  
The CC Team



# PARISH COUNCIL LETTER

## *Parish Council Update*

As we approach the halfway point of the year, I would like to share several key takeaways from our recent Parish Assembly, along with updates on the many projects and initiatives the Parish Council has approved, begun, or completed in support of our parish community.

First, I would like to thank everyone who attended the Parish Assembly. As I shared in my opening remarks, each Assembly is an important opportunity for all of us to participate in the future of our parish. As members of the Church, we are called not only to gather in worship, but also to share in the stewardship and responsibility of our community. These meetings allow us to stay informed, ask questions, and contribute ideas that help strengthen our parish family.

During the Assembly, parishioners received important updates regarding Parish Vitality, our upcoming July Festival, capital improvement projects, stewardship, and parish finances. In addition, Father Rick shared insights regarding the pastoral life of the church and challenged us to think creatively about how we engage with the broader community. In particular, he encouraged us to pursue more intentional outreach efforts to raise awareness of our parish and invite others to learn more about the Orthodox faith.

We have two upcoming opportunities to increase our visibility within the community. As in previous years, we will participate in the Glenview Fourth of July Parade, and building upon last year's successful festival, our Parish Festival will take place the weekend of July 25-26. We look forward to seeing everyone at both events and encourage all parishioners to participate and invite friends and neighbors to attend.

Several questions were also directed to the Parish Council during the Assembly. The Council will continue discussing these topics in upcoming meetings and will report back to the community regarding potential next steps. These questions included:

1. Should the parish consider hosting an annual church banquet similar to the 65th Anniversary celebration?
2. Should the parish develop a church directory that includes parishioner occupations and professional

3. Should the Parish Vitality Committee expand its participation metrics to include ministries such as choir, altar servers, and prosphora?

In addition, the following motions were approved during the Parish Assembly:

1. Approval of Vanessa Adinamis as a delegate to the Summer Clergy-Laity Conference.
2. Approval of the minutes from the November 2025 Parish Assembly Meeting.

As it relates to the work of the Parish Council during this year's monthly meetings, the following motions and initiatives have been approved:

Capital Improvement Related:

1. Approved cash transfers from the General Operating Account to the Capital Account totaling \$63,086.
2. Approved Phase IV of the tuck-pointing project in an amount not to exceed \$102,000.
3. Approved replacement of the HVAC system beneath the gymnasium for \$24,965.
4. Approved the final phase of parking lot paving in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.
5. Approved seal coating for the rear church parking lot and south lot area in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.
6. Approved the purchase of a loukoumades machine for \$21,161, fully funded through a special donation.

Additional Approved Motions:

1. Approved FGМК to complete the 2025 parish financial audit.
2. Approved the hiring of Arina Garcia as an Agape teacher.

3. Approved updates to parish bank account signers due to changes in Executive Council leadership.

4. Approved the 2025 Metropolis Vision Fund contribution of \$4,719.

5. Approved the 2026 Festival tent contract in the amount of \$14,810.

6. Approved security coverage for Holy Week services, including Palm Sunday, Holy Wednesday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Anastasi services.

7. Approved the Gallanis Lecture Fund transfer to support speakers for the Lenten Lecture Series.

In addition to these motions, the Parish Council has established a Long-Range Capital Planning Committee to identify and prioritize major capital projects over the next five to ten years. The committee has already met several times and is making progress toward developing a comprehensive long-term facilities plan. Additional updates on this important initiative will be shared throughout the year.

In closing, I encourage everyone to continue participating in the life of our parish. Whether through volunteering on committees, assisting with coffee hour, supporting Church School, or considering serving on the Parish Council next year, every contribution helps strengthen our community. There is tremendous positive energy within our parish, but we need more individuals willing to step forward and become actively involved.

If you are interested in learning more about opportunities to serve, please reach out to a member of the Parish Council, Father Rick, or Father Peter.

May God continue to bless our parish family and guide us in the important work ahead.

Parish Council President – George Seletos

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# BOOKSTORE AND MORE

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## *Book & Icon Store*

Discover the treasures of the Orthodox Faith at your Book & Icon Store

- Beautiful, prayerful icons: traditional hand-painted and high-quality prints in a variety of sizes for home prayer corners, gifts, and feast day celebrations.
- Spiritual reading for every stage of your journey: Holy Scriptures, Lives of the Saints, prayer books, service books, catechisms, many children's stories, activity books.
- Liturgical and devotional items: prayer ropes, incense and charcoal, crosses, greeting cards, and seasonal gift sets.
- Thoughtful gifts: baptism, wedding, name day, and house-blessing selections.

**Store Hours:** Sundays after Divine Liturgy and by appointment during the week. Location: Downstairs just outside Fellowship Hall.

**Payment:** Cash, card, and contactless accepted.

## *SSPP Stewardship Progress thru April 2026*

\$401,220 of \$950,000 Goal up 31% compared to prior years thru April. "Rise Up and Build" Thank you to ALL parishioners for your donations through Time, Talent and Treasure for GREAT 2026 start!

Wishing you all the best! - George Karagiannis, Stewardship Chair

## *Family Nature Walk*

On Saturday, June 6, 2026, please plan to join the Saint Stephen Men's Group for a nature walk at Independence Grove Forest Preserve in Libertyville. We will be led by Tom Anton, our own Naturalist. The walk is open to all.

Visit the website here to check it out -> <https://www.lcfd.org/ig/> We'll start at 9am and end with lunch at 11:00 AM. There is no cost to attend. Please Register below by filling out the form [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfFdK9Wel5-WW4blrGq959jBK864kf\\_3e\\_0z69s4d4C-6g8fQ/viewform?usp=publish-editor](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfFdK9Wel5-WW4blrGq959jBK864kf_3e_0z69s4d4C-6g8fQ/viewform?usp=publish-editor) Additional details will be emailed to you. Any questions please contact Brad DeSent (847) 417-8190 Mobile.

## *Coffee Connection An Educational Ministry for All Adults*

We are Hosting 2 Sessions of Summer Book Club For our summer Book Club, Coffee Connection has chosen the book, ALL IS WELL, by Dr. Al Rossi. We chose this book with the hope that it will give anyone who reads it a sense of peace and calm. Here are some quotes from other authors: " This small and simple book holds a great secret – the secret to achieving peace of mind in Christ, in this weary and storm-tossed world we live in. Dr. Rossi's writings are a like a consoling travel companion in our spiritual journey, guiding us on toward the promise of calmer seas." "It reminds us that not only will all be well in the end, but all is well in the here and now as we live more fully in the present reality of Christ." We will meet in the youth room from 7:00-8:30pm for 2 sessions: Please read the pages suggested BEFORE each session, so everyone is ready to discuss. Books are available in our bookstore for \$10.00. So come join us on Tuesday, 7/28, and Wednesday, 8/19, in the youth room from 7:00- 8:30pm and we will make sure you get that cup of coffee or tea! So come join us on Tuesday, 7/28, and Wednesday, 8/19, in the youth room from 7:00- 8:30pm and we will make sure you get that cup of coffee or tea! To RSVP or for any questions, contact [coffeeconnection@ssppglennview.org](mailto:coffeeconnection@ssppglennview.org)

First session – Tuesday, July 28 --- Read p. 5-73 which include the Forward, Introduction and Chapters 1-5

Second session – Wednesday, August 19 --- Read p. 74 -130 which include Chapters 6-11

**"This book is best read with a cup of coffee or tea in hand."** In Christ - The CC Team

## *Sunday Summer Liturgy Hours and No Saturday Vespers*

Summer Sunday Liturgy early start (9:00am) begins June 7 and continues through August 30th. Hopefully, this will help everyone start the day earlier worshipping God and allow more daytime to enjoy the beautiful summer weather. In a similar spirit, there will be no Saturday Vespers during the summer (June, July and August).

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# GREEK SCHOOL

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## *Saints Peter and Paul Greek School*

Pre-registration is now in progress for the 2026-2027 school year. We offer an excellent educational program in a child centered, loving and caring church environment. For information contact Stella Theoharopoulos by her cell at (847) 529-5899 or by email [tjheostell@aol.com](mailto:tjheostell@aol.com)

### SCHOOL HOURS

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

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





Be Part of **Our Nation's 250<sup>th</sup>**  
**Anniversary** and Represent  
Our Church & Greek Fest  
in **Glenview's July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade!**

You can actively participate in celebrating our country's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday, while helping us represent Saints Peter & Paul to promote our upcoming Greek Festival on July 25 & 26. We had a great group last year – and a lot of fun! So come join us.

The parade starts at 11:20 a.m. and is only 10 blocks in length. All adults, young people and families with strollers are welcome. (Children 12 & under must be accompanied by an adult.) 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.

***A Surprise Treat This Year....***

A vintage fire truck, courtesy of Gia Xenakis and Larue Highsmith, will be joining our entourage in the parade! Thank you Gia and Larue!



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# Glenview Greek Fest

Sat. July 25 • Sun. July 26

1pm-10pm

## *What's New & Exciting for Our 2026 Festival?*

This year's Fest will be even bigger and better than last year! Here are a few new items we're introducing, and some 2025 favorites we're bringing back:

- **A FEST FIRST!...** Parishioners Larry & Georgene Shanley and Dino & Carrie Tsitsis have generously agreed to donate 3 whole lambs and the spits to grill them for each Fest day (6 in total). **The lamb will be roasted on site** and sold as an appetizer in the Mezze tent (from approx. 5pm until it sells out).
- Another new addition to the Mezze menu is the **Saganaki Grilled Cheese** – an immediate success when Adam Peterson introduced it at our Pascha dinner.
- Adam will also be serving up last year's hot-off-the-grill creations again — **Lou Tacos** (tortillas filled with sliced loukaniko, chopped onions and cilantro) and **Greek Sliders** (beef sliders topped with a choice of regular or spicy feta).
- The Bar/Beverage tent will offer a new adult item – the **Ouzorita** – a strawberry slushie with a bit of ouzo. A great “cooling off” drink on a hot July day!
- The spectacular **SSPP Greek Dancers**, under the direction of Anna Andrews, will perform twice each day (times to be determined).
- ***VOLUNTEER NOW.*** Scan the QR code here for our list of key areas and time slots where we need volunteer help. Early sign-up ensures you get your first choice. Don't forget set-up/food prep (Thurs./Fri.) and tear-down (Sun. night/Mon. morning).



# PHILOPTOCHOS

## *A Letter from Our President!*

Dear Saints Peter and Paul Church Family,

As we welcome the month of June, we are reminded of the many blessings that come from serving together with generosity, compassion, and a shared commitment to our church community. Through your support and participation, Philoptochos continues to make a meaningful impact both within our parish and beyond.

At the May General Membership Meeting the budget for September 1 – December 31 was unanimously passed. Thank you to our treasurers Eleni Soukoulis and Pam Paradies for their detailed and comprehensive work to get that done. Also, the Procedure Manual was reviewed by our Parliamentarian, Maryann Rasmussen, and her committee where amendments were presented and voted upon. This document had not been reviewed in several years so thank you to Maryann for taking the lead to get that updated. This also led to a unanimous vote. We are pleased to share that following Divine Liturgy on Sunday, June 7, Philoptochos will proudly present checks to charitable organizations that were beneficiaries of proceeds from both our Holiday Faire (chaired by Kris Tsitsis) and A Night to Amaze (chaired by Georgene Shanley). Both events resulted in the opportunity for Philoptochos to donate \$30,000 to very worthy causes. Moments like this serve as joyful reminders that every volunteer hour, donation, and act of support truly make a difference. Thank you for helping us extend Christ's love and care to those in need.

As June continues, our parish family will gather for two especially meaningful celebrations in the life of our church. On June 28 and 29, Saints Peter and Paul will celebrate Vespers and our Feast Day. These beautiful occasions are important moments for our parish and require many helping hands. We will be looking for volunteers to assist, and we encourage everyone to consider sharing their time and talents in support of our church community. Working together strengthens not only our events, but also the bonds that unite us. Thank you for your continued dedication, generosity, and support of Philoptochos throughout the year. We are grateful for each of you and for the many ways you help our chapter thrive.

With gratitude, Julie Anastos - President  
Saints Peter and Paul Philoptochos

## **PREVIOUS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS** ***May 1 Fundraiser: "A Night to Amaze"***

Thank you to all 183 friends that attended our May 1st, A Night to Amaze at The Glen View Club in Golf Illinois. The raffles and silent auction were a big hit along with our mentalist Sidney Friedman, who was quite entertaining. Money was raised for Hogar Rafael Ayau, an orphanage in need of funds to help young adult orphans get established in life. Thank you to all who participated and supported this joyous event!!!!



*A heartfelt thank you to (from left) Georgene Shanley for chairing this year's event, to Vicky Anton Athens for identifying Hogar Rafael Ayau Orphanage as a recipient of our donation proceeds, and to our Philoptochos President, Julie Anastos, for her leadership and support.*



*Philoptochos Board members gathered in proud support of this beautiful event and the charity it benefits*



*The Glen View Club was a magical venue for our packed house!*

# PHILOPTOCHOS



*The evening was made even more special when Mentalist Sidney Friedman magically spelled PHILOPTOCHOS from his deck of cards, surprising and awing the audience!*



*Congrats to Christine Mackris, who won the gorgeous Burberry purse raffle!*



*Jana and John Tranas looking sharp after winning matching Harley leather jackets in the silent auction.*



*We also surprised Eleni Soukoulis with a cake for her birthday! While the event was large, it was still an intimate family affair*

## **May General Meeting & Spotting Fraud Program**

Members of Philoptochos were grateful to welcome Sgt. Carly Gaba of the Glenview Police Department for an informative and engaging presentation on crime prevention, scams, and personal safety. Sgt. Gaba educated attendees on common financial scams including telephone, text message, romance, investment, grandparent, check washing, and gift card scams, while also sharing practical ways to protect personal information and valuables. She emphasized the importance of being cautious, verifying suspicious requests, and reporting scams immediately, reminding everyone that awareness and education are key tools in preventing fraud. All who attended were extremely impressed by Sgt. Gaba's presentation and learned valuable information and safety tips that they can apply in their everyday lives.



*A huge thank you to (from left) event chair Annette Vranas, Sgt. Carly Gaba of the Glenview Police Department, and Philoptochos President Julie Anastos for their fantastic program!*

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# PHILOPTOCHOS

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## *Charity Spotlight*



Each month we highlight one of our charity recipients. This month's spotlight is:

### *Camp One Step*

The Philoptochos is proud to highlight **Camp One Step**, a **Chicago-based nonprofit that provides free camp experiences and year-round programs for children and families affected by pediatric cancer**. Camp One Step serves children who are newly diagnosed, in treatment, or in remission, along with their siblings and parents, helping families find joy, connection, and encouragement during an incredibly difficult journey.

Through in-person camps, digital programs, and local experiences, Camp One Step gives children the chance to simply be kids again—building friendships, gaining confidence, and feeling understood by others who share similar experiences. Their programs are offered at no cost to families and are supported by hundreds of dedicated volunteers, including medical professionals who help make camp safe and accessible for children in all stages of treatment.

By supporting Camp One Step, we help provide comfort, community, and moments of childhood joy to children and families navigating cancer. This mission beautifully reflects the heart of Philoptochos: offering love, hope, and compassionate service to those in need.

## *Save these Dates!*

**Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>** – Following church service, Philoptochos will present checks to Camp SOAR, K9s for Veterans, and Hogar Rafael Ayau made possible through the support of this past year's Holiday Faire and *A Night to Amaze*

**Sunday, June 28** – SSPP Vespers – Philoptochos hosts coffee hour

**Monday, June 29** – SSPP Feast Day – Philoptochos & Parish Council host lunch after service

**Tuesday, June 30 thru Thursday, July 2** – National Clergy Laity in Cleveland, OH

**Saturday, July 25 & Sunday, July 26** – SSPP Greek Fest 2026

**Tuesday, August 18** – Senior Appreciation Luncheon – Philoptochos Serves (70 and older invited)

**Saturday, September 26** – Metropolis Wide Annual September Luncheon, Empress Banquets, Addison, 11 am

**Tuesday, October 20** – Feed the Hungry at Annunciation Cathedral – Everyone Welcome to Help!

*\*Unless otherwise specified, events will take place at SSPP*

# JUNE 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Apostles Fast</b> June 8 - June 28th</p> <p>Sunday Early Start 9am Divine Liturgy and No Saturday Vespers in June, July &amp; August</p>	<p>8am Orthros &amp; Liturgy at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Schiller Park, IL 8:30am ORTHROS 9:30am LITURGY 9pm Ministry Council Meeting</p>	<p>6pm &amp; 7pm Greek Dance Practice 7pm Clergy Laity Finance Webinar</p>	<p>AGAPE CAMP BEGINS</p> <p>8:30pm Bball Men over 40 (pickup)</p>	<p>7am Men's Study 10am Dynamis "Kali Para" Breakfast at George V's in Northbrook 7pm PC Exec Mtg</p>	<p>5:30pm HS Basketball in gym</p>	<p>9am Men's Family Nature Walk at Independence Grove Forest Preserve in Libertyville</p>
<p>7 +ALL SAINTS+</p> <p>7:45am ORTHROS-MATINS 9am DIVINE LITURGY 11am COLLEGE GRADUATES 11:30am Philoptochos Scholarships</p>	<p>Vacation Church School</p> <p>8:30am CS Leadership Mtg</p>	<p>6pm &amp; 7pm Greek Dance Practice 7pm Cancer Support Zoom Only</p>	<p>6pm Greek Fest Mtg 7pm VESPERS at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church in Westchester 8:30pm Bball Men over 40 (pickup)</p>	<p>11am +ST BARTHOLOMEW / NATHANAE</p> <p>8am ORTHROS &amp; LITURGY - St Nthanael / Bartholomew at Annunciation Cathedral in Chicago 10am Dynamis "Kali Para" Breakfast at George V's Northbrook 6pm Safety Security Cmte Mtg 7pm PC Exec Mtg</p>	<p>12pm Project Mexico Car Wash Fundraiser</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 +2ND SUN MATTHEW</p> <p>Vacation Church School</p> <p>Fanari Week 1</p>	<p>6pm Vicariate Council Dinner &amp; Mtg 8pm Stewardship Meeting</p>	<p>TBD 6pm &amp; 7pm Greek Dance Practice</p>	<p>8:30pm Bball Men over 40 (pickup)</p>	<p>10am Dynamis "Kali Para" Breakfast at George V's in Northbrook 6:30pm Greek Dance Workshop</p>		<p>20</p>
<p>21 +3RD SUN MATTHEW FATHERS DAY</p> <p>Fanari Week 2</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 ++NATIVITY OF FORERUNNER</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 +ST SAMPSON INKKEEPER</p>
<p>7:45am ORTHROS-MATINS 9am DIVINE LITURGY</p>	<p>8:15am ORTHROS-MATINS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY</p> <p>7pm GREAT VESPERS at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church in Westchester</p>	<p>9am DIVINE LITURGY at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church in Westchester</p> <p>TBD 6pm &amp; 7pm Greek Dance Practice</p>	<p>8:30pm Bball Men over 40 (pickup)</p>	<p>12pm Dynamis "Kali Para" Lunch at Dimitris in Deerfield 7pm Parish Council Mtg</p>		
<p>28 +4TH SUN MATTHEW - FATHERS OF 1ST SNOB</p> <p>Fanari Week 3</p>	<p>29 +STS PETER AND PAUL PARISH FEAST DAY</p>	<p>30</p>				<p>COMING IN JULY</p> <p>1-2 Archdiocese Clergy Laity in Cleveland (thru July 3) 1-3, 7-10 Agape Summer Camp 3 Independence Day Holiday (observed--office closed) 15 Annette Starr Memorial Blood Drive (3rd annual) 20 PROPHEET ELIAS/ELIJAH 25-26 Greek Festival 27 ST PANTALEIMON 28-31 Youth at Project Mexico (thru Aug-3)</p>

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