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A Message from Father Rick

Father Richard Demetrius Andrews

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Summer Hours for Sunday Divine Liturgy continue 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 discontinued during the Summer.

The Archdiocese **Clergy-Laity** in Cleveland is *June 30 - July 2*. Our parish delegates are *Fr. Rick, George Seletos, John Colis and Tracy Ronstadt*. The CLA was one day shorter, and the focus was almost exclusively on equipping people for ministry in the local parish. Thus, there were not Archdiocese departmental and committee meetings, and the plenary was significantly shortened. There was an all-attendee evening at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, a clergy family evening at the Science Museum, and the Grand Banquet which included bestowal of the offikion of Ekonomos on three active-duty military chaplains. I was blessed to make two presentations about clergy wellness. One was for priests and presvyteres with 200 in attendance. The other was geared towards lay people with approximately 50 people participating.

My **Sabbatical** begins August 15th (after liturgy) and will last 3 months. A sabbatical is an extended period of time away from one's usual work to devote to research and/or rest. The primary purpose

is to recharge and return to work rejuvenated and invigorated.

An important component of the sabbatical is complete disconnection from parish duties. Thus, I will be absent from all parish events including worship, sacraments and administration, I will not be checking my work email, I will not be answering phone calls and texts. Our associate priest, *Fr. Peter Sarolas*, will fulfil the priestly duties in my absence. Fr. Peter will be supported by the parish council, our local vicar, the chancellor's office and Metropolitan Nathanael if the need arises. Again, I want to thank everyone for their understanding and support to take my sabbatical.

We celebrated **our Parish Feast Day** of Saints Peter and Paul on June 28-29. Thank you to the Philoptochos for hosting the receptions after Vespers and Divine Liturgy on Sunday! And to the choir for singing the liturgy!

Metropolitan Nathanael and *Archdeacon Vasilios Smith* came on Sunday morning June 28 to pre-celebrate our feast day.

Agape Summer Camp began *June 3* and runs every weekday until *July 11*. Over 50 kids have registered, and we had close to 30 additional youth for **Vacation Church School** week on *June 8-12*.

Fanari Camp- 2026 is complete. Around 750 children, including forty from our parish, participated during the five weeks of camp.

Congratulations to **Fr. Peter Sarolas** who completed one year of service to our parish on *July 15*.

Our annual **Greek Festival** took place

July 25-26. Church tours were held at 2, 4, 6 and 8pm both days. Thank to our committee for all their hard work preparing and carrying out our festival.

Project Mexico summer **youth pilgrimage** will be July 28 through August 3. We look forward to hearing about our team's experiences.

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 attend and Orthodox Christian Church nearby or on the way. Take a photo with you family inside or in front of the church and send to Fr. Rick if you'd like to share with the community. This is an excellent way to continue to center our life around God and to experience other parishes and styles of worship.

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 15. 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**

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PASTORAL UPDATES

FROM FATHER RICK ANDREWS cont.

on August 6.

We will send off our **college youth** on *Sunday August 16* with a special prayer and blessing. The Philoptochos **Senior Appreciation luncheon** will occur on *August 18*. The **Church school staff** and teachers have their Fall prep meeting on *Sunday August 30*.

Please help our sister parish of **St. John the Baptist in Des Plaines** as they celebrate one of their parish feast days on *August 28-29*, the Beheading of the Forerunner--August 29 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 here at SSPP on *Monday August 31 at 7pm*. Our guest speaker that evening will be *Franciscan Friar James F. Puglisi, SA*. See flyer for more info.

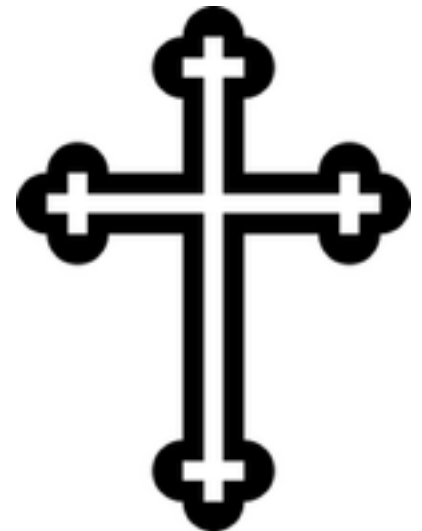
In accordance with the Metropolis Vision of Growth initiative that highlights the catechumenate, we will host the usual **Fall Catechism course** on *Tuesday evenings 7-9pm* beginning *September 15*. These classes are open to everyone, especially catechumens, seekers, inquirers and current Orthodox Christians wishing to deepen their knowledge of the Orthodox Faith.

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 care 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 experience 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>

God bless you!
+Fr. Rick



LOCAL EUCHARIST COMMUNITIES

by Nathan Hoppe - PART 5 (pages 115-122)

An Article from Fr Rick

Community Life in Imperial Christianity

Practice of community life in LEC was dramatically transformed by the conversion of the emperor. For example, there was no monumental Christian architecture before 313AD. The first basilica was the Church of St John Lateran, built from an imperial palace donated in 314AD. Huge new buildings began to host large gatherings of Christians.

There was now a strong nonreligious incentive for people to become active in the Church. This flood of new people, without full socialization into Christian identity, resulted in the Church taking on many aspects of pre-Christian pagan understandings of itself and its role in society. Paganism was publicly funded and administrated. Now, the Church became the entity whose purpose was to support the imperial administration and the people of the empire.

The Church moved quickly to align its administrative structures with those of the empire. Civil provinces (p.115) constituted the geographical boundaries on which Church territories were modeled. Unfortunately, the Church began to internalize the juridical approach of the empire. The unity of the church came to be secured not by community but by administrative control and territory.

Meanwhile, outside the Roman world, bishops continued to be connected to their communities versus territories. German, Arabic, Anglo-Saxon and Celtic churches tended to be nomadic and tribal.

Chapter 3: Christian formation, Stewardship, Governance (p.117)

The biting question: information or transformation? Are we giving information and not affecting transformation. In short, making converts but not disciples. (Fr. John Parker)

This section will focus on the way which the body works for the formation of each of its members (versus as a whole community).

In the first century, identity was based on community versus individual. The transformed personal and relational identity including ethnic Jews and pagan ruling

class and slaves. The transformation began with repentance, leading to baptism and continued with taking up one's cross in total surrender (see Mk.8:34; Gal.2:20). (p.118)

The danger was that outward conformity (esp for Jews re the Torah) would substitute for genuine personal transformation (see Phil.3:8-9).

Four essential interdependent and interlocking actions spurred personal transformation: 1) apostolic teaching, 2) fellowship, 3) eucharist, 4) prayer.

Apostolic Teaching (p.119)

Composed of study of Scriptures and Life/Ministry of Jesus. 1That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life— 2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— 3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. 4 And these things we write to you that [a]your joy may be full. (see 1John 1:1-3) (p.120)

27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He [a]expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. (Lk.24:27)

The apostolic teaching was received by the apostles from Jesus and handed over by them to the Christian community through their preaching, teaching and writing (see 2Thess.2:15). This came to be known in the life of the Church as 'Tradition.' Within their lifetimes, the writings of the apostles began to be recognized as part of the Scriptures (see 2Peter 3:16). The Christian communities resembled philosophical schools but were radically different because they did not focus on a system of knowledge but a deep relationship with Jesus.

Thus, apostolic teaching was immersion in the story of Jesus, from Creation to the Fall, to God's patient work through Israel to Jesus Himself. Jews did not need to learn the Scriptures but did need to understand how they spoke of Jesus. The Gentiles needed more foundational education in the Scriptures. That is why St Paul used Greek philosophy and literature to introduce the story of Jesus. (p.121)

For Jews, studying the Torah was equivalent to being in the Temple. For Christians also, the written word was a place of encounter with God.

Fellowship and Eucharist (p.121)

See previous chapters in book.

The Prayers (p.121)

Exemplary Jews would have continued in the rhythms of prayer (including daily). One of the clearest references to daily cycle of prayer in OT is the Book of Daniel. 10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days. (Dan.6:10)

This practiced continued in the early Church. 46So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart (Acts 2:46). 3Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. (Acts 3:1)

The Book of Psalms was at the center of Christian worship from the beginning. In the Didache (chap.8), readers are directed to pray three times per day. Prayers are meant to be offered in community (see Acts 1:24-25, 4:24-30, 12:12).

PARISH COUNCIL LETTER

A message from the Parish Council President

Dear Parish Family,

I hope everyone is enjoying a wonderful summer. This month, I would like to share an update on the actions taken at our June Parish Council meeting, as well as highlight some of the key themes from the Clergy-Laity Congress, which was held in Cleveland from June 29 through July 2.

June Parish Council Highlights

At our June meeting, the Parish Council approved the following motions:

- Final phase of the playground renovation in the amount of \$83,941.
- Engagement of Studio GC for architectural services related to the Latto Center restrooms renovation in the amount of \$23,000.
- Transfer of \$2,250 from the Maria Demos Memorial Fund to purchase a new icon of the Most Holy Theotokos.
- A \$200 donation to Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church to assist with storm damage recovery.
- Compensation for our Church School Directors in the amount of \$6,000.
- Purchase of two televisions for the Fellowship Hall in the amount of \$2,500 to enhance parish communications and ministry engagement.
- Selection of RP Building Services to paint the rooms behind the altar and Michael Kautz Carpets to carpet the second-floor loft area behind the altar, with a combined project cost not to exceed \$8,500.
- Repair of the portable candle stands used in the Latto Center in the amount of \$3,400.
- Appointment of John Colis as an alternate delegate to the Clergy-Laity Congress.

Clergy-Laity Congress

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Tracy Ronstadt and John Colis, who, along with Father Rick, Father Peter, and myself, represented our parish at this year's Clergy-Laity Congress. Throughout the Congress, several important themes emerged that will help shape the future of our parishes across the Archdiocese.

Leadership

- Lead through coaching rather than directing.
- Model the way for others to follow.
- Develop future leaders.
- Delegate responsibilities intentionally.

Stewardship

- Stewardship is spiritual before it is financial.
- Foster a culture of generosity rooted in faith.

Strategic Planning

- Every parish should have a clear vision for where it is going and how it will get there.

Volunteer Engagement

- Recruit volunteers intentionally.
- Develop new leaders.
- Support and sustain those who faithfully serve.

Parish Growth and Vitality

- Healthy leadership creates healthy ministries.
 - The growth of catechumens across the country continues to be very encouraging.
- ### Archdiocese Financial Health
- Since 2017, the Archdiocese has made significant progress in strengthening its financial position and funding the clergy pension program.

National Parish Ministry Survey

We also heard extensive presentations on the findings of the 2025 National Parish Ministry Survey, which identified common priorities among Orthodox parishes throughout the United States. Key areas of focus included:

- Leadership Development
- Faith Formation
- Young Adult Ministry
- Youth Formation
- Stewardship and Generosity
- Worship Engagement
- Digital Ministry Resources

One message was repeated consistently by parish leaders from across the country:

"Give us one place to go. Simplify resources and eliminate fragmentation."

This feedback is helping shape the Archdiocese's future efforts to better support local parishes with practical, accessible resources.

Personal Reflection

As this was my first Clergy-Laity Congress, I wasn't quite sure what to expect. After participating in the various sessions, hearing from Church leaders, and meeting parish representatives from across the country, I came away feeling genuinely encouraged and optimistic.

It was inspiring to see the renewed commitment to strengthening our parishes through leadership development, stewardship, ministry support, and strategic planning. I firmly believe the ideas, resources, and relationships developed through the Congress will help us continue building a vibrant parish community here at Saints Peter & Paul.

Thank You

Thank you for your continued prayers, generosity, and faithful support of our parish. Through your gifts of time, talent, and treasure, our parish continues to grow, serve, and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

May God continue to bless our parish family and all who worship here.

In Christ,

George Seletos

Parish Council President

PASTORAL MESSAGE

FROM FATHER PETER

A Message from Father Peter

St. Phanourios: the newly revealed Saint from the island of Rhodes.

We are in the month of August and to be honest with you, I cannot believe that school is about to begin for most of our kids. We just celebrated Memorial Day and then we blinked a quick minute and then we celebrated the 250 year of our Independence on the fourth (4th) of July. As we are entering the month of August we will be holding Paraklesis for the fifteen (15) days for the Theotokos and observing the fast.

August twenty-seventh (27th) is the feast day of St. Phanourios the newly revealed saint from the Island of Rhodes. What do we know about St. Phanourios? There is really not a great deal that we know about St. Phanourios. However there is a special bread/pita that is associated with St. Phanourios called the phanouropita. First, let us focus on what we know about Saint Phanourios. As I stated before, the feast day of St. Phanourios is the twenty-seventh (27th) of August and there is a reason for that. We do know that he is from the Island of Rhodes. In most of the icons of St. Phanourios, he is holding either a candle and/or a sword with a shield on his back or side, meaning that he was in the army or was a soldier. His name translates to "the revealer", derived from the Greek verb phaneronō.

Here is what we do know about St. Phanourios. Several monks from a local monastery in Rhodes discovered an old church that was severely damaged. Local legend has it that there was an Ottoman presence who had taken over the island. They not only damaged buildings but churches as well. There were several monks that went on a walk, unsure why they were walking. The monks discovered something that looked out of place. When the monks took a closer look at the ruins, they uncovered the ruins of a beautiful church, however they could not make out several of the icons that they found. They brought word to the local hierarch whose name was Nilus. Nilus was the Metropolitan of Rhodes during the fourteen (14) century. Metropolitan Nilus went to the site of the church that the monks discovered. There Metropolitan Nilus saw the ruins of the church and found only an icon that had the name of Phanourios written on the icon. The other icons were not so easily recognized due to the various

circumstances, meaning that the church was severely damaged and that some of the icons were hard to read the inscriptions on the icon. There was an icon of St. Phanourios that had twelve (12) scenes of his martyrdom. It was through this icon that was barely recognizable that Metropolitan Nilus concluded that St. Phanourios was a young soldier and that he was tortured. This is what we know about his martyrdom.

The icon of St. Phanourios and the twelve (12) scenes of his martyrdom:

(1) St. Phanourios is standing in front of a Roman ruler. (2) a Roman soldier is hitting St. Phanourios for being a Christian (3) Roman soldiers are striking/hitting St. Phanourios who is on the ground. (4) St. Phanourios is in jail and is being tortured with sharp objects. (5) St. Phanourios is back in jail praying to God to give him strength to endure his martyrdom. (6) St. Phanourios is again in front of Roman magistrate again defending his position (7) St. Phanourios is again beaten severely than previously (8) Mechanical tools are used to torture St. Phanourios (9) St. Phanourios is cast into a pit with wild beasts however the beasts did not harm the saint while the Roman torturers look on (10) a huge rock is placed to kill St. Phanourios since the last event did not but they did not succeed (11) St. Phanourios is in front of an idol altar to make a sacrifice but the saint is strong in his faith (12) St. Phanourios is in a fiery pit as his last martyrdom and he seems to be praying without being bothered by the fire or the smoke.

This is where things get a little tricky. When a saint gets canonized, his or her name is entered into the synaxarion or plainly put in the book of all the saints. Saint Phanourios' name did not appear in any of the manuscripts of synaxarion (list of saints). Metropolitan Nilus asked the Ottoman ruler if a church could be restored and the request was denied. Metropolitan Nilus then traveled to Constantinople to get special permission for the church to be restored and went back to Rhodes and with the letter in hand the church was later restored. In America, there is, to my knowledge, one church that is named after St. Phanourios. Why do we bake a "cake/pita" aka a phanouropita? First of all the phanouropita

should be either seven to nine or even up to eleven ingredients. The recipe depends on the tradition with which you are familiar. There are some traditions that say the reason that we bake a phanouropita is because of the saint's mother. We really know nothing about St. Phanourios mother. Some say that she was not nice towards the poor and needy and the other tradition is that she was a very sinful woman. There is no strong evidence of such tradition of why we bake a phanouropita, however we bake a phanouropita for various other reasons. Usually a person or a family bakes a phanouropita because they lose something. That something could be of value, meaning the item could be a ring, necklace, it could be an important document, or even an important decision that the family or individual is facing and they need a solution found. Baking a phanouropita and praying to St. Phanourios for losing something is not the only reason – you see asking for St. Phanourios prayers to help reveal to you an important decision that has come into your life. Many times my family and I ask for St. Phanourios to help us reveal that important decision and when St. Phanourios reveals to us the answer and/or the lost item, we bake a phanouropita. St. Phanourios is not a saint that we pray to for lost objects. He is the saint of helping us find that thing whether it is a personal issue or even helping us find peace in our lives, even if we just pray to St. Phanourios to reveal something to us, that is enough.

There have been many miracles that have been attributed to St. Phanourios. St. Phanourios is that saint that we pray to for lost items and/or the need for spiritual guidance on a personal matter for us to find what is God's will. Whatever the prayer request is for St. Phanourios, it will always be revealed to us, we just need to be patient and have faith and trust in our faith. We honor him by making phanouropita on his feast day but more importantly, we do this when we need to throughout the year and bring it to church for prayer.

May Saint Phanourios intercede in our lives, and may St. Phanourios help us reveal.....May St. Phanourios help us through the difficulties that life brings to us.

PASTORAL MESSAGE

FROM FATHER PETER



ΠÉΤΑ ΑΥÍΟΥ FANOURÍΟΥ/St. Phanourios Cake/Pita (Phanouropita)

An old custom/tradition is to bake this cake as a thanksgiving offering to St. Panourios, the patron saint of lost articles. The suppliant pledged a cake in his prayer to the St. Phanourios for the return of his/her lost, treasured article. When the prayer is answered and the article is found/revealed, the St. Phanourios cake is taken to the church for a blessing. It is then cut into pieces and distributed to the parishioners and/or poor and needy outside the church door. (Recipe taken from the St. Demetrios, Seattle Washington Cookbook)

Makes 12 servings

1½ cups fresh orange juice

1½ cup cream sherry

2 tablespoons butter

1 cup golden raisins

1 cup sugar

1 teaspoon salt

1 tablespoon cinnamon

2 tablespoons brandy or rum

In a saucepan, combine orange juice, sherry, but-ter, raisins, sugar, salt, cinnamon and brandy.

Bring to a boil; simmer for 10 minutes, stirring often. Remove from heat; cool.

2 cups sifted flour

1½ teaspoons baking powder

½ teaspoon baking soda / cup chopped walnuts (optional)

Mix together flour, baking powder, and baking soda; stir into the cooled mixture. Blend until smooth; add nuts (if used) and mix well. Pour into a greased 7-inch brioche pan. Bake at 325° F 1 hour and 15 minutes. Keeps well if tightly covered.



Apolytikion of Saint Phanourios

A heavenly hymn is celebrated brightly upon the earth, and the angelic assembly now joyfully keeps an earthly feast. From above, they praise your struggles with hymns, while below, the Church proclaims the heavenly glory which you found through your labors and sufferings, O glorious Phanourios.

2026 SSPP GREEK FEST



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OUR LIFE TOGETHER

*Please Welcome our new members to your beautiful parish!
Christina Vercillo and Kevin Topolewski*



40 Day Churching on June 28th - Julia Johnsen & baby Elsie Alexandra (with father Dean)



40 Day Churching for Caidi (Christina) Mammias-Vanderporten and baby Rhodes Evangelos. Congratulations to both, and to dad Steve!



Welcome to the newly baptized and chrismated servant of God Annie-Anastasia on June 27th! Congratulations to parents Megan and Gus Anagnostopoulos with godparent Sophia Liarakos.



Welcome to the newly baptized and chrismated servant of God, Emma(lia) on July 11th. Congratulations to godparent Nouno Alec Gatzliolis and to parents Jenna Gatzliolis and Mitch Grant.

4TH of JULY GLENVIEW PARADE



OUR LIFE TOGETHER



*Consul General at SSPP feast day
vespers 6-28-2026*



Metropolitan Nathanel liturgy 6-28-2026



*John and Maria Bausch recognition and letter he
received from police department for helping the
community*



OUR LIFE TOGETHER



Vacation Church School chat with Fr. Peter



Pres Jane and Patricia Artemas at Clergy Laity 7-1-2026



Clergy Laity SSPP table 7-2-2026



Vacation Church School 2026 Group

SSPP Vespers and Feast Day 6/28 & 6/29



FANARI CAMPERS & STAFF



Week 2 SSPP Fanari Campers



SSPP Fanari Campers



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

Twelfth Annual

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

Monday, August 31, 2026 | 7 p.m.

Saints Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church

1401 Wagner Road, Glenview, Illinois 60025

Livestream available at ssppglenview.org

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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.

**The Vespers will be followed by
a reception and a lecture by James F. Puglisi, SA**

Creation and Ecumenism: Toward a Shared Christian Witness in an Ecological Age

Franciscan Friar James F. Puglisi, SA examines care for creation as an emerging ecumenical locus in which diverse Christian traditions find convergence without uniformity. Situating the ecological crisis as a theological challenge, he draws upon Orthodox, Catholic, and Protestant insights to articulate a shared anthropological and sacramental vision of creation. He proposes that a renewed Christian response to the ecological crisis must be grounded in prayer, liturgical awareness, and common witness rooted in the recognition of creation as gift and offering.



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Saturday, October 3, 2026

*Join us for our 5K Walk/Run and make a difference
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St. Andrew's Greek Orthodox Church

5649 N. Sheridan Rd. • Chicago, IL 60660

Registration 8:00 a.m. • Walk/Run Begins 9:00 a.m. • Breakfast following the race
\$25—Registration before 9/18 | \$35—Registration after 9/18 | \$10—Children under 12

Sponsorship levels: Titanium \$2,500 | Platinum \$1,000 | Gold \$500 | Silver \$250

To guarantee a t-shirt, register by 9/18/2026

Register or sponsor online at

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11th Annual Day of Giving

Hellenic College Holy Cross is the only Greek Orthodox college, seminary, and graduate school of theology in America. It is the intellectual and spiritual center of the Archdiocese.

HCHC celebrates its feast day and its **11th Annual Day of Giving on Sept. 14** as Orthodox Christians celebrate the Exaltation of the Cross.

Our goal is to welcome 1,000 new monthly donors to the HCHC Advocate Program. Will you join us?

By giving monthly, you provide HCHC consistent income that helps the school educate, form and prepare the clergy needed for 70 parishes currently without an assigned clergyman - and to all parishes in need.

The school's sacred mission impacts every parish, every family, and every generation of Orthodox Christians in America - as it has for almost 90 years. **When HCHC thrives, parishes prosper.**

On this Day of Giving, please **prayerfully consider becoming an Advocate** or making a gift.

Parish Partners may also make gifts to HCHC through the Archdiocesan Parish Total Commitment Program.



MINISTRY UPDATES

Book & Icon Store

Send Them Off with More Than Just Supplies! As your college student packs for a new semester, don't forget to pack something even more lasting—their Orthodox faith. A beloved icon for their dorm room, a prayer book for quiet moments, a pocket New Testament, a prayer rope, or a small cross can serve as daily reminders that Christ is always with them and that they remain connected to the faith and values they were raised to cherish. Whether they're heading across town or across the country, these simple gifts offer comfort, encouragement, and a tangible connection to home and to the life of the Church. Visit our Book & Icon Store to find meaningful gifts that will strengthen and inspire your students throughout the school year. Looking for a special gift for another occasion? We also offer a beautiful selection of baptism and wedding gifts, including heirloom-quality icons, crosses, prayer books, keepsakes, and other treasured Orthodox gifts to celebrate life's most meaningful milestones. Send them off with faith. Celebrate every milestone with Christ. Visit the Book & Icon Store today! bookstore@ssppglenview.org

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).

Saint Stephen Men's Group

The Saint Stephen Men's group brings men closer together through Orthodox Christian Fellowship, Philanthropy, and Educational programs.

Join the Mailing List: Please join our email list to keep up to date with activities. We welcome all adult men from Saints Peter and Paul, Orthodox and Non-Orthodox, and their friends who are interested in participating.

Please join the email list at: <https://ssppglenview.org/st-stephens-mens-group/>

Thursday Morning Study Group (Meets via zoom) We will be studying the book starting in September. (Available in the Church Book Store) - Thirty Steps to Heaven: The Ladder of Divine Ascent for All Walks of Life Book by Vassilios Papavassiliou. Archimandrite Vassilios interprets the Ladder for the ordinary Christian without sacrificing any of its beauty and power. Now you too can accept the challenge offered by St. John Climacus to ascend closer to God with each passing day. Please join us starting on September 10th 7:00 AM via Zoom to start this study.

Coffee Connection

ALL IS WELL - That's the name of the book Coffee Connection has chosen for our summer book club! Even if you couldn't join us for our first book session on July 28, there's still time for you to read the book before our final session on Wednesday August 19th! We will meet in the youth room again from 7:00-8:30pm for the 2nd session. To RSVP or for any questions, contact coffeeconnection@ssppglenview.org

Wednesday, August 19th - 2nd session of Coffee Connection Summer Book Club

Church School

Church School is available for students N3 (Age 3) through High School. Please be sure to register today as this helps teachers and staff prepare for a wonderful year ahead, teaching our children in the Faith of Christ. We also have a number of volunteer opportunities for parents to be involved and make every Church School event a success. To register and learn more about our Church School program, visit <https://ssppglenview.org/cs> or scan the QR code. The deadline to register is August 31. The first day of Church School will be Sunday, September 13.



MINISTRY UPDATES cont.

News from Agape Preschool

Agape Summer Camp wrapped up in mid-July after another fun-filled season! We were blessed to welcome nearly 60 campers this summer, and our days were filled with learning, laughter, creative activities, outdoor play, and new friendships. Thank you to our dedicated staff and wonderful families for making this summer such a memorable experience.

We are also continuing to accept enrollment applications for the 2026–2027 school year for children ages 2 through Kindergarten. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about our preschool program, please contact us at agape@ssppglenview.org for additional information or to schedule a tour.

As we prepare for the new school year, we look forward to welcoming back our returning families and greeting the new families who will be joining the Agape community. We are excited for another wonderful year of learning, faith, and growth together!



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PROGRAM FEATURES :

- ✓ Flexible programming for ages 2 through Kindergarten
- ✓ Play-based learning
- ✓ Outdoor play
- ✓ Orthodox Christian Teachings
- ✓ Greek School

ALL ARE WELCOME!

 agape@ssppglenview.org

 <https://ssppglenview.org/agape-preschool/>

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68TH ANNUAL FEDERATION OF GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH MUSICIANS CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 9-11, 2026 | ST. ATHANASIOS, AURORA, IL

CALLING ALL CHOIR MEMBERS, CHANTERS, OR ANYONE INTERESTED IN CHURCH MUSIC!

Registration includes all workshops & rehearsals, as well as meals, including an awards & celebration banquet!

For questions about the registration process, email: webmaster@chicagofederation.com

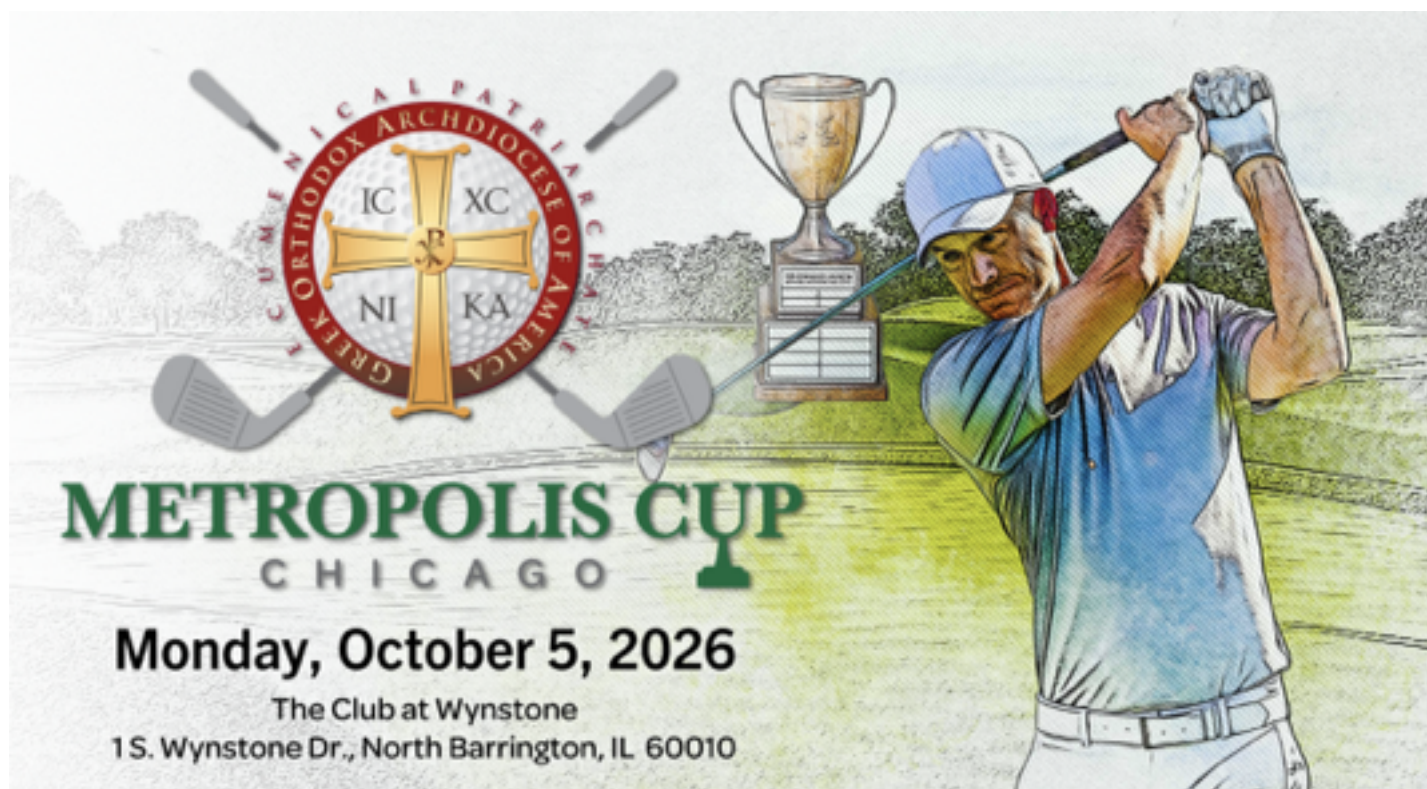
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



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METROPOLIS CUP
CHICAGO

Monday, October 5, 2026

The Club at Wynstone
1 S. Wynstone Dr., North Barrington, IL 60010

PHILOPTOCHOS

A Letter from Our President!

Dear Parish Family,

As summer begins to wind down, the Philoptochos is already looking ahead to another year of fellowship, service, and ministry. A heartfelt thank you to our Vespers and Feast Day Chairs, Diane Economy and Joanne Trahanas, for their outstanding leadership and dedication. We are also grateful to everyone who volunteered and worked so hard to make these two special days in the life of our parish such a wonderful success.

We would also like to extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who baked and volunteered for our Greek Fest on July 25 and 26. Your time, talents, and countless hours of preparation helped make the festival a success. Thank you for sharing your gifts so generously in support of our parish.

We warmly invite all of the seniors of our parish to join us for our Senior Luncheon on Tuesday, August 18. It is always a wonderful afternoon of delicious food, fellowship, and friendship. If you are not a senior, we would be grateful for your help with setting up, serving our guests, or cleaning up afterward. Volunteering for this special event is a meaningful way to share your time and hospitality with our parish family.

As we begin planning for the coming year, we welcome your ideas and invite you to join us as we continue our mission of serving those in need with faith, compassion, and love. If you have suggestions for programs, service projects, or would like to become involved with Philoptochos, please contact me at philoptochos@ssppglenview.org. We would love to hear from you.

Wishing you and your families a blessed remainder of the summer. We look forward to seeing you at church as we begin another meaningful year together.

With gratitude,

Julie Anastos - President, Saints Peter & Paul Philoptochos

PREVIOUS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS

SSPP Vespers and Feast Day Celebration – June 28th/29th

SSPP hosted a beautiful vespers reception and feast day brunch in honor of our Patron Saints, Peter and Paul, on June 28 and 29—a meaningful joint effort between the Philoptochos and the Parish Council. Sincere thanks to our co-chairs, Joanne Trahanas and Diane Economy, for their leadership, and to the members of Philoptochos and the Parish Council for their many contributions—donating, serving, setting up, cleaning up, and warmly welcoming our guests with genuine smiles and hospitality. Here are a few photos from this joyful celebration.



Rolling in the Dough – July 15th & 20th

The dedicated ladies of our Philoptochos Society were hard at work once again, encouraging everyone in the parish to participate! We saw many new faces and even had men and children attend! Traditional Greek pastries were prepared for the Greek Fest Bake Sale on July 25th and 26th—melomakarona, koulourakia, and so many more. Last year we sold out early! So, we prepared even more this year.

We are deeply grateful to all who shared their time and love in every batch they baked. And a special shoutout to Greek Fest Pastry Chair Paula Mueller who pulled it together and managed it all! Thank you for nourishing both our community and our mission!

NOTE: We will be baking again in September for our next big fundraiser, making spanakopites and tiropites. Look out for the dates as they will be announced soon.



PHILOPTOCHOS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Celebrate our Seniors – August 18th at Noon

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 18, at noon!

Ida Haris and Pat Nassos have planned an 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 18th!)

CHARITY SPOTLIGHT

Guided by faith and a spirit of service, our Philoptochos members work together to provide charitable aid, sponsor programs that nurture spiritual and social well-being, and respond to local, national, and international causes. Each month, we highlight one of our charity recipients. This month's spotlight is:

A Safe Place in Lake County, Illinois

Each month we highlight one of our charity recipients. This month's spotlight is: For individuals and families experiencing domestic violence or human trafficking, finding safety is only the beginning. Survivors may also need secure housing, counseling, legal assistance, financial stability, and compassionate support as they work to rebuild their lives. A Safe Place is the only organization in Lake County dedicated exclusively to serving survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking. Its mission is not only to help survivors find immediate safety, but also to break the cycle of abuse and create safer, healthier communities throughout northern Illinois. All survivor services are provided free of charge. The organization offers a comprehensive network of support, including a 24-hour crisis line, emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing, individual and group counseling, court advocacy, supervised family visitation, case management, prevention education, and community outreach. Its programs serve adults and children while helping survivors move from crisis toward healing, independence, and renewed hope. Each year, A Safe Place reaches more than 30,000 community members through lifesaving services, education, and outreach. It has also provided tens of thousands of nights of safe, supportive housing for



Save these Dates!

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 is Welcome to Help!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
AUGUST 2026 +FAST OF DORMITION+ - August 1 - 14, 2026						
2 +9TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW 7:45am ORTHROS-MATINS 9am DIVINE LITURGY	3 7pm PARAKLESIS	4 +7 CHILDREN OF EPHESUS 12pm PARAKLESIS 6:30pm Philoptochos Board Meeting	5 7pm VESPERS at Holy Transfiguration Monastery 8:30pm Bball Men over 40 (pickup)	6 +TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD 8:30am MATINS-ORTHROS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY 9:30am Dynamis Divine Liturgy at Transfiguration of Our Lord	7 12pm PARAKLESIS	8 10am Pan Orthodox Choir Practice
9 +10TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW +APOSTLE MATHIAS 7:45am ORTHROS-MATINS 9am DIVINE LITURGY 10:30am Dr Kristina Mantasavili - OCMC	10 6pm PARAKLESIS 8pm Stewardship Mig	11 12pm PARAKLESIS 7pm Cancer Support-Zoom Only	12 +SS PHOTIOS & ANIKETOS 7pm PARAKLESIS 8:30pm Bball Men over 40 (pickup)	13 +APODOSIS OF TRANSFIGURATION +ST MAXIMOS CONFESSOR 10am Dynamis "Kali Pareia" Breakfast at Georgie V's in Northbrook 5pm Capital Projects mtg 6pm PARAKLESIS 7pm PC Exec Mig	14 +PROPHET MICAH 7pm GREAT VESPERS at Assumption GOC in Chicago and Hegewisch IL and in Racine WI	15 +DORMITION of THEOTOKOS 8:30am MATINS 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY 7pm YAL Panagiri
16 +11TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW +ST DIOMEDES PHYSICIAN MARTYR & ST STAMATIOS 7:45am ORTHROS-MATINS 9am DIVINE LITURGY 10:30am Back to School Sunday - Backpack Blessing	17 6pm Welcome Committee Mig	18 11:30am Senior Appreciation Luncheon	19 +ST ANDREW GREAT MARTYR SOLDIER 7pm Coffee Connection Summer Book Club 8:30pm Bball Men over 40 (pickup)	20 10am Dynamis "Kali Pareia" Breakfast at Georgie V's in Northbrook 7pm Parish Council Mig	21 5:45pm FLJ Youth at Kim & Bill Angelos home	22
23 +12TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW +APODOSIS OF DORMITION 7:45am ORTHROS-MATINS 9am DIVINE LITURGY	24 5pm Agape Teacher Meet & Greet/Family Ice Cream Social	25 +APOSTLE TITUS	26 +STS ADRIANOS & NATALIE MARTYRS Agape: First Day of School 8:30pm Bball Men over 40 (pickup)	27 +ST PHANOURIOS MARTYR 12pm Dynamis "Kali Pareia" Lunch at Plateia	28 +ST MOSES ETHIOPIAN 7pm GREAT VESPERS at St. John's GOC in Des Plaines	29 +BEHEADING OF FORERUNNER - STRICT FAST 9:30am DIVINE LITURGY at St. John's GOC in Des Plaines
30 +13TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW +STS ALEXANDROS, JOHN & PAUL - PATRIARCHS OF CONST. 7:45am ORTHROS-MATINS 9am DIVINE LITURGY 10:30am Church School Teacher Meeting	31 +DEPOSITION BELT THEOTOKOS 7pm Vespers of Environment at SSPP	UPCOMING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 1 ECCLESIASTICAL/CHURCH NEW YEAR 7 Labor Day Holiday 8 NATIVITY OF THEOTOKOS 13 Church Sunday School begins & Parish Picnic & Fall Youth Kickoff 14 ELEVATION OF HOLY CROSS 17 ST SOPHIA 19 Saturday Vespers resume 20 Ministry Fair				

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