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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Χοιστός Ανέστη!

Dear St. Spyridon Parish Family,

May all of us and our families be staying healthy and prospering. Our parish received many blessings this Lenten Sarakosti with Fr. George guiding us and inspiring us, through the intercessions of our beloved Patron Saint Spyridon, to experience and participate in the many beautiful holy services and sacraments. Thank you to Nick Argyropoulos, Gus Kolyvas and all of the parish council for their efforts and leadership, church office and maintenance staff, and all of the volunteers for supporting Father's efforts by helping to maintain a welcoming and peaceful



church order. We are thankful to Fr. Christodoulos from Colorado for joining us for the Palm Sunday weekend and the well-attended Lenten Retreat to provide us and our children with spiritual guidance about these holy days and times. We were blessed to also see Theofilestatos Athenagoras from the Metropolis of Mexico, as he was passing through to minister the Holy Week services in the Cayman Islands. We were honored to receive Bishop Timothy of Hexamilion, from our Chicago Metropolis, as he ministered the Holy Friday, Apokathelosis service.

The parish council met in early April and approved various parish items that included the Greek Independence Day Parade registration fee, Greek School Summer Camp, Festival tent rentals, Festival Raffle prizes, Golf Outing fees, confessional room renovation and replacement of the exterior gymnasium lights.

Golfers, volunteers, sponsors, basket and prize donors are needed for the St. Spyridon 25th Annual Golf Outing. The outing is scheduled to take place on Thursday, June 9th at the Odyssey Country Club in Tinley Park. It would be nice to see everyone for dinner and cocktails at 5:00PM if you are unable to golf. Thank you to Nick Kournetas for volunteering to lead the Golf Outing fundraiser.

The St. Spyridon Festival needs volunteers. It is scheduled to take place on Saturday, July 9th and Sunday, July 10th. The raffle will take place on Sunday, July 10th, at 10:00pm. Volunteers are needed to help set up the Festival areas in the days before the Festival, work during the Festival and assist with take down the Monday after the Festival. Festival departments that need volunteers include: Admissions, Advertising, Baking, Bar, Café Opa, Cleaning, Cooking, Decorations, Raffle, Security, Set up, and Take down.

Please volunteer for the Golf Outing and Festival, or any of the parish committees by contacting Fr. George, any parish council member or the church office at (708) 354-2311 for more information.

Thank you Fr. George, parish council members, all of the church organizations and committees, the parishioners, volunteers and donors for helping our parish and families by supporting, participating and leading the church ministries.

May St. Spyridon continue to guide us and protect us. Humbly submitted, Frank Kopanis



FATHER'S LETTER

Parish Family of Saint Spyridon,

Christ is Risen! Χριστός Ανέστη!

What a blessing it was to share our first Holy Pascha together! I was deeply moved by the beautiful chanting, the participation of our altar boys and myrophores, and the offering of time that many people shared to clean and help execute our beautiful services throughout the week.

On Holy Pascha, as we sat in darkness and waited in great anticipation for the reception of His light, I found myself contemplating the love of God for all of us. God became flesh on earth so that one day we could have the opportunity to live in the Kingdom. God sacrificed himself here on earth so that we could live forever in the Kingdom of heaven.

What a beautiful display of love! God gives us this amazing gift, and he displays it throughout Holy Week. The great gift of God's love is offered to us so that we may also share the love and joy of the Resurrection with the world!

Saint Paul writes in Ephesians 5:8: "You are in darkness but now I need you to walk as children of light." When our church is dark on Holy Pascha, it symbolizes our old ways – our life without Christ. We have now received the light and now Saint Paul wants us to walk as Children of light.

How do we walk as Children of Light?

First, we make the choice to give God ALL of who we are because He gave us all of Himself. This saving act took place to "trample upon death," but the evil one still works.

One of the greatest things that the devil uses against us is distraction. He distracts in many ways by whispering in our ear, "I work six days a week, I can't make it to church on Sunday" or "God knows I love Him – I don't need to be in church on Sunday" or "I love God – he knows I was at Holy Pascha – that's enough for me." Brothers and sisters, these are all distractions to continue living in darkness and not walk as Children constantly bearing His light.

God doesn't want to be our "Easter God." He wants us to be our "everyday God." I want to encourage everyone reading this article to make God your every-day God. Make God a "non-negotiable" in your life. If we are truly going to celebrate Holy Pascha every day, why don't we make a declaration that every single day we are going to give fifteen minutes to Him? Spend five minutes every single day reading the scriptures and something inspirational that will fill you with His light and love!

Second, God wants us to serve others as He first served us. On judgment day God is going to ask us, "What did you do with my Christ? What did you do with that Holy Resurrection service that I gave you? What did you do with the light that I gave you on Holy Pascha?"

God wants us to share the blessing of life. The value of our lives is not what you get – it is who you serve in this world. Let us be sincere to live our best here on earth so that we can live with Him in the kingdom! Let us go "all in" with God because he went "all in" with us. Let us serve Him by serving others in this world! I want to encourage you to get involved, keep growing and let God be your every-day God! In this way, Holy Pascha does not become a one-day event in our life, but an invitation to change our life and live for Him every day!

Truly He is Risen!

Fr. Hurre

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Schedule of Divine Services

Saturday, May 7th	Vespers—5:00 pm.
Sunday, May 8th	Orthros & Divine Liturgy – 8:15 a.m.
Sunday, May 15th	Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:15 a.m.
Wednesday, May 18	Mid-Pentecost, Orthros & Divine Litturgy-8:15 a.m.
Friday, May 20th	Great Vespers at Ss. Constantine & Helen Church, Palos Hills—7:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 21st	Feast of Ss. Constantine & Helen, * Orthros & Divine Liturgy at Ss. Constantine & Helen, Palos Hills, IL—8:30 a.m.
	Vespers—5:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 22nd	Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:15 a.m.
Thursday, May 26th	Vigil for St. John the Russian, Orthros & Divine Liturgy—6:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 29th	Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:15 a.m.
Monday, May 30	Memorials at Evergreen Cemetery— 8:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.
	Memorials at Bethania Cemetery $-11:30-1:30$ p.m.
Tuesday, May 31st	Orthros & Divine Liturgy-5:30 p.m. * Apodosis of Pascha at Holy Cross, Justice, IL

Προγραμμα Ιερων Ακολουθίων

Σάββατο, 7 Μαΐου	Εσπερινός –5:00 μ.μ.
Κυφιακή, 8 Μαΐου	Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία – 8:15 π.μ.
Κυφιακή, 15 Μαΐου	Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία – 8:15 π.μ.
Τετάρτη, 18 Μαΐου	Μεσοπεντηκοστής, Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία – 8:15 π.μ.
Παρασκευή, 20 Μαΐου	Μέγας Εσπερινός στον Ι.Ν. Αγίου Κωνσταντίνου — 7:00 μ.μ.
Σάββατο, 21 Μαΐου	Του Αγ. Κωνσταντίνου και της Αγ. Ελένης, * Όφθφος & Θεία Λειτουφγία στον Ι.Ν. Αγ. Κωνσταντίνου και Αγ. Ελένης, Palos Hills, IL—8:15 π.μ.
	Εσπερινός –5:00 μ.μ.
Κυφιακή, 22 Μαΐου	Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία – 8:15 π.μ.
Πέμπτη, 26 Μαΐου	Αγουπνία στον Αγ. Ιωάννη τον Ρώσο –6:30 μ.μ.
Κυριακή, 29 Μαΐου	Όφθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία – 8:15 π.μ.
Δευτέφα, 30 Μαΐου	Μνημόσυνο στο Evergreen—8:30 π.μ. –10:30 π.μ.
	Μνημόσυνο στο Bethani α —11:30 π.μ. –1:30 μ.μ.
Τοίτη, 31 Μαΐου	Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία –5:30 μ.μ.
	Απόδοσις του Πάσχα στον Ι.Ν. Τιμίου Σταυφού, Justice, IL

New 2022 Stewards March 31st-April 30th

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PARISH COUNCIL RETIREMENT DINNER HONORING PETE KOLYVAS

On April 26th, the parish council hosted a dinner to honor a longtime member, Pete Kolyvas, who retired at the end of this past term. It was a warm-hearted evening of fellowship where Pete was joined by his family, Chris and Jann Kolyvas, Gus Kolyvas, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, Theofilestatos Athenagoras, Fr. Tilemahos, Fr. George as well as former and present parish council members and friends. Pete served on the parish council for an inspiring 42 years. As an original member of our parish, Pete devoted countless hours of his life to help our parish become a thriving part of the community that we have the blessing to enjoy today. We wish Pete many good years ahead and look forward to seeing him at church for us to all be together.



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8 * Sunday School * Mother's Day Luncheon	* 9 * Archangels Academy * Greek School-4:30 pm	10 * Archangels Academy * Parish Council Meeting-7:00 p.m.	 11 * Archangels * Academy * Cherubs 10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m. * GOYA End of year Party - 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. 	12 * Archangels Academy	13 *Archangels Academy *Greek School –4:30 p.m. *Family Night End of School Year Party–6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.	14 * Handmaidens Meeting – 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
15 * Graduation Sunday	16 *Archangels Academy *Greek School-4:30 pm	17 *Archangels Academy *Philoptochos Meeting– 6:00 p.m.	18 * Archangels Academy	19 * Archangels Academy * IOCC Banquet at Café La Cave (Des Plaines) -6:00 p.m.	20 * Archangels Academy * Greek School—4:30 p.m.	21
22 * Greek Parade at Greektown on Halsted St.—2:30 p.m.	23 *Archangels Academy	 24 * Archangels Academy * Philoptochos Feed the Hungry at the Cathedral – 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. * Archangels Graduation Dinner (Georgio's Banquets) - 5:30 p.m. 	25 * Archangels Academy	26 * Archangels Academy end of year Program * Vigil for St. John the Russian 6:30 p.m.	27 * Greek School End of year Program	28 * JR Olympics © SS. Constantine and Helen
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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

Christos Anesti! Christ is Risen! As we come closer to the end of our Sunday School year, I would like to thank everyone who helps our program thrive. To all the Sunday School teachers, who share their time and talent weekly and are committed to teaching our Orthodox faith. To the parents, or yiayia and papou, who bring their children or grandchildren and make Sunday School a priority. To the PTA, who are always looking for ways to connect our Sunday School and Greek School students and support us. The list goes on and on, because each of us support Sunday School in a different way. It is only together that we make it a success. Most of our Sunday School teachers have taught for many years! That is a true testament to their level of commitment. They serve as role models and play such an important part in the lives of their students. Students will always remember their Sunday School teacher, which is why, I think, many of our teachers choose to come back year after year. I look forward to our Sunday School family growing and continuing to thrive. We will have class on May 1st. On May 8th, we will have our last class for all grade levels. On May 15th, we will be honoring all of our 8th grade graduates, High School graduates and College graduates. If you are the parent of a graduate, please make sure to call the church office to have them included in the bulletin. Graduation Sunday will also be an opportunity to thank all of our teachers asl well. Please make every effort to attend this celebration.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Oratorical Finalists, Andreas Petropoul and Eleftherios Halikias, who proudly represented St. Spyridon at the Metropolis Oratorical Festival, which was held on Bright Saturday at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Our parish Oratorical Festival was held on Sunday, April 3rd. Congratulations to all of our participants for sharing their insightful thoughts on their faith and identity as Orthodox Christians. Our other Oratorical participants included: Dionysia Stamus (Senior level), and Eleni Baltsas, Christos Deligiannis, and Epaminontas Stamus (Junior level). Participants in the elementary division included: Andrea Baltsas, Nicoletta Dagres, Panayiota Riley , Marianthe Petropoul, Theodore Collopy, Demetra Wagner, Victoria Halikias, Demitri Christophilopoulos, Sophia Velissaris, Elessa McNeill. Thank you to Maria Baltsas for organizing the Oratorical Festival for our parish this year!





GREAT LENT AND PASCHA



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EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS AND PASCHA OFFERINGS We wish to thank the following parishioners and friends for donating towards the church, the needy, the flowers and adornment of our St. Spyridon Church during the Great Lent and Pascha.

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HANDMAIDENS

XPIΣTOΣ ANEΣTH!! The month of April was certainly a fruitful month for our Handmaidens. We started off with our monthly meeting; where, we were blessed to have Mrs. Olga Paxinos join us in making Lazarakia. A great big thank you to her! Her dedication to our church is inspiring. The girls learned about St. Lazarus' life and of the tradition of the little Lazarus buns. We also began learning about one of the original Handmaidens of Christ: Mary of Egypt; as well as the life of Mary Magdalene and her role as a Myrrh-Bearer 'Myrofora' which was appropriate because our young ladies practiced their processions for Holy Week. We had been blessed to make an icon of St. Irene, for our visiting clergy joining us during this Lenten period.

I would like to humbly thank all of our mothers for their generous donations during our time together. Many have donated snacks for our meetings and even robes and lanterns for our young myrofores to use during Holy Week. These gestures are overwhelmingly gracious and the ministry thanks you all! I would also like to thank Zoe Kopanis for volunteering her time and helping lead the Myrofores throughout Holy Week as well as Tammy and Sia Stamus for their help with organizing myrofores before and during Holy Week. Also, a special thank you to Anastasia and Maria Chibucos for their dedication to the myrofores. Their guidance and leadership to our young girls this past week during the services was absolutely inspiring and beyond helpful! I hope they will continue to join us as we grow within our Handmaiden's ministry. Thank you to all our families that dedicating so much time during Holy Week with their beautiful daughters! They truly did amazing!!

Please join us for a Bake Sale on May 15th during coffee hour, where we will be fundraising to purchase blank art canvases that the girls will paint, and will have it donated to a local children's hospital in hopes of brightening the hallways for the young patients and visitors.

Our next meeting is on May 14th!

In Christ, Vicky Argyropoulos





The handmaiden's are looking to provide art to a local children's hospital. The girls will hand paint the pre-made canvases purchased through the Foundation For Hospital Art. We hope you can help us reach our fundraising goal so that we can purchase these pieces! Foundation for the Hospital Art

FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to our Easter Food Drive! We were able to distribute Food Baskets to 25 local needy families in our community. Included in the baskets were: Ham, eggs, butter, Summer sausage, 5 pounds of frozen vegetables, potatoes, celery, carrots, fresh fruit, pancake mix & syrup, vegetable oil, ketchup, canned corn, peas, beans, cake mix & frosting, brownie mix, salt & pepper, Jell-O, chocolate chip cookies, corn muffin mix, fresh fruit pie, brown n' serve rolls, mac & cheese, and rice .

Rev. Dunkin and his brother, Rev. Gordon from Kingdom Word Church in Roseland (formerly St. Spyridon) came to our church to pick-up our Easter food donations, to be distributed to 45 families in their community. Thanks to our generous donors, we were able to donate: Ham, eggs, chicken broth, canned corn, rice, mashed potatoes & gravy, Jell-O, chicken soup, Mac & Cheese, tomato sauce, and corn bread mix.



Spring into Action to Help Kids Fighting Cancer! Saint Spyridon's Lenten Toy Drive



All proceeds to benefit:

The Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation

Suggested Donations by Age:

Adolescent

Nail Polish Kits

Cosmetic Bags

Purses/Wallets

Scarves/Hats

Journals

School Age Action Figures Barbie Dolls & accessories Trucks and Cars Snaptite Models Board Games

Arts/Crafts Playdough Coloring Bools Crayola Markers/Crayons Activity Sets/Prepackaged Crafts Infant/Toddler/Preschool Fischer-Price/Playskool toys Play Dish Sets & Play Food Baby Dolls & accessories Wooden & Plastic Puzzles Activity Books

Drop off all NEW, unwrapped donations in boxes near the office and gym.

Gift Cards (\$5 increments)

Donation Deadline is Sunday, May 15th

Cash/Check donations may be dropped off in the church office: Monday – Friday from 9am to 2pm

Checks payable to "St. Spyridon" & "Toy Drive" in the Memo section, or Donate online: https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give_one-time/1390651 (Please Select "Toy Drive - Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest" from the dropdown menu)

For questions, please contact: Stella Parhas at 708.717.2518 or Demetria Papadopoulos at 708.870.2783

Thank You for donating!

Food Pantry

Please always remember the Food Pantry and our Donation box so that we never have to turn anyone away. If you wish to donate food or monetary donation for our Food Pantry, please bring your items/donations to the



PLUTARCHOS ACADEMY



Congratulations to Vasilios Vythoulkas and Despina Karanastasis for receiving the Agrafon Award. The award ceremony was held at St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church in Niles on April 9th.

The Centre for the Greek Language has scheduled the examinations for the certification of attainment in Greek (Ελληνομάθεια) on May 23, 2022. Both level A1 and A2 stu-

dents will take the exam on Monday, May 23 at 9 a.m and 12 p.m. respectively. The Greek Independence Day Parade will be held on Sunday, May 22, 2022 at the Greektown on Halsted Street at 2:30 p.m.

With great anticipation and excitement, we are happy to announce that Plutarchos Academy registration is now open for the 2022-23 School Year! Full inperson classes will be offered for grades PreK-8th and Ellinomatheia (unless school closures are mandated). Registration is open for everyone but is on a first come, first serve basis. You are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Space is limited and there is a tuition discount for paid applications received until May 27, 2022 (see below). A \$100 non-refundable application

fee per family is due when the application forms are submitted. The application fee will be applied to tuition once enrolled.

Application Fee: \$100 per family (will be applied to tuition once enrolled). Make checks payable to St. Spyridon Church (Memo: Plutarchos Academy). Application can be found at http://www.plutarchosacademy.org/ registration Submit application to the Church office





June 13th-17th 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$120 per camper Plutarchos Academy of St. Spyridon Church 12307 S. Ridgeland Ave A Greek Summer Camp for students in Kindergarten – Oth grade Palos Heights, IL 60463 · DAILY THEMES · ARTS & CRAFTS · SONGS · GYM TIME

Get ready to embark on a summer journey with the amazing characters of Aesop and our Greek Mythology

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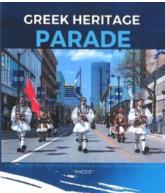
Ετοιμαστείτε για ένα καλοκαιρινό ταξίδι με τους ήρωες του Αισώπου και της Ελληνικής μας Μυθολογίας





GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022

GREEKTOWN ON HALSTED STREET @ 2:30 P.M.





Archangels Academy

Χοιστός Ανέστη!

Can't believe it's already May and our school year is quickly coming to an end. April was a very busy month and successful month. We were able to host our very first Family Paint Night! It was so amazing to see all our families come and enjoy an evening together. Thank you to all our families who were involved to help make this happen. Thank you to Kefi Restaurant of Palos Heights for donating all the food for our event. We truly appreciate the overwhelming support from everyone.

On Tuesday, May 24th, Archangels Academy will be holding our 17th Annual Graduation Banquet at Georgio's. The event is open to all who would like to support St. Spyridon's Archangels Academy. Our parents have been busy organizing and preparing for this beautiful event.



FAMILY NIGHT

XQιστός Ανέστη! On April 4th, families gathered for a lesson on Saint Mary of Egypt. The night started with fellowship over dinner and the kids participated in a relay course. Father George then led the children into church where he spoke on Saint Mary's life and her beautiful example of repentance. The night ended with Father George on guitar and Presvytera Diana joining him in song. The kids enjoyed singing along! Plan to join us for our last dinner and meeting of the year on Friday, May 13th for an "End of School Year" party!!





Philoptochos News

Dear Friends of Philoptochos

Christos Anesti! May our Lord's Resurrection and the light of Holy Pascha shine bright in our hearts. We thank Father George for his beautiful services and sermons during the Lenten Period and Holy Week. At our Anastasi service, Father George's joyous face and the beautiful singing of "Christos Anesti" by the parishioners and myrofores brought unbridled joy to us all.

As usual our ladies were working hard in April to prepare for Pascha. Many thanks to Toula Georgiopoulos and her committee for once again preparing, packaging and delivering the "Philo" plates for Pascha greetings to our homebound community members. Father George personally delivered to the shut ins, some as far as Indiana.



Thank you to all who supported our Easter bake sale: what an amazing response from our community! With the presale orders we almost sold out prior to Palm Sunday. With the coordination of Dina Katsoulis, Sophia Kopanitsanos and Olga Paxinos, our ladies baked over 140 tsourekia, 900 koulourakia and 750 kourabiethes. Having been the official taste tester, all I can say is everything was delicious. So, thank you ladies, kai to hronou (again next year)!

As we traditionally do, on Holy Thursday we dyed the red eggs for the church. Dina Katsoulis prepared the dark red dye and our ladies dyed over 1,300 eggs. Thank you to Yanoula Malfas and Angela Malfas who decorated 900 bags with crosses for the eggs to be placed in so they can be handed out by Father George. I still say you can tell the ladies who dyed the eggs as their fingers are always red on Friday. Thank you, ladies!

On April 2nd, our ladies attended the Philoptochos Lenten Retreat at St. Sophia's "Clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness & patience". They left feeling spiritually renewed and uplifted, also enjoying the hospitality and fellowship of the host parish. At the retreat Metropolitan Nathanael swore in the new Chicago Philoptochos board members: we are so proud to announce Kathy Korbakes was appointed to the Chicago Metropolis Philoptochos Board. Kathy has been a St. Spyridon Philoptochos member and officer for many years: her kindness, leadership, hard work and creativeness have been essential for the success of our Philoptochos programs. **Congratulations Kathy!!!**

On April 15th, we hosted the Presanctified Liturgy dinner welcoming Fr. Christodoulos Papadeas. Fr Christodoulos spoke his wise and beautiful words in a gentle manner that inspired all of us.

Looking forward we will be celebrating our mothers on May 8th by hosting our annual Mother's Day Luncheon. Chef Dean will be preparing a delicious filet mignon lunch and a children's menu will be offered. We are truly excited to once again be hosting this traditional luncheon as we have been unable to host it for the past 2 years. So please reserve your seating as we all gather together to celebrate the blessings of our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers and aunts who are integral to our life. Please see the flyer for further information and how to make reservations.

On May 24th we will be Feeding the Hungry at the Cathedral and delivering lunches for the homeless under the bridges in the city. We are hoping to serve hot lunches instead of our packaged sandwich lunches. This will take both prepackaging on May 23rd as well as packaging the hot food at the hall on May 24th. These hot lunches are packaged in to go containers, as the hall is not opened for indoor seating. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to me or Dana Vasilakos.

On June 7th, St Spyridon will be hosting the Southside Philoxenia for our seniors. There will be a morning liturgy followed by a fellowship luncheon in the hall immediately after the liturgy, everyone is invited. The southside Philoxenia is comprised of six southside churches each hosting a Philoxenia luncheon during the year.

Also, in May, we will be sponsoring our Take and Bake Sale. As usual we will be selling tyropites, spanakopites, pastichio and moussaka. We will be taking preorders through May with the pick-up date on June 4th. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be donated to the Greek American Rehabilitation and Care Center. It is important to support the nursing home so seniors needing special care have a home where they can actively practice our Ortho-

dox Religion and Hellenic values.

Please mark June 11th (Saturday of the Souls) on your calendars for a walk to raise Cancer awareness. We will be inviting all the southside parishes to participate and are finalizing the details. On the morning of June 11th, we will meet for liturgy and the memorial at church and then begin our walk. I will be sending out more information when the details are finalized.

Also, a reminder that Philoptochos is offering a \$2,000 scholarship to one of our well deserving high school graduates. We invite all interested high school seniors and current college students to apply.



Philoptochos News

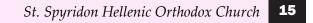
The deadline for application and supporting documentation is June 15th. The application is on the Church website.

In closing I am pleased to announce that our goal was met: \$4,000 has been donated to help our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. Thank you everyone!

As always, I thank you for your support, encouragement, attendance and continued participation in Philoptochos events and projects. It is only with your support that we can accomplish our philanthropic mission.

With Sisterly Agape, Georgia Xeros





PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Registry

Congratulations to Omar and Alexandria Ramirez who brought their child, Iakovos, (Santiago) for his 40 day blessing!

<u>Memorials</u>

Sunday, April 3rd

+9 mo. Athanasios Treantafeles, +1 yr. Rousa Ayaleanos, +3 yrs Pete Ayaleanos, +25 yrs. Stamata Vythoulkas

Saturday, April 10

+40 days Janet Tsoukalas, +40 days Soteria Hronis, +3 yrs. Sophia Kolyvas, +38 yrs Fr. Vasilios Tsoukalas, +51 yrs Pre Markella Tsoukalas

Funerals

On March 28th, Mr. Andy Theodore fell asleep in the Lord. His funeral service took place on April 4th and he was interned at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

On April 4th, Mr. Mihail P. Tzanetakos fell asleep in the Lord. His funeral service took place on April 7th and he was interned at Bethania Cemetery.

May their memory be eternal!

Saint Jrene, Daughter of Saint Spyriden HANDMAIDENS Olease Join us Olease Join us Olease Join us For our handmaidens meetings, on Saturday, April 9th May 14th JUNE 4th FROM 10-11:30 A.M A PLACE FOR YOUNG GIRLS TO COME AND DEVOTE THEMSELVES TO CHARITY WORK, CARRYING ON OLD CHURCH TRADITIONS, LEARNING HYMNS OF THE CHURCH AND SO MUCH MORE. THIS MINISTRY IS OPEN TO ALL LADIES IN IST GRADE-12th GRADE. Text @handmaide to 81010 for alerts

Fanari Camp

Kentro of Orthodox Martyria Bookstore

PARENTING toward the KINGDOM ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN Principles of Child Rearing Please visit our Kentro of Orthodox Martyria Bookstore where you can find newly published religious books in English and in Greek, icons, and gift items such as stephanothikes, martyrika and other items for your sacramental needs.

This month's item available in our book store is Parenting toward the

Kingdom, Orthodox Christian Principles of Child-Rearing" by Philip Mamalakis, Phd. The Orthodox Christian tradition is filled with wisdom and guidance about the biblical path of salvation. Yet this guidance remains largely inaccessible to parents and often disconnected from the parenting challenges we face in our homes. Parenting Toward the Kingdom will help you make the connections between the spiritual life as we understand it in the Orthodox Church and the ongoing challenges of raising children. It takes the best child development research and connects it with the timeless truths of our Christian faith to offer you real strategies for navigating the challenges of daily life.



Get Ready for Summer Camp!

Fanari Camp Session Dates:

- <u>Session 1</u> Sunday, June 19 Saturday, June 25, 2022
- <u>Session 2</u> Sunday, June 26 Saturday, July 2, 2022
- <u>Session 3</u> Sunday, July 3 Saturday, July 9, 2022
- <u>Session 4</u> Sunday, July 10 Saturday, July 16, 2022
- <u>Session 5</u> Sunday, July 17 Saturday, July 23, 2022

Fanari Camp registration will be open March 11th!

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The St. Spyridon Ladies Philoptochos society invites all interested High School seniors and current college students to apply for the St. Spyridon Philoptochos Scholarship.

The winning applicant will receive a \$2,000 scholarship

Applications and information are available on St. Spyridon's website: http://www.saint-spyridon.net

The deadline for the completed application and supporting documents are due by June 15, 2022. Please email application materials to *englishteacher30@yahoo.com* The recipient will be notified by August 15, 2022.



Saint Spyridon Hellenic Orthodox Church

Memorial Scholarship

The Memorial Scholarship Committee of St. Spyridon, Palos Heights offers a scholarship to a college undergraduate or graduate student who has completed a minimum of one year in their respective major in an accredited college or university and who is a steward of our parish. This is a competitive scholarship based on the criteria outlined below.

2022 Memorial Scholarships Available

Charles C. Condes Memorial Scholarship - \$2,000

Requirements are the following:

- · Currently enrolled college students with 1 year (2 semesters) completed are eligible to apply.
- Applicant must be a son/daughter of a steward of St. Spyridon Hellenic Orthodox Church.
- A copy of college transcript with school's official seal that illustrates one-year completion.
- Essay and Formal Resume
 - References (minimum one of the below options):
 - o the first from a teacher or professor, advisor, counselor, or dean.
 - the second personal or business reference that is a non-family member.
 Letters of recommendation must be on school or business letterhead.

APPLICATION & ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED AND SIGNED ELECTRONICALLY ON OR BY JULY 15TH, 2022 TO OFFICE@SAINT-SPYRIDON.NET.

Incomplete applications or those postmarked after this date will not be processed. All information received from applicants will be treated as confidential.

After a review of a candidate's application and equal consideration of eligibility requirements, the winner will be selected upon a recommendation of an independent anonymous an Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship will be awarded on August 21st, 2022, following the Divine Liturgy.





TAKE & BAKE

Let St. Spyridon Philoptochos fill your table with our delicious ready to bake Greek delicacies.

Item	Unit Price	Quantity	Total
Spanakopita 6 frozen servings	\$30.00		
Tyropita 6 frozen servings	\$ 30.00		
Pastichio ½ sheet frozen	\$ 30.00		
Moussaka % sheet frozen	\$ 30.00		
	2	Total Due	

All orders must be received by: May 29th, 2022

Name: _____

Phone Number: ____

You may email or call Helen Sotiropoulos with any orders or questions. Cell : 815-370-2111 Email: lenamontreal@aol.com

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Greek American Rehabilitation and Care Center



Surprise your family with our Greek delicacies.

> Order before May 29th, 2022

Online Orders:

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Or

Pay by check or cash at St. Spyridon Church Office Make checks payable: St. Spyridon Philoptochos

Pick up date: Saturday June 4th 10 am – 12 pm

St. Spyridon Church 12307 Ridgeland Ave. Palos Heights, IL 60463 708-385-2311



ONLY

\$135 to Golf and

\$150 to be a Hole Sponsor!

e contact the Church Office between 9am-2pm at (708)385-2311,

 Immediately following Liturgy - *Philoptochos Walk Against Cancer* (buses provided to/from) Lake Katherine 7402 Lake Katherine Drive, Palos Heights, IL

• Luncheon – St. Spyridon Church Hall

To join this **United Southside Philoptochos Walk** – contact your local church chapter or Event Chair: Ruth Faklis at 1.708.364.1355 or rodothea52@hotmail.com – All ages welcomed!

