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Celebrate Mom!

SAINT SPYRIDON PHILOPTOCHOS
 INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL
 MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

Sunday, May 12, 2024

FILET MIGNON LUNCH WITH ASPARAGUS, POTATOES, SALAD & DESSERT
 \$45 ADULTS · \$15 CHILDREN (CHILDREN'S MEAL)

RESERVATIONS FOR THIS EVENT ARE ENCOURAGED
 PLEASE VISIT THE RESERVATION TABLE EACH SUNDAY AFTER
 CHURCH OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE, 708.385.2311

PTA Presents
Bright Friday BBQ

Parents vs. Kids Sport Challenge!
(Wear gym shoes)

FREE EVENT!

Friday, May 10th at 6:30



SAVE THE DATE:

**St. Spyridon
Vacation Church School 2024**
June 24 - June 28
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Come bring your kids to Vacation Church School to learn about the Great Prophet Daniel and the Three Holy Youths from the Old Testament! Our kids will learn about their great faith in God and courage to follow Him even when we experience challenging times!

Ages: Pre-K (4 years old by Sept. 1st) through 6th grade

Bible stories, Music, Crafts, Snacks, and T-Shirt!

Please consider joining our staff to continue making V.C.S. memorable for our youth!!

Contact Presvytera Diana Lamberis at dlamberis@gmail.com to volunteer or for more information.

ARCHANGELS ACADEMY PRESCHOOL

SUMMER CAMP

Summer fun, here we come! Archangels Academy Preschool is excited to be offering 2 weeks of fun summer activities for students. Accepting students ages 3-5 Children must bring a their own snack, water bottle, change of clothes (just in case), & a great attitude!

PER WEEK \$130 PER CHILD
Payment due by May 24th

SPACE IS LIMITED

ACTIVITIES	CAMP WEEKS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts and Crafts • Outdoor & Indoor Playtime • Music & Movement • Strategy Games • Science • Social Engagement & so much more 	<p>WEEK 1: JUNE 3-7 WEEK 2: JUNE 10-14 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM</p> <p>ST. SPYRIDON GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH 12307 S. RIDGELAND AVE. PALOS HEIGHTS, IL 708-385-2311</p>

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD Contact Sofea Malamis director@archangelsacademy.org ** FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE

St Spyridon's Floga Hellenic Dance Troupe presents the End of Year Showcase

Join us on Sunday June 2nd, 2024 after the Divine Liturgy at St Spyridon Hellenic Orthodox Church

Performances by:
The Springs of Basil
The Wonderworkers
Floga Advanced

light lunch will be served

Raffles

Sunday June 2nd, 2024

CONTACT SOPHIA OR ANASTASIA WITH QUESTIONS FLOGADANCEGROUP@GMAIL.COM

FOR THOSE WE'VE LOST TO CANCER
FOR THOSE THAT CONTINUE THE FIGHT
AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE SURVIVORS

JOIN THE UNITED SOUTHSIDE PHILOPTOCHOS CHAPTERS FOR THE 3RD ANNUAL **WALK AGAINST CANCER**

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024
ALL AGES WELCOMED!

10 AM - PARAKLESIS TO ST. NEKTARIOS <i>for those currently fighting cancer</i>	11 AM - ONE MILE WALK AGAINST CANCER <i>in memory for those we've lost to cancer</i> Bus will depart St. Spyridon for Lake Katherine 7402 Lake Katherine Drive Palos Heights, Illinois	12:30 PM - FILOTIMO LUNCHEON St. Spyridon Community Center <i>honoring the survivors of cancer</i> Hosted by St. Spyridon Philoptochos
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To join and/or donate to this effort, submit the form on the reverse side or contact Ruth Faklis 708.530.9064 · rodothea52hotmail.com

FATHER'S LETTER

HELP US TO "ARISE O GOD" AND FULLFILL YOUR MISSION THROUGH YOUR CHURCH

Beloved Faithful,
Holy and Great Saturday morning is one of the most beautiful services throughout the year! In the morning, we throw flowers in celebration that Christ invades the Underworld, smashes its doors, defeats the god of death and binds him forever, then leading the righteous departed into Paradise.

One of the most beautiful and moving hymns that we chant during this Divine Liturgy is Psalm 82 (or Psalm 81 depending on which bible you use.) Here it is in full:

God has stood in the congregations of gods: and being in the midst of them he judges gods. How long will you judge unjustly: and accept the persons of the wicked?

Judge for the needy and the fatherless: do justice to the humble and the poor.

Rescue the poor; and deliver the needy out of the hand of the sinner. They have not known nor understood: they walk in darkness: all the foundations of the earth shall be moved.

I have said: You are gods and all of you the sons of the most High.

But you like men shall die: and shall fall like one of the princes.

Arise, O God, judge the earth: for you shall inherit among all the nations.

If you have attended this service, you will recognize this bolded verse as the refrain that we sing many times as we throw flowers.

In this psalm, God stands up to the angelic powers He created (called here the "congregation of gods") and he judges them. To the wicked rebellious angelic powers, he accuses them of failing to do what He created them for...to do good...

but instead, being evil, he declares they will die. The final line calls upon Him to carry out this judgment because He is going to "inherit among all the nations."

So why is this psalm sung in the midst of our participation on Holy Saturday? It is because at this moment, when Christ descends into Hades, He enacts this judgment of putting the fallen angels in their place and working justice upon them.

The history of our salvation is about the spiritual war begun by these fallen angels against God. They are the ones who back then, and also today, continue to draw mankind into their rebellions against God. Sin originated from this. Adam did not invent sin. He was enticed by a demon who was then cast down to become the god of death. Sin then multiplied through Adam and then his son, Cain.

All of human history has been influenced by this fall. This is why there is suffering in the world. We are afflicted by the demons who hate God and resent that He promised that we would become like the angels – to take the place that they abandoned. When we sin today, we continue to contribute to this affliction.

But we know that God's history with mankind is about His rescue mission from enemies and the demons. The Lord defeats the three problems that mankind has in the Fall: death, sin, and domination by demons. (As I explained, all of these three are demonic in origin).

In this psalm, the demons are the ones being addressed. They "judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked", meaning that they help evil people and not the righteous. They were supposed to "Judge for the needy and the father-

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FATHER'S LETTER

less: do justice to the humble and poor." They were supposed to "rescue the poor and deliver the needy out of the hand of the sinner." But instead, these fallen angels continue to do the opposite.

Because of what these fallen angelic powers did, "they have not known or understood: they walk in darkness: all the foundations of the earth shall be moved." This last part tells us that the demons brought darkness and ignorance, **but the earth's foundation would be shaken.** In some traditions, when we sing "Arise o God," faithful make noise by slamming and "smashing" their hands on the pews as Christ smashes the fallen Lucifer with the broken gates of Hades.

Then Christ is the One Who speaks this last sentence of the psalm against all fallen and rebellious angels: "but you like men shall die: and shall fall like one of the princes." Because of their disobedience, they will die like men who are disobedient. These fallen angels will continue to exist, but they will exist outside of the Kingdom.

The completion of the psalm with the words, "Arise O God, judge the earth; for you shall inherit among all the nations" means that in His invasion of death and His rising from the dead, justice will come to all creation (even angels).

This authority, that was once given over to angels, is now inherited once again by Christ to all the nations – Jews and Gentiles. As He ascended into heaven, Christ said to his disciples, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of **all nations.**" In other words, He and his disciples are now placed in the authority taken from the fallen angels to exorcise demons, forgive the sins of others and continue to defeat the evil one.

The Church has now been entrusted with this angelic authority to preach "Christ is risen" and continue this amazing work of Christ to save the whole world! As we throw flowers on Holy Saturday, let us remember that this is what we as the church have been entrusted to carry out. Let us do our very best to destroy the demons in our life, forgive, and bring the light of Christ to all so that the nations in their encounter with our parish may experience Christ the living and resurrected God and authority of the world. May all the works of our parish be centered around this Holy work so that we may become the angels leading the world back to holiness and the Kingdom!

Fr. George

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Αγαπητοί ενορίτες χαίρεται!

Εύχομαι το ΦΩΣ της Αναστάσεως να φέρει υγεία, αγάπη, και ειρήνη σε όλο τον κόσμο!

Με αγάπη,

Βασίλης Κίλιας

Easter has arrived, and so has Spring, a time of renewal, and starting over.

This Lenten season I took time to reflect on the meaning of the overall journey that we just experienced. Starting with Forgiveness Vespers back on 17th of March, all the way through the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This season reminded me of how often we may stumble spiritually, but how we always have the opportunity, through humility and repentance, to get back up and move forward. Our Lord and Savior is merciful as long as we are humble, and ultimately repent and ask for forgiveness.

We are reminded of the importance of repentance with St. Mary of Egypt on the last Sunday, or Repentance Sunday, just before the beginning of Holy Week. It is not by accident that it is on the last Sunday. It symbolizes that we all have a chance to repent, even up until the last minute. But since we do not know when the last minute will arrive, we must stay on course and spiritually aware.

The other enlightening outcome for me was that I am learning to appreciate everyone that I meet for their respective talent(s). We are all different, and we all have been given different talents. Take time to look for the positive in everyone that you encounter.

Easter was late this year, so we have a busy few months ahead. Mother's Day is next week. I look forward to hopefully seeing all of you at the Mother's Day luncheon. School graduations at the end of the month, followed by Junior Olympics, the Golf outing and the Festival.

So, along the lines of what I mentioned above, it is the talents that we all been given, once pooled together, that make everything we do as a community a huge success.

Have a blessed month of May.

With Love,

Bill Kiliyas



PHILOPTOCHOS

Dear St. Spyridon Family,

It is hard to believe that we are already in the month of May! This past month our beloved Philoptochos ladies had a busy month from preparing our delicious Pascha treats for the Palm Sunday Bake Sale, to making our scrumptious loukoumades!

The Annual Metropolis Philoptochos Lenten Retreat was hosted by St. George, Chicago on Saturday, April 13th with an inspiring Lenten theme - "Walk In The Light."

St. Spyridon's Philoptochos was well represented with 21 members attending for an uplifting day of spiritual renewal and fellowship. We thank our beloved parish for all their support this past month from our fundraisers. As always, your continued love & support never ceases to amaze us!!

Don't forget to make your reservations for our upcoming annual Mother's Day Luncheon on Sunday, May 12th! Our committee along with Chef Dean has been busy planning for the beautiful event!

Look forward to seeing you there!

Save these Dates!

*Sunday, May 12th - Mother's Day Luncheon

*Saturday, June 8th - 3rd Annual Walk Against Cancer

Our monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 18th @ 10:00 a.m.

Wishing you & your family a Blessed month!!

Sisterly Agapi,

Dana Vasilakos - Philoptochos President



SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Wednesday, May 1st	Holy & Great Wednesday , Holy Unction—11:00 a.m. (<i>church will then remain open for the faithful to receive Holy Unction</i>) * Holy Unction—3:00 p.m. * Orthros of Holy Thursday (<i>Holy Unction will be offered</i>)—7:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 2nd	Holy & Great Thursday , Vespereal Liturgy of St. Basil—8:00 a.m. Service of the Passion of Christ - 6:30 p.m.
Friday, May 3rd	Holy & Great Friday , Great & Royal Hours—9:00 a.m.* Apokathelosis—3:00 p.m. * Service of the Epitaphios—7:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 4th	Holy & Great Saturday , Vespereal Liturgy of St. Basil—8:00 a.m. Resurrection Orthros & Divine Liturgy—11:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 5th	HOLY PASCHA , Agape Service—11:00 a.m.
Monday, May 6th	Feast of St. George—Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m.
Tuesday, May 7th	Sts. Raphael, Nicholas & Irene—Orthros & Divine Liturgy at Ss. Constantine & Helen, Palos Hills, IL—9:00 a.m.
Friday, May 10th	The Holy Life-Giving Spring — Orthros & Divine Liturgy 8:00 a.m.
Saturday, May 11th	Vespers—5:00 pm.
Sunday, May 12th	Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 19th	Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m.
Monday, May 20th	Great Vespers at Ss. Constantine & Helen Church, Palos Hills—7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 21st	Feast of Ss. Constantine & Helen, * Orthros & Divine Liturgy at Ss. Constantine & Helen, Palos Hills, IL—8:15 a.m.
Sunday, May 26th	Orthros, Divine Liturgy and “Tree of Love” memorial Service—8:00 a.m. *
Monday, May 27th	Memorials at Evergreen Cemetery— 7:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Memorials at Bethania Cemetery—11:30a.m.—1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 29th	Mid-Pentecost, Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:15 a.m.



Charles C. Condes Memorial Scholarship

The Charles C. Condes Memorial Scholarship Committee of St. Spyridon, Palos Heights will present a total of \$5,000 in scholarships to three college or graduate students who have completed a minimum of one year in their respective major in an accredited college or university and who are stewards of our parish.

This is a competitive scholarship based on several criteria with the award winners to be selected upon recommendation by independent judges as appointed by the Scholarship Committee.

Please look for further communication in the month of May on how to apply for these scholarships.

The Charles C. Condes Memorial Scholarships will be awarded in August 2024.

May 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 HOLY PASCHA * Agape Service — 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. * Family Worship — No Sunday School	6 Office closed No activities	7 * Archangels Academy * Parish Council Meeting — 7:00 p.m.	8 * Archangels Academy * Cherubs Playgroup — 10:00 am — 12:00 pm * GOYA at Urban Air Adventure Park, Mokena, IL	9 * Archangels Academy * Food Distribution — 1:00 pm — 2:00 pm	10 * Archangels Academy * Greek School — 4:30 p.m. * Bright Friday BBQ — 6:30 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.	11 * Floga dance (advanced) - 1:30 p.m. * Floga Dance (Intermediate) - 2:30 p.m.
12 * Sunday School * Mother's Day Luncheon	13 * Archangels Academy * Greek School 4:30 pm * Floga dance (beginners) — 6:40 pm — 7:10 pm	14 * Archangels Academy	15 * Archangels Academy * Iconography Class — 5:30 pm — 7:00 pm	16 * Archangels Academy * Food Distribution — 1:00 pm — 2:00 pm * IOCC Banquet at Georgio's Banquets — 6:00 p.m.	17 * Archangels Academy * Greek School — 4:30 p.m. * Family Night — 6:30 pm	18 * Philoptochos meeting — 10 a.m. * Altar Boy & Handmaidens Meeting — 12:00 noon * Floga dance (inter/advanced) — 2:30 p.m.
19 * Sunday School	20 * Archangels Academy * Greek School 4:30 pm * Floga dance (beginners) — 6:40 pm — 7:10 pm	21 * Archangels Academy	22 * Archangels Academy * Cherubs Playgroup — 10:00 am — 12:00 pm * Iconography Class — 5:30 pm — 7:00 pm	23 * Archangels Academy * Food Distribution — 1:00 pm — 2:00 pm	24 * Archangels Academy * Greek School — 4:30 p.m. * Floga dance (intermediate/advanced) — 6:40 pm — 7:30 pm	25 * JR Olympics @ SS. Constantine and Helen
26 * Tree of Love Memorial * Jr Olympics @ SS. Constantine and Helen	27 Memorial Day * Memorials at Evergreen Cemetery 7:00 a.m. — 10:30 a.m. * Memorials at Bethania Cemetery 11:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.	28 * Archangels Academy	29 * Archangels Academy * Iconography Class — 5:30 pm — 7:00 pm	30 * Archangels Academy end of year Program * Food Distribution — 1:00 pm — 2:00 pm	31 * Greek School End of year Program — 5:00 p.m. * Floga dance (intermediate/advanced) — 6:40 pm — 7:30 pm	
			1 HOLY WEDNESDAY * Archangels Academy, 9:00 a.m.	2 HOLY THURSDAY Office open 9 — 12noon * Food Distribution — 1:00 pm — 2:00 pm	3 HOLY FRIDAY Office closed	4 HOLY SATURDAY

ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΙΕΡΩΝ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΩΝ

Τετάρτη 1 ^η Μαΐου	Άγια και Μεγάλη Τετάρτη , Ευχέλαιο—11:00 π.μ. (Ο Ιερός Ναός θα παραμείνει ανοικτός για να λάβουν οι πιστοί το Ιερό Ευχέλαιο) Ιερό Ευχέλαιο—3:00 μ.μ. * Όρθρος τῆς Μ. Πέμπτης (Ιερόν Ευχέλαιον θα δοθεί στο τέλος της τελετής) —7:00 μ.μ.
Πέμπτη 2 ^η Μαΐου	Άγια και Μεγάλη Πέμπτη , Έσπερινός και Θεία Λειτουργία του Μ. Βασιλείου—8:00 π.μ. * Ακολουθία τῶν Παθῶν—6:30 μ.μ.
Παρασκευή 3 ^η Μαΐου	Άγια και Μεγάλη Παρασκευή , Ακολουθία τῶν Βασιλικῶν Ὁρῶν —9:00 π.μ.* Έσπερινός τῆς Αποκαθήλωσης—3:00 μ.μ. * Ακολουθία Ἐπιταφίου—7:00 μ.μ.
Σάββατο 4 ^η Μαΐου	Μέγα Σάββατο , Έσπερινή Θεία Λειτουργία Μ. Βασιλείου —8:00 π.μ. Μεσονυκτική Ακολουθία—11:00 μ.μ.
Κυριακή 5 ^η Μαΐου	ΑΓΙΟΝ ΠΑΣΧΑ , Έσπερινός της Αγάπης—11:00 π.μ.
Δευτέρα 6 ^η Μαΐου	Αγ. Γεωργίου, Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ.
Τρίτη 7 ^η Μαΐου	Των Ἁγίων Ραφαήλ, Νικολάου και Ειρήνης, Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία στον Ι.Ν. Αγ. Κωνσταντίνου και Αγ. Ελένης, Palos Hills, IL—9:00 π.μ.
Παρασκευή 10 ^η Μαΐου	Της Ζωοδόχου Πηγῆς, Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία —8:00 π.μ.
Σάββατο 11 ^η Μαΐου	Έσπερινός —5:00 μ.μ.
Κυριακή 12 ^η Μαΐου	Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία —8:00 π.μ.
Κυριακή 19 ^η Μαΐου	Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία —8:00 π.μ.
Δευτέρα 20 ^η Μαΐου	Μέγας Έσπερινός στον Ι.Ν. Αγίου Κωνσταντίνου—7:00 μ.μ.
Τρίτη 21 ^η Μαΐου	Του Αγ. Κωνσταντίνου και της Αγ. Ελένης, * Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία στον Ι.Ν. Αγ. Κωνσταντίνου και Αγ. Ελένης, Palos Hills, IL—8:15 π.μ.
Κυριακή 26 ^η Μαΐου	Όρθρος & Θ. Λειτουργία —8:00 π.μ.
Δευτέρα 27 ^η Μαΐου	Μνημόσυνο στο Evergreen—7:00 π.μ. —10:30 π.μ. Μνημόσυνο στο Bethania—11:30 π.μ. —1:30 μ.μ.
Τετάρτη 29 ^η Μαΐου	Μεσοπεντηκοστής, Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία —8:15 π.μ.

ΠΑΣΧΑ—ΑΝΙΠΑΣΧΑ

Της αναστάσεως του Κυρίου το χαρμόσυνο άγγελμα εδόνησε κατά το μεσονύκτιο του Πάσχα την ήσυχο εαρινή νύκτα. Το ακούσαμε και πάλι με σκιρτήματα χαράς κάτω από τον έναστρο ουρανό στα προαύλια των ναών μας. Οι λόγοι του λευκοφόρου αγγέλου «Ηγέρθη, ουκ εστιν ὡδε» (Μάρκ. 16,6) ε πανελήφθησαν από τα στόματα των αρχιερέων και των ιερέων μας και τα χείλη μας έψαλαν τον θριαμβευτικό

ύμνο «Χριστός ανέστη εκ νεκρών, θανάτω θάνατον πατήσας». Και ημείς, «οι εν τοις μνήμασι», οι συνταφέντες με τον Κύριο, μαζί με τους απ' αιώνος κατεχομένους στα δεσμά του 'δου, νοιώσαμε το σκίρτημα της νέας ζωής, της εκ νεκρών αναστάσεως, «ίνα ὡσπερ ηγέρθη Χριστός εκ νεκρών δια της δόξης του Πατρός, ούτω και ημείς εν καινότητι ζωής περιπατήσωμεν», κατά τον

απόστολο (Ρωμ. 6,4). Και επαναλάβαμε δέκα, είκοσι, εκατό φορές τον παιάνα αυτόν για να δείξωμε την άμετρη χαρά μας και την ακλόνητη βεβαιότητά μας, για να συνειδητοποιήσωμε την νίκη του Χριστού, που είναι και δική μας νίκη, κατά του θανάτου και του 'δου. Σ' αυτό ακριβώς το σημείο βρίσκεται η πεμπτουσία του Χριστιανισμού. Γι' αυτό και το γεγονός της αναστάσεως αποτελεί το κεντρικό θέμα της

λατρείας μας, το θέμα του Πάσχα, αλλά και όλων των Κυριακών του έτους. Ο Χριστιανισμός στηρίζεται επάνω στον κενό τάφο του Κυρίου - χωρίς την ανάστασι «κενό» - χωρίς περιεχόμενο, άχρηστο - θα ήταν το χριστιανικό κήρυγμα, «ματαΐα η πίστις» μας (Α΄ Κορ. 15,17). Αλλά και η ζωή του καθενός μας πηγάζει από το γεγονός της αναστάσεως του Χριστού. Μαζί Του συνεσταυρώθη και απέθανε ο άνθρωπος της αμαρτίας, ο παλαιός άνθρωπος των παθών και της κατάρας, ο υπόδουλος στον φόβο του θανάτου και της φθοράς. Τώρα όμως ο θάνατος έχει συντριβή. Έχει χάσει την εξουσία και την δύναμή του. Ο τύραννος έγινε καταγέλαστος. Η φθορά «κατεπόθη» από την άφθαρσία. Τώρα πανηγυρίζουμε την νίκη μας και δοξάζουμε εκείνον, που με τον θάνατό Του μας χάρισε την ζωή. Και επάνω στον δέσμιο θάνατο και στον ΄δη πατεί όχι μόνο ο Χριστός, όπως παραστατικά εικονίζεται στην ορθόδοξο εικονογραφία της αναστάσεως, αλλά και ολόκληρο το συνανιστάμενο γένος των ανθρώπων, των σεσωσμένων. Την φωνή του θριάμβου των απελευθέρων του Χριστού συνοψίζει ο ιερός Χρυσόστομος στον Κατηχητικό του λόγο, που ακούσαμε στο τέλος της παννυχίδος του Πάσχα:

«Κανείς ας μη φοβάται τον θάνατο, γιατί μας ελευθέρωσε του Σωτήρος ο θάνατος. Κατεχόμενος απ' αυτόν τον εξαφάνισε. Κατέβηκε στον ΄δη και τον ελαφυραγώγησε. Τον πίκρανε, όταν γεύθηκε την

σάρκα Του. Και αυτό προφητεύοντας ο Ησαΐας, φώναξε - Ο ΄δης, είπε, επικράνθη, όταν σε συνήντησε κάτω. Επικράνθη, γιατί κατηργήθη. Επικράνθη, γιατί ενεπαίχθη. Επικράνθη, γιατί ενεκρώθη. Επικράνθη, γιατί εδεσμεύθη. Έλαβε σώμα και βρήκε Θεό. Έλαβε γη και συνήντησε ουρανό. Έλαβε αυτό που έβλεπε, και έπεσε απ' εκεί που δεν έβλεπε. Πού είναι, θάνατε, το κεντρί σου; Πού είναι, ΄δη, η νίκη σου; Ανέστη ο Χριστός και συ έπεσες. Ανέστη ο Χριστός και κρημνίσθησαν οι δαίμονες. Ανέστη ο Χριστός και χαίρουν οι άγγελοι. Ανέστη ο Χριστός και κυριαρχεί η ζωή. Ανέστη ο Χριστός και κανείς νεκρός δεν θα βρίσκεται πια στο μνήμα. Γιατί ο Χριστός, εγερθείς εκ νεκρών, έγινε αρχή της αναστάσεως των νεκρών. Σ' αυτόν ανήκει η δόξα και η εξουσία εις τους απεράντους αιώνας».

Μέσα στην ατμόσφαιρα αυτή της νίκης, της χαράς και της πανηγύρεως, του φωτός που μετεδόθη στον κόσμο από το ανέσπερο φως που έλαμψε από τον τάφο, σκοτεινά πάθη, μικρότητες, θανατηφόρα μίσση και μνησικακίες δεν έχουν χώρο υπάρξεως. Και αυτό είναι το άμεσο δώρο της αναστάσεως: Η συγγνώμη που ανέτειλε εκ του τάφου. Η αγάπη και η ειρήνη του Θεού προς τον άνθρωπο, του ανθρώπου προς τον Θεό και του ανθρώπου προς τον συνάνθρωπο.

Ο πανηγυρισμός του Πάσχα συνεχίζεται καθ' όλη την εβδομάδα που το ακολουθεί, την νέα

εβδομάδα. Όλη αυτή λογίζεται ως μία πασχάλιος ημέρα, κατά την οποία «αυτήν την ζωηφόρον ανάστασιν εορτάζομεν του Κυρίου και Θεού και Σωτήρος ημών Ιησού Χριστού», κατά το συναξάριο. Και η εβδομάς κατακλείεται με την ογδόη ημέρα, την Νέα Κυριακή, την άλλως λεγομένη Κυριακή του Θωμά ή του Αντίπασχα. Αυτή είναι ο τύπος της ογδής ημέρας του μέλλοντος αιώνος, «ότι εις εικόνα τάττεται της απεράντου εκείνης ημέρας, της εν τω μέλλοντι αιώνι, ήτις και πρώτη και μία έσται πάντως, μη νυκτί διακοπτομένη», κατά το συναξάριο.

Δεν είναι όμως η Κυριακή του Θωμά εξεικόνισμα του μέλλοντος αιώνος απλώς και μόνο γιατί είναι η ογδόη ημέρα από του Πάσχα. Αλλά και γιατί είναι η ημέρα της παρουσίας του Χριστού στο μέσον του κύκλου των ένδεκα μαθητών, της διαπιστώσεως του γεγονότος της αναστάσεως, της άρσεως κάθε αμφιβολίας, της προσωπικής κοινωνίας και της ψηλαφήσεως του αναστάντος. Ακριβώς δε η παρουσία αυτή και η ψηλάφησις είναι τύπος της αιωνίου παρουσίας του Χριστού κατά τον μέλλοντα αιώνα εν τω μέσω της Εκκλησίας Του. Τότε τίποτε δεν θα εμποδίζη την ποθητή θέα του Θεού, του Χριστού, και την προσωπική κοινωνία με αυτόν. Τότε τα φράγματα της δυσπιστίας θα πέσουν και μαζί με τον Θωμα ο λαός του Θεού θα ομολογή την σωτήριο ομολογία: «Ο Κύριός μου και ο Θεός μου» (Ιωαν. 20,28).

ΚΟΙΝΩΤΙΚΕΣ ΑΝΑΚΟΙΝΩΣΕΙΣ

ΕΟΡΤΗ ΤΗΣ ΜΗΤΕΡΑΣ

Τήν Κυριακή 12 Μαΐου, έορταστικό γεῦμα θά δοθεῖ στήν Κοινοτική Αἴθουσα πρός τιμήν τῆς εορτῆς τῆς Μητέρας, μετά τήν Θεία Λειτουργία. Παρακαλοῦμε νά τηλεφωνήσετε στό Γραφεῖο γιά κλείσεις θέσεων.

ΤΡΙΣΑΓΙΑ

Τήν Δευτέρα, 27η Μαΐου ο π. Γεώργιος και ὅλοι οι ιερεῖς της περιφέρειας θα διαβάσουν το κοινό μνημόσυνο στο Evergreen στις 7:00 π.μ. Μετά ο π. Γεώργιος θά διαβάζει τρισάγια στο κοιμητήριο του Evergreen εως τις 10:30 π.μ., καί στό Bethania στις 11:30 π.μ. ἔως τις 1:30 μ.μ..

ΦΕΣΤΙΒΑΛ ΤΗΣ ΕΝΟΡΙΑΣ ΜΑΣ

Το ετήσιο Φεστιβάλ της Ενορίας μας θα γίνει στις 13 και 14 Ιουλίου. Μην ξεχνάτε ὅτι ἀπό την επιτυχία του Φεστιβάλ εξαρτώνται κατά πολύ τα προγράμματα της Ενορίας μας. Ζητάμε την βοήθεια ὅλων σας για τις προετοιμασίες, καθώς και για την προώθηση των λαχείων. Μόνο με την αγάπη, την βοήθεια και την υποστήριξή σας το Φεστιβάλ θα ἔχει επιτυχία. Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες επικοινωνήστε με το γραφεῖο της Εκκλησίας μας.

Plutarchos Registration for 2024-2025 Now Open!



With great anticipation and excitement, we are happy to announce that Plutarchos Academy registration is now open for the 2024-2025 School Year! Registration is open for everyone on a first come, first serve basis. Current Saint Spyridon Greek School families and Parish Stewards take priority.

You are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Space is limited and there is a tuition discount for paid applications received until May 31, 2024 (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).

Applications are available on our website or at the church office.

PLUTARCHOS HELLENIC LANGUAGE & HERITAGE ACADEMY PRESENTS

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June 17th-21st
10 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$150 per camper
Plutarchos Academy
of St. Spyridon Church
12307 S. Ridgeland Ave

PLUTARCHOS ACADEMY



The month of April was truly a bustling, productive and rewarding month Plutarchos Academy.

On Sunday, April 7th, despite the torrential rain and the strong winds, dedicated students, parents and teachers marched, represented our school and celebrated in the Greek Independence Day Parade in Greektown. The spirit of patriotism and community prevailed, as participants proudly marched and demonstrated their resilience and commitment to honor Greek Independence.

On Wednesday, April 10th, we hosted the Lenten Meal after the Presanctified Divine Liturgy. We wish to thank everyone that came together in fellowship and brought a dish to share. All donations will benefit our Church's Mission Fund.

Our school was invited by the H. Metropolis of Chicago to participate in a History Fair themed «Γνωρίζω τον τόπο της Καταγωγής μου» "Discovering the place of my origin". We are very proud of all our students that participated with a diverse range of projects. Congratulations to Vasilios Vythoulkas (essay), Yanni Valianatos (Video), kyria Fotini's class (class project) and Dionysia & Manoli Bertsos (display board) for receiving the Agrafo Award. The award ceremony was held at SS. Constantine & Helen Church in Palos Hills on Saturday, April 20th.

Our school will be closed Good Friday and Bright Monday. Classes will resume on Friday, May 10th. After class we are all invited to "Bright Friday BBQ" hosted by the PTA.

Friday, May 31st is Graduation Day! Please join us as we celebrate the achievements of our wonderful graduates. A reception will follow a short program that our students are very excited about! All the Agrafo projections will be displayed that day.

Camp Kalokairaki is offered Monday- Friday, 10 a.m.-2:00 p.m. June 17-21 to students K-6th grade. The cost is \$150 per camper.

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We wish everyone Καλή Ανάσταση. Το Άγιο Φως της Αναστάσεως να πλημμυρίζει τις καρδιές όλων μας και να μας χαρίζει υγεία, αγάπη και αισιοδοξία.



PLUTARCHOS ACADEMY



SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

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.

On May 12th, Mother's Day, we will have our last class for all grade levels. On June 2nd, 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 as well. Please make every effort to attend this celebration.

Congratulations to this year's Oratorical participants who shared their thoughtful reflections on faith and identity as Orthodox Christians during this year's Oratorical Festival, which was held on April 14. **Vasilios Vythoulkas** (Vocal Chant); **Christos Deligiannis** (Junior Level Oratory) and **Eleftherios Halikias** (Senior Level Oratory) will represent our Parish at the Metropolis level on Saturday May 11 at Holy Apostles in Westchester. Andreas Petropoul and T.J. Collopy also presented insightful speeches that reflected their knowledge and understanding of their faith. Epaminondas Stamus (Junior Level) and Eleni Baltas (Senior Level) will have their

poetry featured at the Metropolis event.

A heartfelt thank you to our judges, Kathy Karopulos, Helen Pappas, and Zoe Kopanis, and to our Sunday School teachers who provided guidance, support, and encouragement. A special thanks to Mrs. Kiliias and Mrs. Pappas who supplied the materials necessary for our younger students to complete their projects. The following students completed projects based on their interpretations of biblical passages, stories, parables and saints: Stella Argyropoulos, Ioanna Argyropoulos, Andreas Baltas, James Collopy, Victoria Halikias, Vasiliki Hatzimitriadis, Vasili Hohlsos, Dina Hohlsos, Sava Hohlsos, Ioanna Kournetas, Michaela Kournetas, Constantine Lamberis, Chrisa Les, Alex McNeill, Elessa McNeill, Sophia McNeill, Zoe McNeill, Kloe Mihalopoulos, Demitra Papamihail, Giannis Petrakis, Elias Perkins, Alexander Petrakos, Marianna Petropoul, Niko Skarlatis, Maria Stamus, John Sweis, Michael Sweis, Alex Sweiss, Sophia Tzanetakos.

*Zoe Kopanis,
Sunday School Director*



ARCHANGELS ACADEMY

The month of April at Archangels Academy has been a celebration of life cycles and the wonders of nature. Our students have been learning about the amazing transformation from caterpillar to butterfly. With wonder and excitement, the children have been observing the fascinating process as our classroom caterpillars have cocooned and are eagerly awaited to emerge as beautiful butterflies. Along with the study of life cycles, the children have been learning about the different parts of plants and their vital roles in the cycle of growth. From seeds to blossoms, the classroom has been buzzing with excitement as the little ones have embraced the miracles of nature.

As the month of May approaches, we will be preparing for end of the school year and our much-anticipated graduation celebration. We invite all our parishioners to join us for this special event.

Summer Camp is just around the corner and will run for two consecutive weeks. With limited space available, we encourage you to reach out to the church office or message Sofea Malamis to reserve your child's spot today!

Looking even further ahead, we are excited to announce that enrollment for the fall 2024-2025 academic year is now open! Given the limited availability, we urge interested families to visit our website at archangelsacademy.org for tuition information and to download the application today. While there, take a moment to explore our photo gallery and read some parent testimonials to discover why our preschool is truly extraordinary. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

Important Dates to Remember:

- Thursday, May 2nd - Monday, May 6th - NO SCHOOL - PASCHA BREAK
- Wednesday, May 29th - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- Thursday, May 30th - End of the Year Celebration/ Graduation





On Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th, our nation honors its VETERANS, our heroes who have fallen asleep in the Lord, by remembering them in prayer services both in churches and at our cemeteries. The day to remember all our loved ones who have fallen asleep is on Saturday of Souls which this year falls on June 22nd, the day before Pentecost. However, due to a long-standing tradition, we continue to observe Memorial Day as a day to honor and remember everyone along with our veterans.

On Sunday, May 26th, we will have a memorial for all the faithful commemorated on our 'Tree of Love'. Furthermore, please submit names of the veterans in your family who have fallen asleep, to be remembered at the memorial, by emailing them to office@saint-spyridon.net

On Memorial Day, May 27th, Fr. George will be at Evergreen Cemetery at 7:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. and then at Bethania Cemetery 11:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m..

At the cemetery, EVERYONE is instructed to stand graveside quietly and reverently until a priest comes to read the trisagion. At Evergreen, Fr. George will read row by row, east to west, starting at 7:00 a.m.. At Bethania, Fr. George will read row by row, east (St. Stylianos section) to west, starting at 11:30 a.m..

Την Κυριακή 26 Μαΐου, θα τελεσθεί μνημόσυνο για όσους μνημονεύονται στο 'Tree of Love' της ενορίας μας και όλους όσους υπηρέτησαν στις στρατιωτικές δυνάμεις.

Την Δευτέρα, 27 Μαΐου, ο π. Γεώργιος θα τελεί τρισάγια στα κοιμητήρια Evergreen (7:00 π.μ.-10:30 π.μ.) και Bethania (11:30 π.μ. -1:30 μ.μ.).

Στο κοιμητήριο, θα σταθίτε στα μνήματα, και ο π. Γεώργιος θα περάσει σειρά με σειρά, αρχίζοντας από το ανατολικό μέρος του κάθε κοιμητηρίου. Σας παρακαλούμε να περιμένετε δίπλα στα μνήματα προσευχόμενοι και με την ευπρεπή ευλάβεια καθώς θα διαβάσουμε ευχές και θα ψάλλουμε το 'Χριστός Ανέστη' για την ανάπαυση όλων των κεκοιμημένων.

TREE OF LOVE

In the main hallway of St. Spyridon stands a golden and bronze "Tree of Love" with an icon of our patron saint at its base. This "Tree of Love" is a symbol of our commitment to the ministry of our community.

With great hope for our community's future and with love for St. Spyridon, we invite you to join the numerous supporters whose names are engraved on these golden and bronze leaves in recognition of their gifts to the Church. There are numerous ways to contribute to our "Tree of Love" such as to honor a friend or in memory of loved ones. For more information, please call the Church Office.

Special Memorial Service for all the faithful who are on the Tree of Love will be commemorated on May 26th, after the Divine Liturgy.

OLIVE OIL NEEDED

We need oil for our oil lamps. There are six vigil lamps continuously burning olive oil at our church: Altar table, Presanctified gifts, Christ's Cross, St. Panteleimon, St. Phanourios, and St. Nikiforos the Leper.

We light up to twenty more vigil lamps more during services. Please bring any olive oil you wish to donate to the church narthex or to the church office.



ADVERTISE IN THE VOICE

We call upon all our faithful and friends to continue to sponsor our monthly newsletter by advertising your business for the benefit of all the parishioners. Your ad will reach our parish families, four hundred email addresses in our listserv, over 1,000 followers of our Facebook page, and of course everyone who picks up a copy of our Voice newsletter from the church narthex or community center. Please contact the church office for more information or to submit an advertisement for your business.

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HANDMAIDENS & ALTAR BOYS

On Saturday, April 20th, the altar boys and Handmaidens met to practice for their participation in the Holy Week services.

After the meeting, our altar boys and a few families helped us clean the trash in the back parking lot. We thank them for their hard work!



Memorials

Sunday, April 14th

† 6 mo Stavroula Theohari

Saturday, April 21st

† 3yrs Angeliki Treantafeles

† 4 yrs John Treantafeles

Funeral

On April 2nd, Diana Ayalianos Sove fell asleep in the Lord. Her funeral service took place on April 12th and she was interred at Bethania Cemetery.

*May their memory
be eternal!*

ST. SPYRIDON

May 2024

PTA NEWSLETTER

christ
is
risen!

DATES TO REMEMBER

-  **MAY 5: EASTER SUNDAY!!!** Χριστός Ανέστη!!
-  **MAY 19: LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL!**
-  **MAY 19: LEADERSHIP AWARD PRESENTATION**
-  **MAY 30: ARCHANGELS GRADUATION**
-  **MAY 31: GREEK SCHOOL GRADUATION PROGRAM**

FUNDRAISERS & EVENTS

-  **MAY 10TH: BRIGHT FRIDAY BBQ AT 6:30PM**
-  **MAY 25TH - 26TH : JUNIOR OLYMPICS**
GOOD LUCK ATHLETES!
-  **JUNE 2ND: YOUTH SUNDAY**

PTA NEEDS YOU!

PTA relies on volunteers to provide all of the services we offer! Get involved today to help us make a difference. Email spyridonpta@gmail.com to help!

SAINT STORY OF THE MONTH

MAY 5

THE GREAT AND HOLY RESURRECTION OF CHRIST! HAPPY EASTER!

MAY 8

OUR RIGHTEOUS FATHER ARSENIOS THE GREAT (449) HE IS ONE OF THE ORIGINAL AND MOST HONORED DESERT FATHERS. BORN OF A NOBLE FAMILY, HE WAS A DEACON AND A COURTIER IN CONSTANTINOPLE. ONE DAY HE HEARD A VOICE SAYING "ARSENIOS, FLEE FROM MEN, AND THOU SHALT BE SAVED." HE LEFT THE CAPITAL IN SECRET AND SAILED TO ALEXANDRIA, THEN JOURNEYED TO SKETE IN THE EGYPTIAN DESERT, WHERE HE BECAME A MONK. FOR YEARS HE WAS THE DISCIPLE OF ST JOHN THE DWARF. EVEN THOUGH HE HAD ALREADY ABANDONED THE WORLD SO DRAMATICALLY, AFTER SOME TIME IN THE DESERT HE AGAIN HEARD A VOICE SAYING, "ARSENIOS, FLEE, BE SILENT, PRAY ALWAYS, FOR THESE ARE THE CAUSES OF SINNING NOT." HE THEN SEPARATED HIMSELF FROM HIS BROTHER MONKS AND LIVED AS A HERMIT, PRACTICING SILENCE. IT WAS TOLD OF HIM THAT, ON SATURDAY EVENINGS, HE WOULD STAND, TURN HIS BACK TO THE SETTING SUN, RAISE HIS HANDS IN PRAYER, AND PRAY WITHOUT SITTING DOWN UNTIL THE SUN SHONE ON HIS FACE THE FOLLOWING MORNING. A MONK WHO CAME TO VISIT HIM LOOKED INTO HIS CELL AND SAW ARSENIOS AT PRAYER, HIS ENTIRE BODY GLOWING LIKE A FLAME. HE REPOSED IN PEACE AT THE AGE OF NINETY-FIVE.

Source: abbamoses.com

THIS MONTHS FASTING DATES

May 1st- 4th strict fast; May 5th- 14th FAST FREE
Fast the remaining Wednesday's & Friday's

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON
FASTING SCAN HERE

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ON
FASTING



EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS & 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 Season:

<i>Mr. & Mrs. Gus Alikakos</i>	<i>Mrs. Martha Eliopoulos</i>	<i>Mr. & Mrs. George Limperis</i>
<i>Mr. James Anagnostopoulos</i>	<i>Ms. Ruth Faklis</i>	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Apostolos Malfas</i>
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<i>Mrs. Chrisi Bastas</i>	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Theofanis Georgiopoulos</i>	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Deno Mihas</i>
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NEW 2024 STEWARDS MARCH 28TH—APRIL 28TH

As of April 28th, Stewardship gifts have been received for 2024 from 204 individual/families.

We are so thankful to these stewards.

Have you sent in your 2024 Stewardship Commitment Form? Forms are available in the Narthex of the church and online. Thank you to our stewards who have already sent their 2024 pledge forms!!

Ευχαριστούμε τις 204 οικογένειες που εκπλήρωσαν τις υποσχέσεις τους για το έτος 2024. Υπενθυμίζουμε σε όλους ότι έχουν ταχυδρομηθεί οι Καταστάσεις Υπόσχεσης του Καλού Οικονόμου για το τρέχον έτος. Σας παρακαλούμε να ανανεώσετε την συνδρομή σας το γρηγορότερο δυνατόν. Χρειαζόμαστε την βοήθεια και την υποστήριξη όλων σας.

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congratulations to our very own Anastasia Chibucos and Demetra Feradouros, recipients of the 2024 PanHellenic Scholarship.

Your dedication to academic excellence and your commitment to the Hellenic Community have not gone unnoticed. Wishing you continued success in all your future endeavors. So very proud of both of you! Και εις ανώτερα!



ANASTASIA CHIBUCOS
Neuroscience, Behavior, and Theology
University of Notre Dame



DEMETRA FERADOUROS
Global Studies and Political Science
Loyola University Chicago



2024 ISBE Those Who Excel Award of Special Recognition

Congratulations to Evan Katsenis on receiving the 2024 ISBE *Those Who Excel Award*. This award honors educators that have made significant contributions in their field. Evan teaches seventh-grade science at Independence Junior High School in Palos Heights District 128. We are so proud of how his work has made a positive impact on our community, and to the students he teaches.



GOYA Gatherings



This month our GOYAN's met with Father George mid Lent to do a "check in" to see how their Lenten journey has been going. The GOYA group was also able to gather together in prayer for the Pre-sanctified liturgy and then serve the St. Spyridon community a Lenten meal following liturgy.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming GOYA Gatherings:

- Wednesday, May 8 – fun outing at Urban Air in Mokena (\$10 per child)
- Wednesday, May 28 – Bonfire and end of year wrap up

Stay up to date with all GOYA Gathering info through the Remind app. Text @jrgoyag to 81010.

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ATTENTION GRADUATES

On Sunday, June 2nd, following the Divine Liturgy, we will honor all our graduates in the church. Please submit the names of the graduates in your family by May 17th, so that they may be honored and included in the graduation program.

For 8th grade please provide only your name. For High School, College and Graduate School Graduations, please provide name, a picture and a brief write-up. We look forward to celebrating your accomplishments with you and your families.



FOOD PANTRY ITEMS ALWAYS NEEDED

Canned Corn	Mac & Cheese	Canned Peas
Dry Beans & Lentils	Canned Fruit	Peanut Butter & Jelly
Cereal or Oatmeal	Vegetable Oil	Canned Green Beans
Boxed Mashed Potatoes	Tomato Paste	Tomato Sauce
Pancake mix & syrup	Spaghetti Sauce	Boxed Pasta
Brownie Mix	Canned Tuna	Canned Soup
Mustard/Ketchup	Salad Dressing	Crackers

Please place all non-perishable food donations in the **FOOD PANTRY DONATION BOX**, located in the gym. Monetary donations are always welcome.

Thank You!

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MAY 24-26 2024

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27th Annual GOLF OUTING

THURSDAY, JUNE 6TH, 2024

Deadline for Registration: Friday, May 31st

Odyssey Golf Foundation
 19110 S. Ridgeland Avenue
 Tinley Park, IL 60477

EARLY BIRD RATE \$15 DISCOUNT
 PREPAY BY MAY 24th
\$150 TO GOLF

10:00am | Check-In & Continental Breakfast
 11:45am | Shotgun Start
 2:00pm (+/-) | Lunch at the Turn
 4:30pm | Cocktails
 5:00pm | Dinner

Awards & Raffle to Follow Dinner

\$165 to Golf & \$175 to be a Hole Sponsor!

Have Your Family Meet You Out for Dinner!

St. Spyridon Golf Committee:
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For any questions please contact the Church Office between 9am-2pm at (708) 385-2311, -or- email at Office@Saint-Spyridon.net -or- Nick.Kourmetas@gmail.com

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All proceeds to benefit:

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Suggested Donations by Age:

SCHOOL AGE

Action Figures
Barbie Dolls & accessories
Trucks and Cars
Snaprite Models
Board Games

ADOLESCENT

Journals
Jewelry
Nail Polish Kits
Cosmetic Bags
Purses/Wallets
Scarves/Hats
DVDs/CDs
Board Games
Gift Cards (\$5 increments)

INFANT/TODDLER/PRESCHOOL

Fischer-Price/Playskool toys
Play Dish Sets & Play Food
Baby Dolls & accessories
Wooden & Plastic Puzzles
Activity Books

Drop off NEW, unwrapped donations in boxes near the office and gym.
Donation Deadline is Saturday, May 4th

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/#/tithe/give-one-time/1390651
(Please Select "Toy Drive – Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest" from the dropdown menu)

For questions, please contact:
Stephane Collopy 312.613.0434 OR Stacy Vallianatos 708.670.7059

Thank You for donating!

St. Spyridon's Greek Festival Raffle Ticket
123rd & Ridgeland Ave. Palos Heights
July 13th & 14th, 2024

1st Prize: \$7,500

2nd Prize: \$2,000 **4th Prize: \$1,000**

3rd Prize: \$1,000 **5th Prize: \$1,000**

Saturday- 3:00pm-11:00pm and Sunday- 12:00pm-10:00pm
The raffle drawing will take place on July 14th at 10:00pm. Winner need not be present.

Raffle Donation: \$ 100

CHERUBS

The Cherubs had a wonderful time leading up to Easter making Easter crafts, coloring Easter sheets and playing fun games!

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Email cherubs12307@gmail.com





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\$2,000 YOUTH LEADERSHIP

>>> SCHOLARSHIP <<<

Students who are in their undergraduate studies in a 4 year college/university are encouraged to apply for the Philoptochos Youth Leadership Scholarship.

This scholarship opportunity has been made possible through the generous support of the Dr. and Mrs. Gregory Papadeas and Family Charitable Fund, who have contributed a grant of \$1,000. Additionally, \$1,000 of this scholarship fund is also provided by the Philoptochos.

The Philoptochos Youth Leadership Scholarship will be awarded in early August. Please note that applicants who have been awarded a scholarship by the Philoptochos organization in the previous two years are ineligible to apply for this scholarship.

Please scan the QR code or visit <https://saint-spyridon.net/> for additional details. All application materials should be emailed to englishteacher30@yahoo.com before May 31, 2024.



Submission Requirements:

- 800-1000 word essay (guidelines on church website)
 - Format: PDF or GOOGLE DOC
- Official College Transcripts
- 2 letters of recommendation
- Deadline: Friday, May 31, 2024




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