

**SAINT SPYRIDON**  
HELLENIC ORTHODOX CHURCH

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# THE VOICE

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*Godparent Brunch*

**NOVEMBER 13, 2022**  
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# FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH



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Thank you everyone who attended the Fall Fellowship event on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Georgios Banquets hosted a delicious brunch to celebrate the 105th anniversary of our St. Spyridon Parish. Adults and kids alike enjoyed the magic show, and all were able to capture the day with a picture from the photo booth and caricature artist. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and time spent together. Thank you to Caryn Chibucos for organizing such a wonderful parish event.



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

### The Voice - Η ΦΩΝΗ

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Dear St. Spyridon Parish Family,  
It is with much hope and prayer that all of our families are staying in good health and doing well. Thank you to Fr. George, through the intercessions of our beloved patron St. Spyridon, for offering the Christmas Sarantoleitourgo beautiful holy services that will begin in a couple of weeks on November 15th. Our parish is blessed for Father's efforts to work hard to be there for us and our families.



The 105th Annual Fellowship Event took place on Sunday, October 23rd, as a Fellowship Brunch at Georgios Banquets in Orland Park. It was well-attended with parishioners and the community getting together to enjoying a warmhearted afternoon with conversation, music and entertainment. Thank you to Chairman Caryn Chibucos for her leadership and the Fellowship Committee for helping make this event a success.

Thank you to all of the parishioners that attended to make the October 30th, Fall General Assembly Meeting, more meaningful with their active participation. Some of the meeting highlights included approval of the 2023 Parish Budget, approval of the 2021 Audit Report, the election of a new Board of Auditors and electing Metropolis Clergy-Laity Delegates for the Metropolis December Special Assembly. Thank you to Chrysoula Alexopoulos, Alexia Chibucos, Zachary Chibucos and Pam Labrakis for volunteering for the Board of Auditors. Thank you to Jim Xeros and Labros Malfas for becoming part of the parish delegation for the Metropolis Clergy-Laity.

Volunteers are needed. Please volunteer for the church ministries, committees, schools, events and fundraisers by contacting Fr. George, any of the parish council members, any of the ministry/school leaders or the church office at (708) 385-2311 for more information.

Thank you to 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.

Please attend church and partake in the many peaceful holy services that are offered at this time of the year.

May St. Spyridon continue to guide us and protect us.

Humbly submitted,  
Frank Kopanis



## FATHER'S LETTER

### THE GOOD WORD AND ACTION OF BLESSING

Recently, I had the opportunity to teach our Archangels Preschool the gesture of blessing. Whenever we kiss the hand of a priest, we receive a blessing. One of the children asked me, "what is a blessing?"

We commonly say things like "God bless you" but when we do say this, what exactly do we mean?

There are many times in the scripture where the word "bless" is used. In Romans 12:14, Paul writes to the Romans "Bless those who persecute you; bless, and do not curse." What is he telling us to do to those who persecute us?

The word "bless" is used hundreds of times in the bible. When it mentions someone offering a blessing, many times there are words spoken. For example, when God creates mankind, in Genesis 1:18 it says "Then God blessed them, and God said to them, be fruitful and multiply." Therefore we know that blessings are sometimes associated with words.

When the Lord Ascended into heaven, He lifts up His hands to bless His disciples (Luke 24:50). In other areas, blessing has to do with the lifting up of hands. When Ezra the prophet blessed the Lord, people lifted up their hands and bowed before God (Nehemiah 8:6). In these two examples, blessing is associated with physical action.

We can come to the conclusion that sometimes blessings consist of words and actions. The word "blessing" in Greek is "Evlogia" which literally means the "good word." So these "good words" have some kind of an intention for action.

So why bless? Why receive blessings?

Because heartfelt blessings have power.

Think about how many times within the Divine Liturgy blesses with his right hand and says "peace be to all." The priest, who holds his hands in the shape of IC XC, transfers the peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, into the hearts and souls of our people so that they may be able to experience and receive the Risen Christ. Christ's first words to His apostles upon His resurrection were "Peace be to You." These words were meant to bring peace into their hearts (action) so that they would recognize Him. Blessings have power to open our hearts! While in the pews, the chanter's response (and therefore, all parishioners who are present) reply with the words "and to your spirit." In other words, you are asking God to transfer that peace toward the priest as well! Although this interaction is short, think about the beauty and intimacy of this short dialogue between the clergy and laity in our worship!

These blessings have power! If you are not sure about this, think about a time when someone you know said something that touched you deeply and made you feel loved. On the contrary, think about a time when someone hurt you by their words. How did these experiences effect and shape your relationship with those people?

Words really do have power. Blessings have the power to do good, and curses have the power to do evil. When God blesses, He has great power, but we also have power in our blessings and curses too. When our actions do not match the words we say, this blessing loses power and also credibility. Our actions are to reflect whatever blessing may be bestowed onto others. So when St. Paul says, "Bless those who persecute you; bless, and do not curse," offer your blessing in the form of good words and actions, and watch how God gives that blessing power.



# CHERUBS

Come and join our Cherubs Ministry (new born children thru 4 years of age) which meets every other Wednesday at 10:30 am! Our next gathering will take place on November 16th!



# November 2022 – Community Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 * Archangels Academy – 9:00 am * Parish Council – 7:00 pm	2 * Archangels Academy – 9:00 am * Cherubs – 10:30 am – 12:00 pm * GOYA – 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	3 * Archangels Academy – 9:00 am	4 * Archangels Academy – 9:00 am * Greek School – 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm * Family Night – 6:30 pm * Folk dance (intermediate) – 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm	5 * Byzantine Chant Class – 3:45 p.m.	
6 * Sunday School – 10:30 am – 11:30 am	7 * Archangels Academy – 9:00 am * Greek School – 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm * Folk dance (beginners) – 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm	8 * Archangels Academy – 9:00 am	9 * Archangels Academy – 9:00 am * GOYA – 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm * Movie Night “Man of God” – 7:00 pm	10 * Archangels Academy – 9 am * Paradise Dance Troup – 7:00 pm	11 * Archangels Academy – 9:00 a.m. * Greek School – 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm * Folk dance (intermediate) – 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm	12 * Handmaidens – 10:30 a.m.
13 * Family Worship – No Sunday school * Godparent Sunday Luncheon – 11:15 am	14 * Archangels Academy – 9:00 am * Greek School – 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm * Folk dance (beginners) – 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm	15 * Archangels Academy – 9:00 am * Greek School – 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm * Folk dance (beginners) – 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm	16 * Archangels Academy – 9:00 a.m. * GOYA – 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	17 * Archangels Academy – 9:00 am	18 * Archangels Academy – 9:00 a.m. * Greek School – 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm * Folk dance (intermediate) – 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm	19 * Parish Christmas Retreat – 10:00 am * Byzantine Chant Class – 3:45 p.m.
20 * Sunday School – 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	21 * Greek School – 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm * Folk dance (beginners) – 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm	22	23	24 * THANKSGIVING	25	26 * Handmaidens – 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 pm
27 * Family Worship – No Sunday school	28 * Archangels Academy – 9:00 am * Greek School – 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm * Folk dance (beginners) – 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm	29 * Archangels Academy – 9:00 a.m.	30 * Archangels Academy – 9:00 a.m. * Cherubs – 10:30 am – 12:00 pm * GOYA – 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm			

## SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES



# Celebrate The Nativity of Jesus Christ

Tuesday, November 1st	Sts Cosmas & Damianos—Orthros & Divine Liturgy and Agiasmos 8:00 a.m—10:00 a.m.
Saturday, November 5th	Vespers—5:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 6th	Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:15 a.m.—11:15 a.m.
Tuesday, November 8th	Synaxis of the Archangels, Orthros & Divine Liturgy at Assumption, Homer Glen—9:00 am Vespers at St. Nektarios Church, Palatine, IL—7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 9th	St. Nektarios, Orthros & Divine Liturgy —8:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. Paraklesis to St. Nektarions—6:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 12th	Vespers at St. John Chrysostom Monastery, Kenosha, WI—7:00—9:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 13th	Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:15 a.m.—11:15 a.m.
Tuesday, November 15th	<b>Beginning of Christmas Lent</b> , 1st Hour & Divine Liturgy—7:45 a.m.— 9:15a.m.
Wednesday, November 16th	St. Matthew, Orthros & Divine Liturgy—7:45 a.m.—10:00 a.m.
Thursday, November 17th	1st Hour & Divine Liturgy—7:45 a.m.—9:15 a.m.
Friday, November 18th	1st Hour & Divine Liturgy—7:45 a.m.—9:15 a.m.
Saturday, November 19th	1st Hour & Divine Liturgy—7:45 a.m.—9:15 a.m. Great Vespers—5:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 20th	Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:15 a.m.—11:15 a.m.
Monday, November 21st	Entrance of the Theotokos, Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, November 22nd	1st Hour & Divine Liturgy—7:45 a.m.—9:15 a.m.
Wednesday, November 23rd	1st Hour & Divine Liturgy —7:45 a.m. —9:15 a.m.
Thursday, November 24th	Divine Liturgy —9 a.m. at Ss. Constantine and Helen, Palos Hills
Friday, November 25th	Divine Liturgy —9 a.m. at Ss. Constantine and Helen, Palos Hills
Saturday, November 26th	Divine Liturgy —9 a.m. at Ss. Constantine and Helen, Palos Hills
Sunday, November 27th	Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:15 a.m.—11:15 a.m.
Monday, November 28th	1st Hour & Divine Liturgy—7:45 a.m.—9:15 a.m.
Tuesday, November 29th	1st Hour & Divine Liturgy—7:45 a.m.—9:15 a.m. Great Vespers at St. Andrew’s, Chicago—7 p.m.
Wednesday, November 30th	St. Andrew the First Called Apostle, 1st Hour & Divine Liturgy—7:45 a.m.— 9:15a.m

## ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΙΕΡΩΝ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΩΝ

Τρίτη 1 Νοεμβρίου	Αγ. Κοσμά & Δαμιανού – Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία, Αγιασμός – 8:00 π.μ. – 10:0 π.μ., Εσπερινός – 5:00 μ.μ.
Σάββατο 5 Νοεμβρίου	Εσπερινός – 5:00 μ.μ.
Κυριακή 6 Νοεμβρίου	Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία – 8:15 π.μ. – 11:15 π.μ.
Τρίτη 8 Νοεμβρίου	Σύναξις των Αρχαγγέλων, Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία στον Ι.Ν. Κοιμήσεως της Θεοτόκου στο Homer Glen, IL, 9:00 π.μ. – 11:00 π.μ. Μέγας Εσπερινός στον Ι.Ν. Αγ. Νεκταρίου – 7:00 μ.μ.
Τετάρτη 9 Νοεμβρίου	Αγ. Νεκταρίου, Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία – 8:00 π.μ. – 10:00 π.μ. Παράκλησις του Αγ. Νεκταρίου – 6:00 μ.μ.
Σάββατο 12 Νοεμβρίου	Εσπερινός στο Μοναστήρι του Αγ. Ιωάννη του Χρυσόστομου, Kenosha, WI
Κυριακή 13 Νοεμβρίου	Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία – 8:15 π.μ. – 11:15 π.μ.
Τρίτη 15 Νοεμβρίου	<b>Αρχή του Σαρανταλείτουργου και Νηστείας των Χριστουγέννων</b> 1η Ώρα & Θεία Λειτουργία – 7:45 π.μ. – 9:15 π.μ.
Τετάρτη 16 Νοεμβρίου	Αγ. Ματθαίου, Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία – 7:45 π.μ. – 10:00 π.μ.
Πέμπτη 17 Νοεμβρίου	1η Ώρα & Θεία Λειτουργία – 7:45 π.μ. – 9:15 π.μ.
Παρασκευή 18 Νοεμβρίου	1η Ώρα & Θεία Λειτουργία – 7:45 π.μ. – 9:15 π.μ.
Σάββατο 19 Νοεμβρίου	1η Ώρα & Θεία Λειτουργία – 7:45 π.μ. – 9:15 π.μ. Μέγας Εσπερινός – 5:00 μ.μ.
Κυριακή 20 Νοεμβρίου	Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία – 8:15 π.μ. – 11:15 π.μ.
Δευτέρα 21 Νοεμβρίου	Εισόδια της Θεοτόκου, Όρθρος και Θ. Λειτουργία – 8:00 π.μ. – 10:30 π.μ.
Τρίτη 22 Νοεμβρίου	1η Ώρα & Θεία Λειτουργία – 7:45 π.μ. – 9:15 π.μ.
Τετάρτη 23 Νοεμβρίου	1η Ώρα & Θεία Λειτουργία – 7:45 π.μ. – 9:15 π.μ.
Πέμπτη 24 Νοεμβρίου	Θεία Λειτουργία – 9:00π.μ. – Ι.Ν. Αγ. Κωνσταντίνου και Ελένης, Palos Hills, IL
Παρασκευή 25 Νοεμβρίου	Θεία Λειτουργία – 9:00π.μ. – Ι.Ν. Αγ. Κωνσταντίνου και Ελένης, Palos Hills, IL
Σάββατο 26 Νοεμβρίου	Θεία Λειτουργία – 9:00π.μ. – Ι.Ν. Αγ. Κωνσταντίνου και Ελένης, Palos Hills, IL
Κυριακή 27 Νοεμβρίου	Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία – 8:15 π.μ. – 11:15 π.μ.
Δευτέρα 28 Νοεμβρίου	1η Ώρα & Θεία Λειτουργία – 7:45 π.μ. – 9:15 π.μ.
Τρίτη 29 Νοεμβρίου	1η Ώρα & Θεία Λειτουργία – 7:45 π.μ. – 9:15 π.μ. Μέγας Εσπερινός στον Ι.Ν. του Αγ. Ανδρέα στο Σικάγο – 7:00 μ.μ.
Τετάρτη 30 Νοεμβρίου	Αγ. Ανδρέα του Πρωτοκλήτου, 1η Ώρα & Θεία Λειτουργία 7:45 π.μ. – 9:15 π.μ.



## PHILOPTOCHOS

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Philoptochos,

We begin November with a celebration of Saints Cosmas and Damianos, the patron saints of Philoptochos. The saints were distinguished physicians dedicated to helping the needy; traveling and providing medical care for free. As is our tradition we will celebrate on November 6<sup>th</sup> with a memorial service to remember our departed members and an artoclasia for the health of our current members. Our scholarship presentation honoring our recipients was held in September. We honor the past members who paved the way for us, the ladies of the present who continue to work hard to help those in need and to the future members who will carry on our philanthropic mission: multiple generations of Philoptochos members dedicated to service and care for those in need.



One of our members recently submitted a short synopsis describing Philoptochos that I will share. “ The Philoptochos is a ministry of our Church which promotes charitable, benevolent and philanthropic outreach; to perpetuate and promote our Orthodox faith and traditions. When Philoptochos sees pain and suffering, they offer comfort. When Philoptochos sees hunger, they aspire to offer sustenance. When Philoptochos sees despair, they seek to offer hope.” This is what we strive to be!

It is together with your support that we can fulfill our philanthropic mission.

On November 8<sup>th</sup> our Philoptochos will be Feeding the Hungry at Annunciation Cathedral in Chicago. Due to the Covid-19 precautions, we will be preparing and distributing 100 hot lunch meals outside the Cathedral. An additional 50 lunches will be prepared and delivered to the homeless living under the viaducts in Chicago “under the bridge program”. We pass the homeless, living in tents on our way home and have included them as a stop whenever we go to the Cathedral.

A reminder to order spanakopites, tyropites, pastichio and moussaka for the fall “Take and Bake” fundraiser. All orders are due by November 14<sup>th</sup> with pick up on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Each item can be stored in your freezer to be baked when needed. To make it even easier to order you can use Event Brite, or save the fees and email or call your order in and just pay when you pick up.

It is hard to believe, but it is time to think about our Annual Christmas Craft Show taking place on December 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. Sophia Kopanitsanos, Tasia Pappas, and Olga Paxinos are the chairwomen for the pastries and are finalizing the baking schedule. This is our largest fundraiser supporting all of our outreach programs; we welcome everyone’s help. You don’t have to be a baker, there is always enough work and never enough hands. Please consider volunteering your time and your gifts towards this event, gentlemen are also welcome!



In addition to the delicious homemade pastries offered at the craft show, we will also be offering beautifully packaged combination platters “Pastries to Go”. These must be preordered and are available for pick up after December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The pre-order will include small and large combination plates and prepackaged dozens of melomakarouna and kourambiedes. These are perfect gifts for sharing our Greek Christmas Cheer with neighbors, colleagues and friends. Homemade delicious sweets without you baking! The order forms for the “Pastries to Go” are available and we ask that all orders be submitted by Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>. You can email or call in your order and pay at pick up. We encourage you to share the order forms with friends,



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neighbors, colleagues and family. A portion of the proceeds from this fundraiser will go to Operation Classroom to help children and provide tools for teachers in lower income schools.

On October 30<sup>th</sup> we were pleased to present Michelle Pruitt from the American Cancer Society a \$5,000 donation raised from our Cancer Walk in June. The American Cancer Society, established in 1913, is a nationwide voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer. Philoptochos sponsored a Cancer Walk for "to remember those we've lost to cancer, for support and hope to those that continue the fight and for those who are survivors". Thank you to all of our parishioners for their support and special thanks to Ruth Faklis and her committee: Peggy Zippman, Stella Parhas, Thalia Colompos. We hope to make this an annual fundraiser and involve our sister southside parishes.

Finally, on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, the ladies of Philoptochos supported our sister parish of Holy Apostles by attending their Fashion Show Fundraiser. This event was well attended and we were pleased to be there to support the Philoptochos of Holy Apostles' outreach and philanthropic programs. This has become an annual tradition for us to share fellowship and this year was extra special as our very own Maria Baltas won 1<sup>st</sup> prize. As for fashion advice all I can say is that there is a lot of metallics and bling!

In closing I humbly thank all the parishioners for your support of Philoptochos; only together in faith and fellowship can we make a difference to those in need.

Georgia Xeros, Philoptochos President



## TAKE & BAKE

Let St. Spyridon Philoptochos help you with your holiday planning 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 ½ sheet frozen	\$ 30.00		
<b>Total Due</b>			

All orders must be received by: Nov. 14th with payment.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

You may email or call Helen Sotiropoulos with any orders or questions.  
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Make checks payable: St. Spyridon Philoptochos

Pick up date:  
Saturday Nov. 19th  
10 am – 12 pm

St. Spyridon Church  
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# SUNDAY SCHOOL

October has been a busy month for Sunday School. Both students and teachers are getting situated in their classes and students are working together to gain a better understanding of our Orthodox faith.

Stewardship is something we learn about in Sunday School and may be one of the most important and yet simple lessons. The idea of helping others and sharing our time, talent and treasure from the gifts God has given us. Our students encounter this as they meet their Sunday School teachers who volunteer their time and talent each week. Students have the opportunity to share each week by contributing to our food pantry. This can be done through a monetary donation or a can of food. During the month of November, we have class on November 6th and 20th. November 13th is Godparent Sunday, which is family worship as well as our annual Godparent Sunday Brunch hosted by the PTA. November 27th is the weekend after Thanksgiving, which is also a family worship. Please join us for our Christmas Advent Retreat for all students Pre K through 5th grade. We are looking for volunteers to help with these events. Please consider sharing your time and talent with us so we can continue to provide these opportunities for our children.



**Saint Spyridon Hellenic Orthodox Church**  
**Christmas Retreat**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19**  
**9:30 AM - 2:00 PM**



**\*BREAKFAST\*CRAFTS\*LESSON\*MUSIC\***  
**\*OUTREACH PROJECT\*LUNCH\***  
**\*GINGER BREAD HOUSES\***

**Scan the QR Code to register**  
**by Wednesday, November 16th**



# PLUTARCHOS ACADEMY



Our Greek School organized two successful events in the month of October: On October 7 the documentary “Lethal Nationalism, Genocide of the Greeks” was shown. The documentary was created by the Asia Minor and Pontos Hellenic Research Center and it tells the story of the Smyrna Catastrophe and the genocide of the Greeks. About 55 people attended the event.

The second event was our school’s fundraiser. It took place on October 13 at X’s and O’s Sports Lounge. About 50 people came to watch the Bears games vs the Commanders, have some social time and supported our Greek School.



# ARCHANGELS

What an exciting month October has been! We had our first field trip to the Palos Park Children's Farm and what a beautiful Fall day it was. Our children enjoyed petting the animals and learning all about life on a farm.

This year we added our very own farm to our classroom. The children have been having so much fun taking care of their animals by feeding them, milking the cows, gathering eggs and collecting honey!!

Our incubator is all set with 21 eggs!! God willing the Beginning of November we will have a classroom full of chicks! The children are all anxiously awaiting and counting down the days!!



# HANDMAIDENS

Hi everyone!

Our handmaidens are working hard in preparing a “Akathist to Saint Spyridon” prayer set, that will be available in December! This month they made the prayer candles. We also gathered all the items that will be donated to the crisis center for women and children. We thank you all for your contributions and for helping make this a successful outreach.

The Handmaidens have a Christmas outreach project that they will be working on. The girls are making care packages for the children being cared for at the University of Illinois children’s hospital in Chicago. We will be collecting small items like stickers, coloring books, crayons, crossword puzzles etc. We will have a box for collections for anyone that would like to participate in our almsgiving project.

Stay connected by texting @handmaide to 81010

In Christ,

+ Vicky Argyropoulos



*Christmas  
Almsgiving  
With Handmaidens*

join us for a hospital care package drive  
for  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL**

**ITEM IDEAS FOR BUSY BAGS**  
(Infant, School-Age and Teen):  
gift cards, word searches,  
coloring books,  
crayons, crafts, stickers,  
reading books,  
comic books,  
mini Lego’s.

**ITEM IDEAS FOR CAREGIVER  
BAGS:**  
toothbrush, lotion,  
hairbrush, deodorant,  
coffee gift card,  
word searches

**NO HOMEMADE, LATEX OR FOOD PRODUCTS**      **THIS DRIVE ENDS ON DECEMBER 9TH**

## PARISH REGISTRY

### Baptisms

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Charnot was baptized on October 2nd and was given the name Nicholas James by his godfather Mr. Samuel Katsikas on October 2nd.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Demetrios Kollintzas was baptized on October 16 and was given the name Sotiria Demetra by her godparents Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kollintzas.

*Να σας ζήσουν!*

### Chrismation

Congratulations to Mr. Daniel Young who was chrismated on October 21st. His sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. George Galetsis.

### Funeral

On October 12th Mr. Arhon Letsou fell asleep in the Lord. His funeral service took place on October 17 and he was interred at Bethania Cemetery.

### Memorials

†40 days Ekaterini Polyzos

†40 days John Kotsianis

†6 mo Sophia Kotsianis

†3 yrs Theodore Demopoulos

*May their memory be eternal!*



## NEW 2022 STEWARDS SEPTEMBER 1ST—SEPTEMBER 31ST

We wish to thank the 304 Stewards who have committed their stewardship for 2022. Stewardship materials are available at the church office, in the community hall and on our website.

Ευχαριστούμε τους 304 ενορίτες που προσφέρατε την συνδρομή σας για το 2022. Η υποστήριξη όλων είναι απαραίτητη για την σωστή και θεάρεστη λειτουργία της ενορίας μας. Παρακαλούμε όπως όλοι συμβάλουμε την συνδρομή μας. Συμπληρώστε την κάρτα συνδρομής με την προσφορά σας και βοηθήστε να συνεχίσουμε όλοι μαζί την διακονία της ιεράς κοινότητός μας.

Mr. Peter Angelos

Mr. & Mrs. Steven Charnot

Mr. & Mrs. Nikolaos Doulas

Mr. & Mrs. Dimitri Golfis

Mr. & Mrs. Constantine Koutsoubas

Mrs. Lemonia Letsou

Mr. & Mrs. Kostas Papadoulakis

Mr. & Mrs. Nick Scarlatis

Mrs. Helen Xeros

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Young

**Total # of Stewards: # 304**



*In gratitude for God's blessings, I commit to Christ  
and His Church as a Steward of  
Saint Spyridon with my 2022 Stewardship.*



## FEDERATION OF CHURCH MUSICIANS

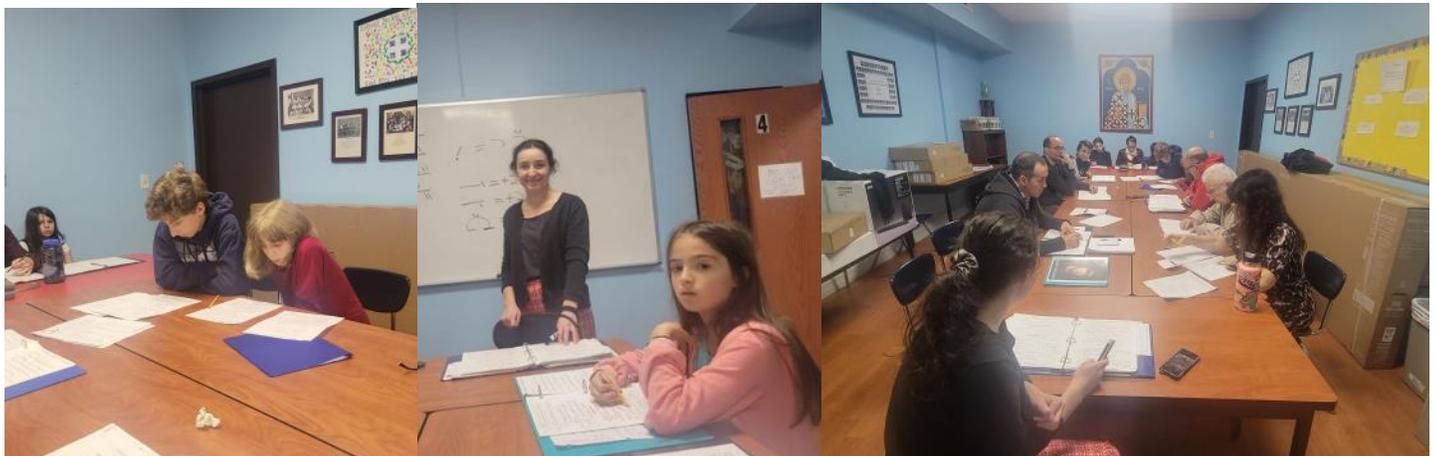
Every year, the Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians recognizes the years of service, dedication and passion of our church musicians. We are thankful for our chanters and those who sang in the choir in previous years!



## BYZANTINE CHANT CLASS

Byzantine Chant class is in session! Join us every Saturday from 3:45 pm to 4:45 pm to learn how to read byzantine music.

We thank Alexia Chibucos for teaching the class!



## ALTAR BOYS

Father George organized an altar Boy Meeting today, and after a lesson on proskomide, some cleaning and eating donuts, they together played Frisbee football.



# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FAMILY NIGHT

A MINISTRY FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN  
FROM PRE-K TO 5TH GRADE

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH**

**6:45PM - 8PM**  
Saint Spyridon  
Hellenic Orthodox Church

A wonderful night of food, family, faith and fun  
as we celebrate the feast of the Holy Cross....

**Upcoming Family Night Dates**

Fri, Sep 30th | 6:45pm-8:00pm at Saint Spyridon  
Sat, Oct 15th | Pumpkin Farm Outing, Location and Time TBD  
Fri, Nov 4th | 6:45pm-8:00pm at Saint Spyridon  
Sat, Nov 19th | Christmas Advent Retreat at Saint Spyridon, Time TBD  
Fri, Dec 2nd | 6:45pm-8:00pm at Saint Spyridon  
Fri, Dec 16th | 6:45pm-8:00pm Christmas PJ Movie Night at Saint Spyridon

Never miss a beat! Sign up for the  
Weekly E-Bulletin here!

2022- SAINT SPYRIDON HELLENIC ORTHODOX CHURCH 2023

## GOYA Fall Calendar

GOYA Meetings take place on Wednesdays  
usually from 7 PM - 8:30 PM

**WED, SEPTEMBER 21 - GOYA KICK-OFF**

SEPTEMBER 28  
OCTOBER 5  
OCTOBER 19  
NOVEMBER 2  
NOVEMBER 9  
NOVEMBER 16  
NOVEMBER 30  
DECEMBER 7  
DECEMBER 14

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TO 81010 and Text  
this message:  
jrgoyag

## Handmaidens

MEETING SCHEDULE

SATURDAYS AT 10:30AM

SEPTEMBER 17th	FEBRUARY 11th
OCTOBER 22nd	MARCH 11th
NOVEMBER 26th	APRIL 11th
DECEMBER 10th	(myrofores practice)
JANUARY 14th	MAY 6th
	JUNE TBD

STAY CONNECTED! Text @handmaide to 81010

This year will be loaded with care!  
Join us in our many outreach efforts,  
learn traditions and have some fun!

## COME JOIN ST. SPYRIDON GREEK FOLK DANCE TROUPE

*Learn how to dance to music that retells our  
Greek History and reflects modern times. Come  
join a dynamic dance troupe and reconnect  
with your cultural heritage.*

Intermediate/Advanced  
Group  
Fridays 6:30pm – 7 pm  
First Practice:  
Friday, October 14

Beginner Group  
Mondays 6:30-7pm  
First Practice:  
Monday, October 17

For more information contact Mrs. Sophia Christofer  
at [sparhas@luriechildrens.org](mailto:sparhas@luriechildrens.org) or Mrs. Evi Marouda at  
[evakipara1@gmail.com](mailto:evakipara1@gmail.com)

Registration Fee is \$75 / participant

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



**SAINT SPYRIDON  
HELLENIC ORTHODOX  
CHURCH**

**CHERUBS**

caregiver and me playgroup

Our mission is to provide wholesome and fun activities in which the child and caregiver will work together and create a venue where Orthodox parents (yiayia, papou, etc.) and children can interact with others, form bonds of friendships and develop spiritually.

**Welcome Back September 21, 2022**  
**10:30am-12:00pm**  
**Saint Spyridon Hellenic Orthodox Church**

**Remaining 2022 Schedule**  
**Wednesdays From 10:30am-12:00pm**  
10/5/22 10/19/22 11/2/22 11/16/22 11/30/22 12/7/22

JOIN US! WE  
WELCOME  
CHILDREN  
FROM 40  
DAYS OLD TO  
3 YEARS OLD!



## FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

### Thanksgiving Food Baskets

**Our parish will be distributing Food Baskets to needy families in our community.**

**We are asking for donations in any amount  
OR you can sponsor a basket for \$65.**

**Cash/check can be dropped off in the church office:**

**Monday – Friday from 9am to 2pm**

**Checks payable to “St. Spyridon” & “Food Pantry” in the  
MEMO section**

**Online: [https://tithe.ly/give\\_new/www/#/tithe/give-one-time/1390651](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe/give-one-time/1390651)**

**(Please select “Food Pantry” from the dropdown menu)**

**Donation Deadline is Saturday, November 19th**

**THANK YOU!**



SEND AN EMAIL TO [CHERUBS12307@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CHERUBS12307@GMAIL.COM) TO SIGN UP!



SS. CONSTANTINE AND HELEN  
ST. SPYRIDON ST. NICHOLAS  
HOLY CROSS ASSUMPTION  
CHRISTIANIKI PHILOXENIA

Please Join Us  
On Tuesday, November 8, 2022

*Christianiki Philoxenia*

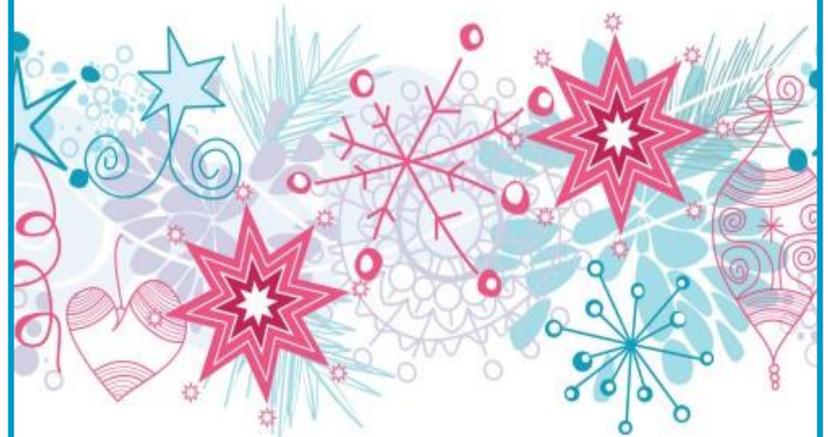
At  
Assumption Greek Orthodox Church  
15625 S. Bell Road, Homer Glen, IL 60491

Orthros 9:00 a.m., followed by the Divine Liturgy  
11:00 a.m. Luncheon & Fellowship  
Hosted by Assumption Ladies Philoptochos Society

For Reservations, please call the following  
no later than Friday, November 4th  
Jackie Panagos 815-341-7173  
Mary Lontakis 708-481-6764

Christianiki Philoxenia  
“Christian Love, Fellowship & Hospitality”

Is a “free of charge” event for the ministry dedicated to our Senior Citizens established and hosted by the five Greek Orthodox Parishes of the Southside Suburbs Chicago: Assumption, SS. Constantine & Helen, Holy Cross, St. Nicholas & St. Spyridon.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Archangels Academy Preschool**

*Invites You To*

**A WINTER WONDERLAND BREAKFAST**

**January 22nd, 2023**

Immediately following the Divine Liturgy in St. Spyridon's Community Center.



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## Restaurant

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