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> PLEASE RSVP BY **OCTOBER 15, 2023**

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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Dear Saint Spyridon Parish Family,

Χαίρετε, και καλό μήνα. Greetings, it is with great hope and prayer that we and all of our families are staying healthy and doing well. We are grateful to our Father George for his love and dedication to all of us, through the intercessions of our beloved Patron Saint Spyridon, working tirelessly to help fulfill our spiritual needs as well as the spiritual needs of the community.

All of us, our families, friends and community are invited to attend the 106th Annual Fellowship Dinner Dance. The Dinner Dance will take place on Sunday, October 22nd, at the Georgios Banquets, 8800 W. 159th St. in Orland Park. One of the evening highlights includes a dance performance by the Saint Spyridon Floga Dance Troupe. We look forward to celebrating with our parish children the Greek heritage and culture. Please make reservations and payments in advance by contacting the church office at (708) 385-2311.

The Fall General Assembly Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 29th, after the Divine Liturgy. The General Assembly is the highest organizational body of the parish. Please attend to learn more about our parish and to have a role helping form the church ministries that benefit all of us, our families and future generations. The Meeting will include votes to approve the 2024 Parish Budget, a new Board of Auditors, a Board of Elections as well as discussions of other parish related matters.

The parish council in the September parish council meeting approved the hiring of Greek School teacher, Natasha Vossos, who is here from Greece. Welcome to Natasha! Additionally, the meeting included the Treasurer's Financial Report and reports from the various parish committees including: Stewardship, Archangels Academy Preschool, Sunday School, Fall Dinner Dance, Athletics, Youth Protection, Building Maintenance, and Festival.

Volunteers of all backgrounds and abilities are needed. Please volunteer for the church ministries, parish committees, events and fundraisers by contacting Father 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 Father George, the parish council members, all of the church organizations and committees, the parishioners, volunteers and donors for your unyielding efforts to support our parish.

Please attend church and participate in the beautiful holy services.

May Saint Spyridon continue to guide us and protect us.

Humbly submitted

Frank Kopanis



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FATHER'S LETTER

PLEASE EVERYONE AND YOU WILL PLEASE NO ONE

There is a beautiful Aesop Fable called The Man, The Boy and The Donkey. The man and the boy are taking their donkey to be sold in the market. Throughout their journey, they are constantly criticized from everyone. Each person has a different point of view and criticism about the way they travel. Every time someone utters criticism, they change the way they travel to appease the person who criticizes. They do this to the point that they begin to lose sight of logic. The donkey ends up dying before they ever have a chance to sell it at the market. The moral of the story is: try to please everyone, and you will please no one.

I have, for the longest time, considered myself a people-pleaser. We don't want to disappoint a certain group – our parents, friends, teachers or our parishioners.

There is a definite battle to be fought in this situation – the battle between our relationship with God and our relationship with other people. People-pleasing is worrying about making everyone happy, and it's tiring because this goal is impossible to achieve. Only God can bring joy to the hearts of all (if our hearts are willing to experience this joy!)

When we fall into the rut of people-pleasing we experience a loss of focus. We shift from attending to our connection with God and attending to His Word, and replace that with a focus on the ever-changing, and therefore, uncontrollable phenomenon of human opinion. This focus is connected to the fear of rejection of not being liked. People-pleasing, however, actually leads us to lose our own inner peace without which we cannot truly benefit others or ourselves.

We may mean well, and say we do these things because we value our relationships, but when we act this way, these are the issues this kind of behavior elicits:

1) Control – When I worry about keeping the peace around me, there is an assumption that this peace depends on me. Worrying about the thoughts and concerns of others, I hope I can help someone change what they think or what they are concerned about. Therefore, people-pleasing is an issue of control. It's a fear of losing control over the world around me.

No one likes to feel out of control, and no one likes to feel that others are controlling them. Instead, we take the reins and try to ensure that others are happy. Ultimately, trying to manage our world leaves us feeling anxious and out of control.

The good news is that we have a God who is able to bring peace in our worried lives. We need to recognize that trying to control our lives doesn't work because God is the one who controls, and ultimately, teaches. We should let God and His Word guide us instead of trying to control all of the minutia around us.

2) Validation – Behind our desire to be in control of our lives is a desire to be accepted. We spend time worrying about what others think, which causes anxiety and stress. Therefore, our identity is wrapped up in others' lives instead of being wrapped up in a life with Christ and what he wants for us. We don't want to hurt others or we don't want to be disliked, so we keep listening to the message of everyone else instead of listening and seeking God's validation.

We must not forget that it isn't before our friends, parents or coworkers that we will have to give an account of our lives. It is before Jesus Christ that we will one day face and address.

3) Fear – If I am trying to control my relationship by keeping the peace, and I am looking for validation in others, then fear may be motivating my actions. Perhaps we might be afraid of being alone and rejected, and therefore, we try to keep others happy. We might be afraid to be assertive or to hurt someone's feelings because we may not be able to handle rejection. How can one be truly motivated by this kind of fear?

Though it might take hard work to stop being a people-pleaser, it's even harder to try to make everyone else happy. If we do struggle with this, is control, validation or fear motivating you?

Instead of trying to control and seek validation from others, recognize that God is in control and that He is much better at running the world than we are. Instead of seeking validation from others, seek out a stronger relationship with God. Seek first the kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you. Be motivated by the love of God and don't be afraid. God is there waiting to be embraced with prayer and attentiveness to His Word. Let this navigate your journey so that when "the rains fell and the flood came, with fierce winds beating upon his house, it stood firm because of its strong foundation." (Matthew 7:24-27) Let our foundation and journey in life be centered around the law and love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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PARISH NEWS

Memorials

Sunday, September 10th

+1 year for John Kotsianis
+16 months for John Kotsianis
+2 years for Theodoros Lagen
+5 years for Charles C. Condes

Sunday, September 24th

Panarcadian Federation Artoclasia in Remembrance of the Siege of Tripolitsa.

Funerals

Mr. Anargyros "Art" Karounos fell asleep in the Lord on September 2nd, 2023. His funeral took place on September 8th and he was interned at Bethania Cemetery.

Mrs. Fay Pavlopoulos fell asleep in the Lord on September 5th, 2023. Her funeral took place on September 12th and she was interned at Evergreen Cemetery.

May their memory be eternal!

Baptism

The son of Mr. & Mrs. Tomas Reinl was baptized on September 24th, and was given the name Tomas. His Godmother was Ms. Haralambia Demacopoulos.

Να σας ζήσει!

40 Day Blessings

Congratulations to the Jankula family who brought their son, Spyridon, for his 40 day blessing.

Congratulations to the Reinhart family who brought their son, Romanos, for his 40 day blessing.

Congratulations to the Miller family who brought their son, Joseph Ioannis, for his 40 day blessing.

Congratulations to the Galetsis family who brought their daughter, Marina, for her 40 day blessing.

STEWARDSHIP 2023

Christian Stewardship is...

...learning how to be a responsible and concerned caretaker of Christ's Church; it is learning how to enjoy Church life and be happy in Church work., for in Her dwells the fullness of the Spirit of God.

...our active commitment to use all our time, talent and treasure for the benefit of humankind in grateful acknowledgment of Christ's redeeming love.

... caring for the needs of others. ...

offering one's self to God as He offered Himself to us.

...what a person does after saying "I believe...", as proof of that belief.

...devotion and service to God and His Church as persons, as families, as diocese/ metropolis, as national Church and as Church universal.

Stewards 2023—September 1st—September 30th

We wish to thank the 307 Stewards who have committed their stewardship for 2023. Stewardship materials are available at the church office, in the community hall and on our website.

Ευχαριστούμε τους 307 ενορίτες που προσφέρατε την συνδρομή σας για το 2023. Η υποστήριξη όλων είναι απαραίτητη για την σωστή και θεάρεστη λειτουργία της ενορίας μας. Παρακαλούμε όπως όλοι συμβαλουμε την συνδρομή μας. Συμπληρώστε την κάρτα συνδρομής μέ τήν προσφορά σας και βοηθήστε να συνεχίσουμε όλοι μαζί την διακονία της ιεράς κοινότητός μας.

Mr. & Mrs. John Baltsas Dr. & Mrs. George Danos Mrs. Martha Eliacostas Ms. Irene Giardina Ms. Constance Kalogris Mr. John Kalogris Mr. & Mrs. Const. Koutsoubas Mr. George Pappas Mr. & Mrs. Tomas Reinl Ms. Alexandra Stolis Mr. & Mrs. Labros Vlachos

In gratitude for God's blessings, I commit to Christ and His Church as a Steward of Saint Spyridon with my 2023 Stewardship.



the greatest of these is love." STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 1st Friday, October 6th Saturday, October 7th Sunday, October 8th Tuesday, October 10th

Saturday, October 14th Sunday, October 15th Wednesday, October 18th

Friday, October 20th Saturday, October 21st Sunday, October 22nd Monday, October 23rd

Wednesday, October 25th Thursday, October 26th Saturday, October 28th Orthros, Divine Liturgy & Agiasmos – 8:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **St. Thomas**—1st Hour & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m.—9:30 a.m. Vespers-5:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy – 8:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Christianiki Philoxenia Divine Liturgy at Holy Cross, Justice – 10:00 a.m. Vespers – 5:00 p.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy – 8:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. St. Luke the Evangelist 1st Hour & Divine Liturgy – 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **St. Gerasimos**—1st Hour & Divine Liturgy— 8:00 a.m.—9:30 a.m. Vespers – 5:00 p.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy – 8:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. St. James (Iakovos) the Apostle 1st Hour & Divine Liturgy – 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Vespers at St. Demetrios Church, Elmhurst, IL-7:00 pm-9:30 pm **St. Demetrios**—Orthros & Divine Liturgy— 8:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. Agia Skepi–Orthros & Divine Liturgy– 8:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. Vespers-5:00 p.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy – 8:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Sunday, October 29th

Προγραμμα Ιερων Ακολουθιών

Κυφιακή 1η Οκτωβφίου Παφασκευή 6 Οκτωβφίου Σάββατο 7 Οκτωβφίου Κυφιακή 8 Οκτωβφίου Τφίτη 10 Οκτωβφίου

Σάββατο 14 Οκτωβοίου Κυοιακή 15 Οκτωβοίου Τετάοτη 18 Οκτωβοίου

Παφασκευή 20 Οκτωβφίου Σάββατο 21 Οκτωβφίου Κυφιακή 22 Οκτωβφίου Δευτέφα 23 Οκτωβφίου Τετάφτη 25 Οκτωβφίου Πέμπτη 26 Οκτωβφίου Σάββατο 28 Οκτωβφίου Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία, Αγιασμός – 8:15 π.μ. – 11:15 π.μ. **Αγ.** $\Theta \omega \mu \dot{\alpha} - 1\eta$ Ωρα & Θεία Λειτουργία - 8:00 π.μ. - 9:30 π.μ. Εσπερινός -5:00 μ.μ. -6:00 μ.μ. Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία $-8:15 \pi.\mu.-11:15 \pi.\mu.$ Χριστιανική Φιλοξενία στο Ι.Ν. Τιμίου Σταυρού Θεία Λειτουργία στον Ι.Ν. Τιμίου Σταυρού –10:00 π.μ. Εσπερινός -5:00 μ.μ. -6:00 μ.μ. Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία $-8:15 \pi.\mu.-11:15 \pi.\mu.$ Αγ. Λουκά του Ευαγγελιτού 1η Ω ρα & Θεία Λειτουργία - 8:00 π.μ. - 9:30 π.μ. **Αγ. Γερασίμου** – 1η Ώρα & Θεία Λειτουργία – 8:00 π.μ. – 9:30 π.μ. Εσπερινός -5:00 μ.μ. -6:00 μ.μ. Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία $-8:15 \pi.\mu.-11:15 \pi.\mu.$ **Αγ. Ιακώβου** – 1η Ώρα & Θεία Λειτουργία – 8:00 π.μ. – 9:30 π.μ. Μέγας Εσπερινός στο Ι.Ν. Αγ. Δημητρίου, Elmhurst-7:00 μ.μ. Αγ. Δημητρίου – Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία – 8:00 π.μ – 10:00 π.μ. Της Αγίας Σκέπης Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία-8:00 π.μ-11:00 π.μ. Εσπερινός -5:00 μ.μ. Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία $-8:15 \pi.\mu.-11:15 \pi.\mu.$

Κυριακή 29 Οκτωβρίου



		0	October 2023	23		
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10:30 am—Sunday School	2 9:00 am — Archangels Academy 4:30 pm — Greek School	3 9:00 am — Archangels Academy	4 9:00 am — Archangels Academy 10:30 am — Cherubs Play- group 5:30 pm — Iconography Class 7:00 pm — GOYA Bon Fire	5 9:00 am — Archangels Academy 1:00 pm — Food Distri- bution	6 Teacher Institute Day – NO Archangels Academy 4:30 pm – Greek School 6:30 – Family Night	7 11:30 am — Handmaidens/ Altar Boys Outing 3:30 p.m. — Byzantine Mu- sic Class (Beginners) 4:15 pm. — Byzantine Music Class (Intermediate)
8 Family Worship—No Sun- day School 11:30—Philoptochos Gen- eral Meeting	9 Columbus Day OFFICE CLOSED NO Archangels Academy NO Greek School	10 9:00 am – Archangels Academy 10:00 – Christianiki Philoxenia at Holy Cross Justice following the Di- vine Liturgy	11 9:00 am – Archangels Academy 5:30 pm – Iconography Class	12 9:00 am – Archangels Academy 1:00 pm – Food Distri- bution	 13 9:00 am – Archangels 9:00 am – Archangels Academy 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm – Greek School 6:30 pm – Floga Dance 7:15 – Floga Dance Troupe Advanced 	14 3:30 p.m. – Byzantine Mu- sic Class (Beginners) 4:15 pm. – Byzantine Music Class (Intermediate)
15 10:30 am—Sunday School	16 9:00 am – Archangels Academy 4:30 pm – Greek School 6:40 pm – Floga Dance Troupe Beginners	17 9:00 am – Archangels Academy	18 9:00 am – Archangels Academy 10:30 am – Cherubs Play- group 5:30 pm – Iconography Class 7:00 pm – GOYA	19 9:00 am – Archangels Academy 1:00 pm – Food Distri- bution	20 9:00 am – Archangels Academy 4:30 pm – Greek School 6:30 pm – Floga Dance Troupe Intermediate 7:15 – Floga Dance Troupe Advanced	21 3:30 p.m. – Byzantine Mu- sic Class (Beginners) 4:15 pm. – Byzantine Music Class (Intermediate)
22 10:30 am–Sunday School 5:00 pm–St. Spyridon Annual Dinner Dance	23 9:00 am – Archangels Academy 4:30 pm – Greek School 6:40 pm – Floga Dance Troupe Beginners	24 9:00 am – Archangels Academy	25 9:00 am – Archangels Academy 5:30–Iconography Class	26 9:00 am – Archangels Academy 1:00 pm– Food Distri- bution	 27 9:00 am – Archangels 9:00 am – Greek School 4:30 pm – Greek School 6:30 pm – Floga Dance 7:15 – Floga Dance Troupe Advanced 	 28 11:00 am - PTA Treats on the Trail Event 3:30 p.m Byzantine Mu-sic Class (Beginners) 4:15 pm Byzantine Music Class (Intermediate)
29 Family Worship—No Sun- day School 11:30 am–General Assem- bly	30 9:00 am – Archangels Academy 4:30 pm – Greek School 6:40 pm – Floga Dance Troupe Beginners	31 9:00 am – Archangels Academy 6:00 pm – Family Night				

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Hymnology in our Sunday School Curriculum

When you immerse yourself in the Divine Liturgy and other services in the Orthodox religion, you quickly realize how much Hymnology plays a starring role. The music around you is constant whether from the clergy, the chanter, the choir or congregation, the music is on-going throughout the service.

This year the St. Spyridon Sunday School will be adding a monthly class for K-Jr. High students to not only learn some of the music of our church hymns, but also learn about their meaning and about the Saints who were church hymnologists.

The class will be taught by Ruth E. Faklis who is President of the Chicago Metropolis: Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians. Ruth studied vocal music at the American Conservatory of Music and served as a member of the St. Spyridon Choir for over 20 years.











PTA News

DATES TO REMEMBER OCTOBER 6TH -NO SCHOOL FOR ARCHANGELS OCTOBER 8TH -NO SUNDAY SCHOOL: FAMILY WORSHIP CTOBER 9TH -NO SCHOOL FOR ARCHANGELS & GREEK SCHOOL OCTOBER 29TH -NO SUNDAY SCHOOL EMBER 5TH- GODPARENT SUNDAY LUNCHEON "NO SUNDAY SCHOOL" FUNDRAISERS & EVENTS OCTOBER 6TH: TROT-A-THON / FAMILY NIGHT MASH UP!! 6:30 PM-8PM BRING YOUR PLEDGES AND LET'S **CELEBRATE WITH SOME FUN!!** OCTOBER 28TH: TREATS ON THE TRAIL AT LAKE KATHERINE 11-1PM (KIDS CAN WEAR APPROPRIATE COSTUMES) **A MESSAGE FROM THE PTA** We are looking forward to all the fun we will have this month with you all and what a great way to kick off our new term!

We have a lot of great things planned for our schools and students but none of it is possible without your support! We hope to see you all at the upcoming events! Thank you!

> PTA NEEDS YOU! Email spyridonpta@gmail.com to help!

OCTOBER 19

MONTH

SAINT STORY OF THE

ST. SPYRIDON

October 2023

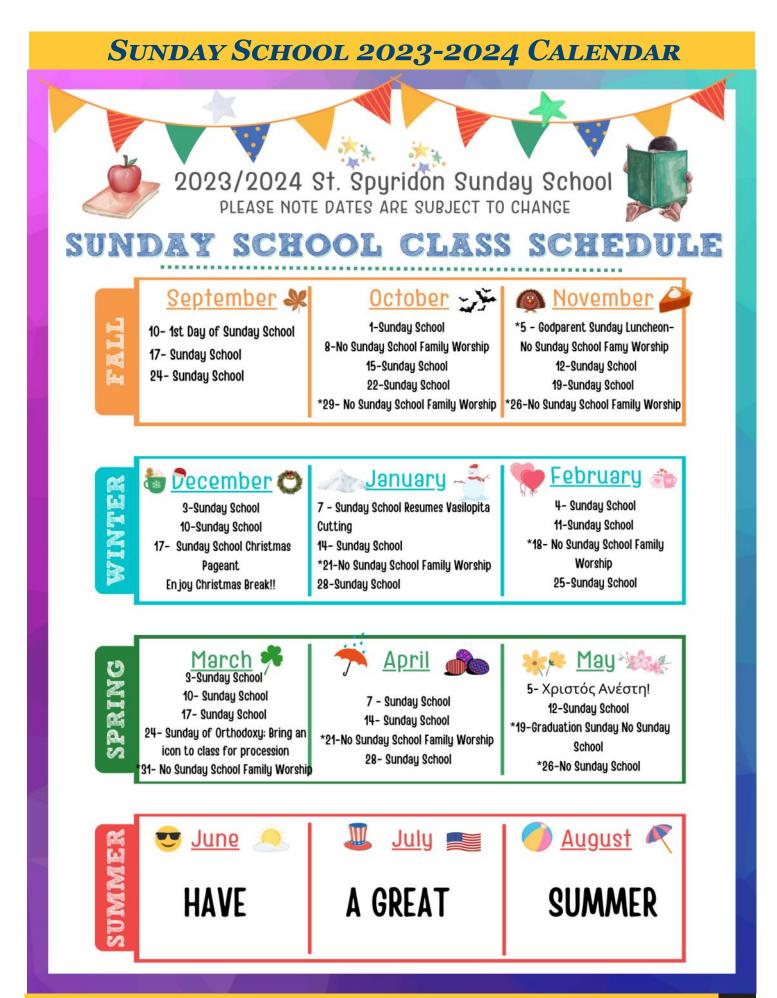
PTA NEWSLET

† RIGHTEOUS JOHN, WONDERWORKER OF KRONSTADT (1908). "SAINT JOHN OF KRONSTADT WAS A MARRIED PRIEST, WHO LIVED WITH HIS WIFE IN VIRGINITY. THROUGH HIS UNTIRING LABOURS IN HIS PRIESTLY DUTIES AND LOVE FOR THE POOR AND SINNERS, HE WAS GRANTED BY OUR LORD GREAT GIFTS OF CLAIRVOYANCE AND MIRACLE-WORKING, TO SUCH A DEGREE THAT IN THE LAST YEARS OF HIS LIFE MIRACLES OF HEALINGS — BOTH OF BODY AND OF SOUL — WERE PERFORMED COUNTLESS TIMES EACH DAY THROUGH HIS PRAYERS, OFTEN FOR PEOPLE WHO HAD ONLY WRITTEN TO HIM

ASKING HIS HELP. DURING HIS LIFETIME HE WAS KNOWN THROUGHOUT RUSSIA, AS WELL AS IN THE WESTERN WORLD. HE HAS LEFT US HIS DIARY MY LIFE IN CHRIST AS A SPIRITUAL TREASURE FOR CHRISTIANS OF EVERY AGE: SIMPLE IN LANGUAGE, IT EXPOUNDS THE DEEPEST MYSTERIES OF OUR FAITH WITH THAT WISDOM WHICH IS GIVEN ONLY TO A HEART PURIFIED BY THE GRACE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. FORESEEING AS A TRUE PROPHET THE REVOLUTION OF 1917, HE UNSPARINGLY REBUKED THE GROWING APOSTASY AMONG THE PEOPLE: HE FORETOLD THAT THE VERY NAME OF RUSSIA WOULD BE CHANGED. AS THE DARKNESS OF UNBELIEF GREW THICKER, HE SHONE FORTH AS A BEACON OF UNQUENCHABLE PIETY, COMFORTING THE FAITHFUL THROUGH THE MANY MIRACLES THAT HE WORKED AND THE FATHERLY LOVE AND SIMPLICITY WITH WHICH HE RECEIVED ALL. SAINT JOHN REPOSED IN PEACE IN 1908." (GREAT HOROLOGION)

Source: abbamoses.com





PLUTARCHOS ACADEMY



Μετά από το όμορφο και ξένοιαστο Καλοκαίοι μας, επιστρέψαμε όλοι, μαθητές, γονείς και δάσκαλοι ανανεωμένοι: με νέες δυνάμεις, ζήλο, προθυμία και υπομονή, στο Ελληνικό μας Σχολείο Πλούταρχος για να συνεχίσουμε το όμορφο και δύσκολο έργο μας. Αρχίσαμε τα μαθήματά μας, στις 8 Σεπτεμβρίου, με

Αγιασμό κι ευχές για μια ευλογημένη σχολική χρονιά, γεμάτη υγεία αγάπη και ΠΡΟΟΔΟ. Καλωσορίζουμε όλους τους δασκάλους μας, όλους τους μαθητές μας και όλους εσάς τους γονείς και σας ευχαριστούμε πάρα πολύ, που και για μια ακόμη χρονικά μας εμπιστεύεστε τα παιδιά σας. Σας υποσχόμαστε ότι θα κάνουμε το καλύτερο που μπορούμε για τη μόρφωση τους.



Το σχολείο μας λειτουργεί δύο φορές την εβδομάδα: Δευτέρα και Παρασκευή 4:30 - 6:30 μ.μ. με τάξεις, από Προνηπιαγωγείο μέχρι και την Ελληνομάθεια Β' και με καλούς, εκπαιδευμένους και με πολύχρονη πείρα δασκάλους. Εχουμε πλούσιο και γερό Αναλυτικό Πρόγραμμα Μαθημάτων για όλες τις τάξεις, πολιτιστική μόρφωση και πολλούς και διαφορετικούς παραδοσιακούς χορούς. Βασικός Σκοπός του Σχολείου μας έιναι: Να κρατήσουμε την Ελληνική μας ταυτότητα. Να αγαπήσουν οι μαθητές μας την πανέμορφη Ελλάδα μας. Να μαθαίνουν φυσικά και αβίαστα να μιλούν, να διαβάζουν, να γράφουν, να σκέφτονται και να ενεργούν ελληνικά. Να γνωρίσουν τις ρίζες μας, την Ορθόδοξη Θρησκεία μας, την μακραίωνη κι ένδοξη Ιστορία μας και το μεγαλείο του Πολιτισμού μας. Με άλλα λόγια να μάθουν τα Ελληνοχριστιανικά γράμματα και να γίνουν καλοί και αγαθοί πολίτες.

Ευχόμαστε να έχουμε μια Καλή Σχολική Χρονιά. Καλή Πρόοδο!!!



PLUTARCHOS ACADEMY

With the intercessions of St. Spyridon, we have been blessed to begin a new Greek School year. We are pleased to welcome over 80 new and continuing students to our program, as well as a few new staff members. It is a joy to see our students attend class as they learn about their Orthodox faith and Hellenic Heritage. Our students range from Preschool to Ellinomatheia B level. Classes are held every Monday and Friday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Please make every effort to be on time.

Many thanks to the PTA for the classroom school supplies and the welcome back to school gifts to our teachers. Also a big thank you to the Vythoulkas family for getting every student and staff member a beautiful Plutarchos Academy binder.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming events: Monday, October 9th—No school, Columbus Day Thursday, November 9th—Chicago Bears Game Fundraiser

Our 2023-24 staff is as follows:

Preschool: Mrs. Nicky Glikis
Kindergarten: Ms. Stavroula Koutsis
1st Grade: Mrs. Patricia Vythoulkas
2nd Grade: Ms. Natasha Vossos
3-6th Grades Mrs. Evi Marouda, Mrs. Litsa Tsarouhis & Mrs. Fotini Feradouros
Ellinomatheia: Mrs. Marianna Haniotakis





ARCHANGELS ACADEMY

What an amazing and busy month!

We have completed our first month of school! The children have been settling in and feeling comfortable with our everyday classroom routine. We continue to work on following the rules and the reasons why we need rules in our classroom.

On Wednesday, September 20th we held our Back to School/Open House. It was an amazing night spent with parents and children. On October 4th we are planning our "Annual" first field trip of the school year to the Children's Farm. The children are excited to touch, hold and learn about the many different animals that live on the farm.

Also, a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who has donated off our Amazon Wish List! Our appreciation goes beyond what words can ever describe!









HANDMAIDENS

We had a wonderful first gathering! The Handmaidens discussed the importance of prayer for their upcoming school year. To remind them of the strength their savior gives them, they made PSALM 23 bracelets for strength and guidance needed for their day to day lives. Our next meeting will be an outing to Feed My Starving Children. We will meet again in person on November 4th at 10am.





ICONOGRAPHY

Our Iconography class restarted again at Saint Spyridon after 3 years! Join us every Wednesday from 5:30 pm to 7 pm!





FAMILY NIGHT

Family Night Ministry has officially started! On Friday, September 15th, we had a fun evening as our families gathered for dinner and Phanouropita baking. Each family was provided ingredients and the baking demonstration was led by K. Evi Marouda. The children enjoyed mixing their ingredients and each family went home with their own Phanouropita. We thank K. Evi and Presvytera Diana for teaching the children about Saint Phanourios, who is celebrated on August 27th. Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us for our mashup event with the PTA: a Trot-a-thon on October 6th. Flyers are going out to all the children of our parish enrolled in our Archangels Academy, Sunday School, or Greek school with more details and information on how to enroll. We can't wait to see everyone for another enjoyable night!





GOYA

The GOYA Kick-off Ice Cream Social took place on Wednesday, September 20. We had a fun night of ice breakers, games and a spiritual vitamin offered by Father George.

Join us for our GOYA Bon fire on Wednesday, October 4 from 7 pm to 8:30 pm! There will be games, smores and a fireside chat led by Fr. George.

If you would like to receive text communications about upcoming events, please text @jrgoyag to 81010. Once this is completed, you will receive a text confirmation.



Philoptochos

Dear St. Spyridon Family, September has come & gone! On Saturday, September 23rd our Philoptochos ladies attended the annual Metropolis luncheon at the Concorde Banquets. Thanks to the generous grant provided by the Hellenic Foundation, our ladies as well as our sister parishes Holy Cross & Assumption, Homer Glen were provided transportation to the luncheon. It was great to see & connect with all of



our sister parishes at the well-attended luncheon!

This month we will be attending the Metropolis Clergy Laity & Philoptochos Convention that will be held on October 11th through October 13th. Our chapter will be having representatives attending as well.

Be on the lookout! Beginning this month, we will be taking order for our Take & Bake. Again, this year, we

will be selling tiropites, spanakopites, pastichio & moussaka! Please make sure to get your orders in! Delivery & pickup will be scheduled right before the Thanksgiving holiday!!

Our monthly meeting will be held on Sunday, October 8th right after the Divine Liturgy. We look forward to seeing you at our meeting.

Sisterly Agapi, Dana Vasilakos



FLOGA DANCE

The St Spyridon's Floga Hellenic Dance Troupe is off to a great start! We had our registration/parent meeting on September 22^{nd} that was very well attended. We were very humbled by the great turn out & enthusiasm of the parents and the students.

We will be adding an intermediate group this year, so we are able to better place the children based on their capabilities and ages. We will have the Springs of Basil



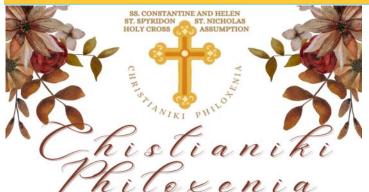
(beginners) practicing on Mondays and the Wonderworkers (Intermediate) and Floga (Advanced) practicing on Fridays (see flier for details).

We have a few performances coming up which include the Annunciation (in Kankakee) festival, The Greek Nursing home & the St. Spyridon dinner dance.

Continue to watch us on our Facebook page (St Spyridon's Floga Hellenic dance troupe) for more details about future events.

Thanks again to the parish for all their support and we are looking forward to another great year! OPA! Sophia Christofer & Evi Marouda

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Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία θα αρχίσουν στις 10:00 π.μ. και θα ακολουθήσει δωρεάν γεύμα στην κοινοτική αίθουσα της ενορίας.

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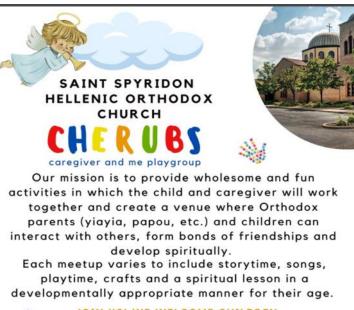
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Sat, Oct 28th | Treats on the Trail, Hosted by PTA, 11am Fri, Nov 3rd | Prosforo Baking at Saint Spyridon, 6:30-8pm

Sat, Nov 18th | Annual Christmas Advent Retreat at Saint Spyridon, 11am Fri, Dec 8th | Christmas PJ Party/Movie Night at Saint Spyridon, 6:30-8pm

Come visit our sign up table at the backpack blessing! Or send an email to Presvytera Diana at dlamberisegmail.com for more info!

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The St. Spyridon Food Pantry passes out food to the needy every Thursday from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

We are always in need of the following items: Cereal - Pancake mix & Syrup - Oatmeal - Spaghetti Sauce - Spaghetti/Pasta - Boxed Mashed Potatoes -Brownie Mix - Mac & Cheese - Tuna Cans - Canned Soups - Mustard/Ketchup - Salad Dressing - Canned Corn - Canned Beans - Canned Peas - Oil Any other Nonperishable Foods

Monetary donations are always welcome.

Please place all nonperishable food donations in the FOOD PANTRY BOX located in the gym by the parking lot door.

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