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ST. SPYRIDON FEAST DAY CELEBRATION



THE SAINT SPYRIDON PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY

CHRISTMAS PARTY

JANUARY 8TH | 12:30PM
IMMEDIATELY AFTER LITURGY

\$35 per person | Elements by The Odyssey |
16235 La Grange Rd., Orland Park, IL
RSVP by January 3rd
Sandy Korbakes @ 708-772-0409 or alexandrakorbakes@att.net

Please make check payable to St. Spyridon Philoptochos

ARCHANGELS ACADEMY PRESCHOOL PRESENTS

A WINTER WONDERLAND BREAKFAST

JANUARY 22ND 2023
SNOW STARTS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
THE DIVINE LITURGY AT 11:30 AM

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER!!	ADULTS	\$20	OUR SNOW ANGELS CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!!
	KIDS (12 and under)	\$10	

KINDLY RESPOND WITH YOUR RSVP TO
director@archangelsacademy.org or find us after Liturgy at our reservation table.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear St. Spyridon Parish Family,

Happy New Year ! Καλή Χρονια με υγεία ! It is with great hope and prayer that we were able to experience the spiritual meaning of these blessed days of the year while staying in good health and doing well. Thank you to Fr. George for his guidance and unyielding efforts to help make this time of year even more beautiful for all of us. Thank you to the chanters, parish council members and parish volunteers for volunteering to assist with the holy services.

The attached pictures are of the dutiful parish council, lovely Ladies Philoptochos and wonderful volunteers that helped during our beloved Patron Saint Spyridon's Feast Day. There is also a picture of our Fr. George at the Service of the Royal Hours that took place on the Friday before Christmas, during the snow blizzard.

The parish council approved in December a new tuition amount for Archangels Academy Preschool for the 2023-2024 school year. The Archangels Academy Preschool is offering an extended day option that expands the existing educational, religious and cultural learning experience into the afternoon. Archangels Academy Preschool helps its students build a solid foundation for their future educational school years and life. Please consider enrolling your children as 2023-24 applications are now being accepted.

Thank you to Fr. George, the parish council members, all of the church organizations and committees, the parishioners, volunteers and donors for all of your benevolent efforts.

Warmhearted wishes to everyone on a healthy, happy and prosperous 2023.

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

Humbly submitted, Frank Kopanis



FATHER'S LETTER

"Happy New Year" is the way we greet each other this time of year. We have a new year which offers the potential for new things that are different from the previous year. Yes, the same mundane things will happen in the year to come. Household chores and work will take place. We will experience the same months and seasons.

But we yearn for newness in our life. Our soul yearns for something new. What could this newness be?

"There will be a new heaven and a new earth," says the Lord (2 Peter 3:13). A world in all its glory will become new at the end of the physical world when the Lord comes again. The bandaged and wounded person, the tree frozen for the winter, or the house under renovation, will all appear healed and healthy in time. The renovation will be complete, the wounds will be healed, and the tree will once again grow. All will be renewed to their original beauty!

But in the meantime, we have to be intentional about making things new in the New Year. There are four things one can do that are so powerful, so revolutionary, that if you implement just one of them, they will change your life and help make the New Year truly be a year of newness!

1) **Pray:** The bible tells us to pray without ceasing. This is something that we can all improve both individually and communally. Set aside some time every day to speak with God in prayer. Perhaps you may want to pray as the ancient Christians did at a specific hour (or hours) of the day.

2) **Read the Scriptures and the Holy Fathers:** Part of your prayer rule can involve some biblical reading and/or reading the life of a Saint or Father of the church.

3) **Avoid Sin, Cultivate the Virtues:** Set a time to schedule a confession so that you can work on your spiritual struggles. As we fight sin, we allow room for the birth and growth of virtue.

4) **Serve and Offer Outreach:** Get involved in an outreach or philanthropic initiative/organization such a food drive, the Philoptochos, or other outreach initiative like Feed My Starving Children.

5) **Attend Divine Liturgy Regularly:** Within worship, we have the blessing of hearing His word through the gospel readings and also through sermons. Most importantly, we are given the opportunity to experience the sacrament of Holy Communion in which our Lord is made manifest.

These may sound like New Year resolutions; however, these resolutions are what shape us and quench our thirst for the newness to come! Therefore, we "put off the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and holiness (Eph. 4:22, 24). This New Year, become new within yourself. May the Lord God grant this to all!



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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 1st	Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:15 a.m.—11:15 a.m.
Thursday, January 5th	Royal Hours, Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil & Agiasmos—7:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
Friday, January 6th	THEOPHANY—Orthros, Liturgy, Agiasmos—8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. Vespers at St. John's Church, Des Plaines, IL—7:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m.
Saturday, January 7th	St. John the Baptist, Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.
Sunday, January 8th	Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:15 a.m.—11:15 a.m.
Tuesday, January 10th	St. Gregory of Nyssa—1st Hour & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m.—9:30 a.m.
Saturday, January 14th	Vespers—5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 15th	Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:15 a.m.—11:15 a.m.
Tuesday, January 17th	St. Anthony the Great—Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, January 18th	Ss. Athanasios & Cyrill—Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.
Thursday, January 19th	St. Mark, Bishop of Ephesus—Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.
Saturday, January 21st	Vespers—5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 22nd	Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:15 a.m.—11:15 a.m.
Wednesday, January 25th	St. Gregory the Theologian—Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.
Saturday, January 28th	Vespers—5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 29th	Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:15 a.m.—11:15 a.m.
Monday, January 30th	Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs—Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m.—10:30 am.

ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΙΕΡΩΝ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΩΝ

Κυριακή 1 Ιανουαρίου	Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία—8:15 π.μ.—11:15 π.μ.
Πέμπτη 5 Ιανουαρίου	Μέγας Εσπερινός του Αγ. Βασιλείου & Αγιασμός—7:00 π.μ.—11:00 π.μ.
Παρασκευή 6 Ιανουαρίου	ΘΕΟΦΑΝΕΙΑ—Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία, Αγιασμός—8:00 π.μ.—11:00 π.μ. Μέγας Εσπερινός στον Ι.Ν. Αγ. Ιωάννου, Des Plaines, IL—7:00 μ.μ.—9:30 μ.μ.
Σάββατο 7 Ιανουαρίου	Αγ. Ιωάννου—Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ.—10:30 π.μ.
Κυριακή 8 Ιανουαρίου	Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία—8:15 π.μ.—11:15 π.μ.
Τρίτη 10 Ιανουαρίου	Αγ. Γρηγορίου της Νύσσης Πρώτη Ώρα & Θεία Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ.—9:30 π.μ. Εσπερινός—5:00 μ.μ.—6:00 μ.μ.
Σάββατο 14 Ιανουαρίου	Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία—8:15 π.μ.—11:15 π.μ.
Κυριακή 15 Ιανουαρίου	Αγ. Αντωνίου—Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ.—10:30 π.μ.
Τρίτη 17 Ιανουαρίου	Αγίων Αθανασίου και Κυρίλλου
Τετάρτη 18 Ιανουαρίου	Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ.—10:30 π.μ.
Πέμπτη 19 Ιανουαρίου	Αγ. Μάρκου Επισκόπου Εφέσου— Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ.—9:30 π.μ.
Σάββατο 21 Ιανουαρίου	Εσπερινός—5:00 μ.μ.—6:00 μ.μ.
Κυριακή 22 Ιανουαρίου	Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία—8:15 π.μ.—11:15 π.μ.
Τετάρτη 25 Ιανουαρίου	Αγ. Γρηγορίου του Θεολόγου Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ.—9:30 π.μ.
Σάββατο 28 Ιανουαρίου	Εσπερινός—5:00 μ.μ.—6:00 μ.μ.
Κυριακή 29 Ιανουαρίου	Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία—8:15 π.μ.—11:15 π.μ.
Δευτέρα 30 Ιανουαρίου	Σύναξις των Τριών Ιεραρχών Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ.—10:30 π.μ.



January 2023—Community Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 * Family Worship—No Sunday School	2 * Office Closed	3	4	5	6 THEOPHANY *Greek School Resumes—4:30 pm-6:30 pm * Folk dance (intermediate)—6:30 pm—7:00 pm	7
8 * Sunday School—10:30 am—11:30 am *Sunday School Vasilopita—11:00 a.m.	9 * Archangels Academy Resumes—9:00 am * Greek School & Vasilopita—4:30 pm-6:30 pm *Folk dance (beginners)—6:30 pm—7:00 pm	10 * Archangels Academy—9:00 am * Parish Council Meeting—7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.	11 * Archangels Academy—9:00 am *GOYA —7:30 pm	12 * Archangels Academy—9:00 am	13 * Archangels Academy—9:00 a.m. * Greek School—4:30—6:30 p.m. *Folk dance (intermediate)—6:30 pm—7:00 pm	14 * Handmaidens—10:30 a.m. * Byzantine Chant Class—3:45 p.m.
15 * Family Worship—No Sunday School—10:30 am—11:30 am * Metropolis Vasilopita Cutting at St. Spyridon—6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.	16 * Office closed * Archangels Academy—9:00 am * Greek School—4:30 pm-6:30 pm *Folk dance (beginners)—6:30 pm—7:00 pm	17 * Archangels Academy—9:00 a.m.	18 * Archangels Academy—9:00 a.m.	19 * Archangels Academy—9:00 am	20 * Archangels Academy—9:00 a.m. * Greek School—4:30 pm-6:30 pm *Folk dance (intermediate)—6:30 pm—7:00 pm *Family Night —6:30 pm	21 * Byzantine Chant Class—3:45 p.m.
22 *Sunday School—10:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. *Pancake Breakfast—11:00 p.m.	23 * Archangels Academy—9:00 am * Greek School—4:30 pm-6:30 pm *Folk dance (beginners)—6:30 pm—7:00 pm	24 * Archangels Academy—9:30 am	25 * Archangels Academy—9:00 am * GOYA —7:30 pm	26 * Archangels Academy—9:00 am	27 * Archangels Academy—9:00 am Greek School—4:30 pm-6:30 pm * Folk dance (intermediate)—6:30 pm—7:00 pm	28 * Byzantine Chant Class—3:45 p.m.
29 * Sunday school—10:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.	30 * Archangels Academy—9:00 am * Greek School—4:30 pm-6:30 pm *Folk dance (beginners)—6:30 pm—7:00 pm	31 * Archangels Academy—9:00 am				

WITH GRATITUDE TO ALL OUR STEWARDS FOR 2022

ALCOTT, Andrew
 ALEMIS, Alex & Tina
 ALEMIS, Chris & Georgia
 ALEX, Nika & Irene
 ALEXAKOS, Dimitrios & Katerina
 ALEXOPOULOS, Katerina
 ALEXOPOULOS, Kostas & Chris
 ALIKAKOS, Gus & Litsa
 ALIKAKOS, Fr. Tilemahos & Pres. Georgia
 ANGELIS, Maria
 ANGELOS, Angelo & Christina
 ANGELOS, John & Anna
 ANGELOS, Peter & Ana
 APOSTOLOPOULOS, Christos
 ARGYROPOULOS, Antonis & Stella
 ARGYROPOULOS, Gus
 ARGYROPOULOS, James
 ARGYROPOULOS, Nick & Vicky
 ARVANITIS, Christos
 ARVANITIS, John & Sofia
 BABBITT, John & Lauryn
 BALTSAS, John & Maria
 BASTAS, Chrisi
 BASTAS, John & Maria
 BERDUSIS, James & Georgia
 BESBEKOS, Mark & Phyllis
 BEZANIS, Dimitri & Iliana
 BISBIKIS, Mary
 BIZOUKAS, Eleni
 BOBIS, Nicholas
 BOHAC, Hariet
 BOORAS, John & Theodora
 BOUNTINAS, Morfo
 BOUSIES, Zaharias & Maria
 BOZONELOS, Yiorgos & Denise
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 CATSOGIANNIS, Christos
 CHARALAMBOS, Anna
 CHARNOT, Steven
 CHIAGOURIS, Helen
 CHIBUCOS, Alexia
 CHIBUCOS, Caryn
 CHRIMPOURAS, Chris & Androniqi
 CHRISTOFER, Chris & Sofia
 CHRISTOPOULOS, Pol. & Aggeliki
 CHRISTOS, Spero & Vasso
 CHRISTY, Nicholas & Faith
 COLLOPY, Adam & Stephane
 COLOMPOS, Thalia & Steve
 DAGRES, Nikolaos & Natalie
 DANOS, Dean & Georgia
 DANOS, George & Angie
 DANOS, Georgia
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 DEMAKIS, Konstantinos & Theony
 DEMAS, Jason & Ourania
 DEMOPOULOS, Bess
 DOULAS, Nikolaos & Vasiliki
 DRIKOS, George & Vasiliki
 ELIACOSTAS, Dean & Jennifer
 ELIACOSTAS, George
 ELIACOSTAS, Martha
 ELIOPULOS, Martha
 EVANGELOPOULOS, Georgia
 FAKLIS, Ruth
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 GATSIOS, Theofanis & Antonia
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 GEORGELOS, George & Georgia
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 GEORGIPOULOS, Bill & Toulia
 GEORGIPOULOS, Nick
 GEORGIPOULOS, Ted & Antonia
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 GEORGIU, Constantina
 GEORGIU, Polixeni
 GIANNAKOPOULOS, Angelo & Alex
 GIARDINA, Irene
 GLIKIS, Andreas & Eleftheria
 GLIKIS, Paul & Nicky
 GLIKIS, Peter & Maria
 GOLFIS, Dimitri
 GOUNTANIS, Kathy
 GRAPSAS, Katherine
 HALIKAS, James
 HALIKIAS, Aris & Yianna
 HALIKIAS, Aris T & Christina
 HALIKIAS, Mario
 HANIOTAKIS, Michael & Marianna
 HARDALOUPAS, Apostolis & Vicky
 HARDEN, Alanna
 HATZIDIMITRIADIS, Arist. & Maria
 HIX, Thomas & Anna
 HOHLASTOS, Elias & Maria
 HOHLASTOS, Michael & Kalioppe
 HRISTAKOS, Peter & Evelyn
 HRONIS, Thomas & Nectaria
 IOVINO, Tanya & Nicholas
 JAMES, Curtis & Effie
 KANELLAKOS, Effie
 KAPSALIS, Steve & Perry
 KAPSASKIS, Constantine & Joanne
 KARABETSOS, Alexios & Calliope
 KARAMPELAS, Constantine
 KARAMPELAS, Roula
 KAROPULOS, John & Katherine
 KARUNTZOS, Demetrios
 KARUNTZOS, Georgia
 KATRIS, Helen
 KATSENI, Bill
 KATSENI, Evan & Christina
 †KATSENI, Patricia
 KATSOUKAKIS, Tarsi
 KATSOUKIS, Dina
 KATTOS, George & Tracy
 KAVVADAS, Andreas & Andreana
 KAVVADAS, Peter
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 KEKEMPANOS, Larry & Yonna
 KILIAS, Bill & Christina Kyres
 KLADIS, George & Lula
 KLADIS, James & Maryanne
 KLADIS, Tasia
 KLIORIS, Louis & Joanne
 KLIORIS, Stavroula
 KOLLINTZAS, Jimmy
 KOLYVAS, Chris & Jann
 KOLYVAS, Gus
 KOLYVAS, Peter
 KOLYVAS, Peter
 KONTARIS, Anna
 KONTARIS, Spiro & Renatka
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 KOPANITSANOS, Sophia
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 KORBAKES, James
 KORBAKES, Peter
 KORBAKIS, John
 KORBAKIS, Zoe
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 KOULOGEORGE, Chris
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 KOUTSIS, Tim
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 KOZIOCAS, John & Claudia
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 KYROUDIS, George & Christina
 LABRAKIS, Konstantinos & Pam

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LAMBERIS, Fr. George & Pres. Diana
LAMBERIS, Gus & Aspasia
LARIS, George & Frances
LARIS, James & Joanna
LAVVAS, John & Anastasia
LES, Dimitrios & Toulia
LES, Joanne
LETSOU, LEMONIA
LILLIOS, Betty
LIMPARIS, Mary
LIMPERIS, George & Katina
LIMPERIS, Makis
MAGLARIS, Anastasia & George
MALAMIS, Georgia
MALAMIS, Taso & Sofea
MALFAS, Angela
MALFAS, Apostolos & Yannoula
MALFAS, Labros
MANASSES, Demetri & Efthemia
MANASSES, Tina
MANIKAS, Theophanes & Eleni
MANOLIS, Valerie & Bryan Lemer
MANTIS, Diamantis
MARAMATHAS, Bill & Anthe
MARAS, Ted
MARINAKOS, Billy & Viki
MARINES, Demetrius & Sue
MARINOS, Eustratios
MARS, Joan
MATARANGAS, Stefanos & Dionysia
MAZARAKOS, John
MCNEILL, Rob & Niki
MICHALOPOULOS, John & Anastasia
MIHAS, Deno & Bessie
MIKROULIS, Ted & Demetra
NAKOS, Catherine
PAGUNAS, William
PALEOTHODOROS, Evelyn
PALEOTHODOROS, Nicolas
PANAGIOTAROS, Nick & Georgia
PANAGIOTAROS, Ted
PANAGIOTOPOULOS, Tasos & M
PAPADATOS, Bob & Connie
PAPADOPOULOS, Demetria
PAPADOPOULOS, George & Effie
PAPADOULAKIS, Kostas & Labrini
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PAPPAS, Andrew
PAPPAS, Carol & Alexander
PAPPAS, George
PAPPAS, Gus & Tasia
PAPPAS, Theodore & Helen
PARAS, Mary
PARASKEVOPOULOS, Paul & Popie
PARASKIS, Peter & Mary
PARHAS, Stella
PASHOS, Haralambos
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PERKINS, Brian & Katina
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PETINATOS, Nick & Dina
PETRAKOS, Andreana
PETRAKOS, James & Dimitra
PETROPOUL, James & Penelope
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POULOS, John & Tina
POZIOPOULOS, John
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PREVETT, Daniel & Georgiena
PRIMBAS, Thomas & Nancy
RETSINAS, Kostas & Zoe
RILEY, Thomas & Janine
RIMBOS, Chris
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ROUGAS, Gus
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ROUSONELOS, Stanley
SCARLATIS, George & Simona
SCARLATIS, Nick & Chrysoula
SCHMIDT, Donarld & Helen
SEARL, Glyn & Susanna
SHAMMA, Tony & Penny
SHIZAS, Nickolas
SIMANTIRAKIS, Rhea
SIOMOS, Metaxia
SKOURLETOS, Kostas & Eleftheria
SMIRNIS, Gregory
SOTIROPOULOS, Alex
SOTIROPOULOS, Andy & Georgene
SOTIROPOULOS, Peter & Helen
SPERLAKIS, Rita
STAMATOGLOU, Alexandros
STAMATOGLOU, John & Olibia
STAMESON, Andrew
STAMUS, Panagiotis & Artemicia
STATHAKIS, Paul & Norma
STEFANOS, Gaglos
STERGIOPOULOS, Kostas & Demetra
†STIVE, James
SULLIVAN, Spiro
SUSNIS, Matthew & Vasilike
SWEIS, Khalil & Eleni
SWEISS, Omar & Christine
SYMCONIDES, Peter
His Eminence SYMEONIDES, Nathan
SYNADINOS, Ioannis
TALTSIDIS, Maria
THEODORE, Andrew
THEODORE, Demetrios & Helen
THEOHARIS, George & Georgia
THIAKOS, Fay
TRAHANAS, Konstantinos & Vasiliki
TREANTAFELES, Leah
TRIANTAFYLLOU, George & Maria
TSAGALIS, Angelo
TSAKIRIS, Christos & Maria
TSANTILLIS, Andreas & Lela
TSAROUHIS, Odysseus & Litsa
TSIGOLIS, George & Georgia
TSINOUKAS, Athena
TSINOUKAS, Nicholas & Maria
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VASILIADES, Sofokli & Ioanna
VASILOPOULOS, Konstan. & Isidora
VLACHOS, Lambros & Maria
VLAHOS, Spyros
VYTHOULKAS, George & Patricia
WAGNER, Rocky & Kristin
WATNE, Andy
XEROS, Helen
XEROS, James & Georgia
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YOUNG, Nicoletta & Daniel
YRAPISIS, Katherine
ZIPPMANN, Magdalene
ZORBAS, Effie
* Please bring it to our attention if your name has been misspelled or omitted.

STEWARDSHIP 2023



2023 STEWARDSHIP CHALLENGE

- **NON-STEWARDS:** In 2023, we challenge you to become a steward and consider pledging 2% of your household income as stewardship.
- **CURRENT STEWARDS:** In 2023, we challenge you to give 2% of your household income as stewardship
- **CURRENT STEWARDS:** If you are already giving 2% or more, we challenge you to increase your stewardship by 1%

STEWARDS DECEMBER 1ST, 2022 — DECEMBER 31, 2022

- Mr. & Mrs. Steve Kapsalis
- Mr. & Mrs. John Korbakis
- Dr. Mary Peters
- Mr. Gregory Petinatos
- Mr. John Poziopoulos
- Mr. & Mrs. Ioannis Synadinos
- Mrs. Athena Tsinoukas

Total # of Stewards: 316



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



PARISH REGISTRY

Weddings

Nicholas Paleothodoros and Paulina Remiasz were joined in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, December 10th. Their sponsors were Mr. John & Mrs. Angela Sarantopoulos.

Να ζήσουν!

40 Day Blessings

Congratulations to Chris and Irene Boulougouris who brought their twin boys in church for their 40 day blessing!

Congratulations to Leo and Denise Skiadopoulos who brought their daughter in church for their 40 day blessing!

Baptisms

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Susnis who baptized their son Leonidas. His sponsor was Maria Taltsidis.

Funerals

On December 14, Mr. James Stive fell asleep in the Lord. His funeral took place on December 20th and he was interned at Evergreen Cemetery.

Memorials

+40 days Alexandros Georgiou, +3 mo. John Katsianis, , +7 mo. Sophia Katsianis, , +6 mo. Iannis Vasiliadis, +10 yrs Georgia Tsarouhis, +20 yrs Konstantinos Tsarouhis,

+23 yrs Maria & Chris Tsarouhis,, +6 mo. David Villanueva,, +40 day Angeliki Visvardis,, +1 yr Stamoulis Vasilakis,, +5 yrs. Athanasios Kakos

May their memory be eternal!

ARCHANGELS



December is always such a busy but exciting month for all! Our children practiced very hard and put on an amazing show at our Annual Christmas Pageant. We are so very proud of them! Thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped make this a wonderful event for everyone.

Have you heard the news? Archangels Academy Preschool is now offering FULL and HALF day options for the

upcoming 2023-2024 school year! Enrollment is open and applications are now being accepted. Please be aware that applications are on a first come, first serve basis with priority given to our current students, St. Spyridon Stewards and alumni.

The students and staff of Archangels Academy Preschool would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year!



PHILOPTOCHOS



Happy New Year! The members of the St. Spyridon Ladies Philoptochos wish our entire community the blessings of Faith, Health, Hope and Love for 2023. As we prepare for the New Year, I must express my sincere gratitude to Fr. George for his guidance, support, wisdom and patience. His good humor is always appreciated. Also, thank you to all the Philoptochos ladies who do extraordinary things to benefit our community always with a smile and with true humility. As always a thank you to each of you for your constant support for Philoptochos

Over the last year we continued to build on the foundation of our St. Spyridon Philoptochos with fellowship, service to our community and helping our brothers and sisters in need. In 2022, we:

Served over 550 meals to those in need, including the homeless under the bridge.

Distributed over \$6,000 to parish members, as gifts of love.

Donated \$1,500 to St Spyridon Food Pantry.

Donated \$3,000 to Orthodox charities including the IOCC and mission in South America.

Reached out to our extended community and donated \$5,800 to children suffering from cancer, the homeless and operation classroom.

Distributed \$12,000 in scholarship to our parish's students for college and graduate studies.

Prepared sweets and visited our home bound parishioners for Christmas and Easter. A special Christmas wreath was also given with our visits for Christmas.

Completed our first cancer walk and raised \$5,000 to help support cancer families and cancer research.

Donated funds to purchase the new chairs for our community.

Our ladies volunteered over 3,500 hours to help us feed the hungry, prepare for our fundraising events and assist those in need.

It has been an amazing year!!!!

During the month of December, we held our annual Craft Show. Thank you to all the ladies and parish members who volunteered, cooked, baked and worked together to make this a success. As always Toulia Georgiopoulos did an amazing job organizing this fundraiser and keeping our spirits bright. Also thank you to George Papadopoulos and all the parish members for all their help and support.

We had beautiful weather for the vespers and feast day of



PHILOPTOCHOS

St. Spyridon and we welcomed many visitors to our parish. Again, thank you ladies for baking all the delicious Lenten sweets for our Fellowship. Our members also prepared and delivered "philo greetings" to our home bound parishioners. We also thank Yanoula and Angela Malfas for the beautiful Christmas cross wreaths they made which were included in our greetings to our homebound parishioners.

In January, Philoptochos kicks off our Membership Drive for 2023! We invite everyone to join St. Spyridon Philoptochos. Your stewardship is critical so we may continue our many good works for our parish and those of our philanthropy. So consider joining us, volunteer your time, talent and energy to promote the values of our Orthodox faith. We will be mailing our Philoptochos stewardship cards so please complete and return it with your stewardship. We will also have a membership table in the back room during Sunday Fellowship hour. We welcome new members, new ideas and fellowship. Please remember together we can do so much!

On January 8th Philoptochos will host our Christmas Party at Elements with a brunch immediately after church. We welcome all to join our celebration, the cost will be \$35 per person. Please contact Sandy Korbakes for additional information.

Also, Sunday, January 15th our parish will be hosting the Metropolis Vasilopita Celebration. His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael will begin with a doxology and blessing of the Vasilopitas in church and then proceed to the hall for the celebration and the cutting of the vasilopitas. This joyous event is well attended by the entire Chicago Metropolis and all the parishes have been invited. The proceeds from this annual celebration are sent to sustain St. Basil's Academy, a "home away from home" for Orthodox young people who come from troubled homes or who are victims of poverty, abuse or abandonment. We hope you will all join us that evening. We will need help in preparing and serving that evening; please contact Helen Sotiropoulos if you are able to volunteer.

On February 18th we will be preparing and serving 60 meals for the homeless at Almost Home. This organization operates a food kitchen in Oaklawn serving those with food insecurity in the south suburbs. We will also be having our Aprozriatico on February 19th. So that will be a busy weekend, so please consider volunteering to help us that weekend.

We pray the New Year will continue with blessings to our community, reinforce our resilience and build our faith. Let's begin the year cognizant of our blessings and remember to act with kindness and respect for all.

Have a blessed and healthy New Year!

With Sisterly Agape,

Georgia Xeros, Philoptochos President



HANDMAIDENS

Happy New Year!

The Handmaidens would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who has helped us with our hospital project. We were able to deliver 95 gift bags to the children and caregivers who stayed at the University of Illinois Children's Hospital in Chicago through the holidays. This brought so much joy to them and for that we are grateful.

At our most recent meeting we were blessed to have Alexia Chibucos guide us in chanting. Thank you Alexia!

We also assisted the food pantry in making Christmas cards for the meals they graciously distributed.

We would also like to thank all who purchased or donated towards our Akathist sets to Saint Spyridon. We sold out! All the proceeds have been donated to Bishop Athenagoras to assist in his incredible mission work in Central America.

We wish you all a blessed and healthy new year!



ALTAR BOYS



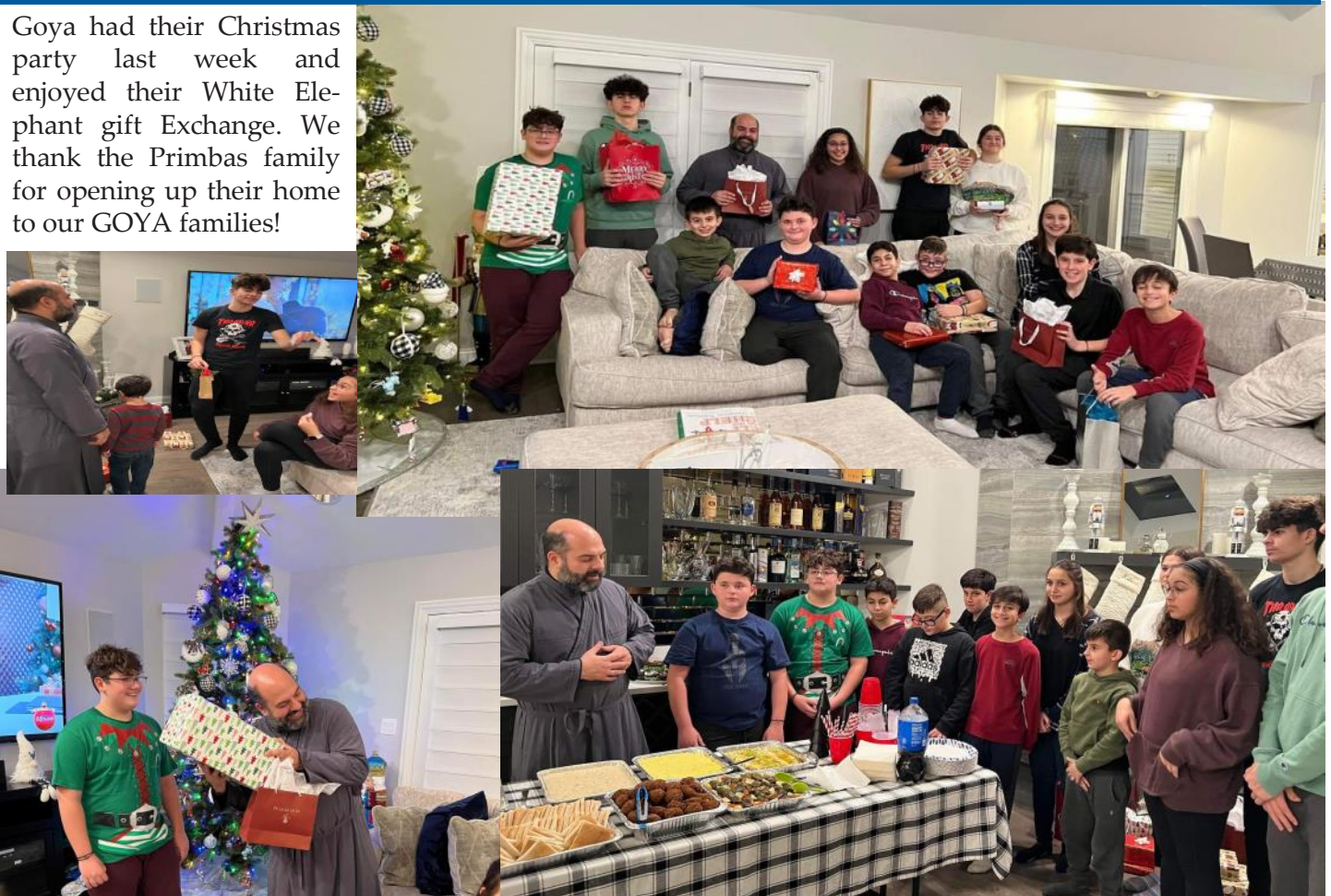
CHERUBS

Merry Christmas! Kala Xristouyenna! Our little Cherubs had a wonderful time celebrating Christmas! They colored, read a book, and made ornaments! Join us in the new year! We welcome children age 40 days to 3 years with their caregivers. Email cherubs12307@gmail.com to sign up for this free ministry.



GOYA

Goya had their Christmas party last week and enjoyed their White Elephant gift Exchange. We thank the Primbas family for opening up their home to our GOYA families!



SUNDAY SCHOOL



Happy New Year from all of our Sunday School teachers! On December 18th our youth from Sunday School and our Plutarchos Greek School participated in our annual Christmas Pageant. Congratulations to them and to our directors for a wonderful program! We are looking forward to resuming our classes on Sunday, January 8th with our annual Vasilopita cutting. Each classroom will have their own Vasilopita. If you would like to provide one for your child's class, please let the teacher know. Class dates in January will be on the 8th, 22nd and 29th. If you have not registered your student, it's not too late to do so. Please stop by the church office.



PLUTARCHOS ACADEMY



Happy New Year!

During the month of December, our students learned about our Patron Saint, St. Spyridon, and different Christmas Customs and traditions for this special season. On Friday, December 9th, during Parent Teacher conferences we had the opportunity to attend a beautiful Paraklesis Service to St. Spyridon and learn a lot about his life.

On Sunday, December 18th we joined the Sunday School students and sang Christmas Carols.

We hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas break. Classes will resume Friday, January 6th. On Monday, January 9th we will have our Vasilopita cutting. Thank you to the wonderful moms that are baking the Vasilopites and to the PTA for providing the St. Basil coins. *Καλή και ευλογημένη χρονιά!*

January is the month that we dedicate to the Greek Letters and our school will be focusing on this topic.

On Saturday, January 14th our teachers will be attending a Greek educators seminar organized by the Metropolis of Chicago. This year's Metropolis Panscholiki celebration will take place on April 29th.

2023 marks the 100th Anniversary of our Archdiocese and our school will participate in a Metropolis-wide History Fair to celebrate the milestone. More details to follow.

Congratulations to Dimitri Koutsoubas and Aris Cajas for being "December Ellinopoula students of the Month". Good job boys!



A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED OUR CHRISTMAS CANDY FUNDRAISER. YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!



FOOD PANTRY

Once again, we thank our donors for their generosity and our volunteers for their hard work!

The contributions of food and money collected enabled us to assemble and distribute (45) Christmas Food Baskets to needy families throughout our community! This is the most baskets we have distributed for Christmas in years! Without your support, this event would not have been possible.

The value of each food basket was roughly \$65 and contained a ham and enough fresh and non-perishable food items for multiple meals.

As part of our ongoing partnership with Kingdom Word Church in Roseland (formerly St. Spyridon) and the generosity of our parish Philoptochos, we were able to provide (10) complete Christmas dinners that were distributed to needy families in their community.

Beyond the baskets, \$1,700 in gift cards will be distributed to St. Spyridon families in need. The total value of items that were distributed this Christmas was \$4,625 plus \$500 for Kingdom Church.

Thank you to all who donated and to those who took their time to assemble and distribute the baskets. We are also grateful to our Handmaidens for creating beautiful cards for the families.

Our next holiday distribution will be for Pascha.

If you know of a family in need, please let them know that we distribute food every Thursday from 1pm - 2pm in the back entrance of our church Gym.

Wishing everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year 2023!



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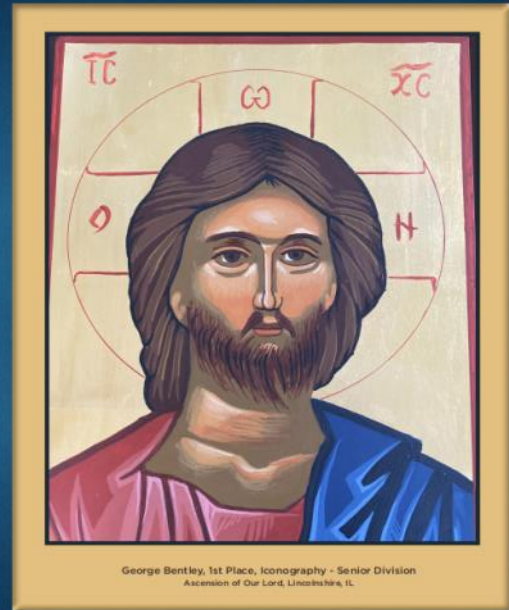


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Blessing of Homes

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