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Philotochos Go Red Sunday



Sunday of Orthodoxy



Parish Council 2026-27

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY—ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΗΣ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΙΑΣ

We were blessed to see our Sunday School students, altar boys, and dedicated teachers participate in the procession of icons for the Sunday of Orthodoxy. With reverence and joy, our children carried holy icons through the church, boldly proclaiming their faith and reminding all of us that the truth of Christ is not only preserved in books, but lived and handed down from generation to generation. The Sunday of Orthodoxy, celebrated on the first Sunday of Great Lent, commemorates the restoration of the holy icons in the year 843 under the leadership of Empress Theodora. After a long period of iconoclasm, when the use of icons was forbidden, the Church affirmed that because Christ truly became man, He can be depicted in sacred images. The feast is not just about the restoration of icons; it's also about the restoration of the icon within each of us. Great Lent provides us with the opportunity to unearth this icon through its disciplines.



FATHER'S MESSAGE

CARING FOR SOULS, NOT NUMBERS

Beloved faithful,

Every parish is unique. Each parish has its own particular goals, dreams and problems. Each has experienced its own successes and failures. But in every parish, there is one concern that appears to be constant and universal: Clergy and laity will admit that attracting new people to the faith is a challenge. The story is the same in most parishes: We need more stewards!

The words "outreach" and "parish growth" are important terms often synonymous with this topic. Parishes have established committees to address stewardship. There are some ideas and projects that have been put together in order to increase the number of people within a parish. This is a great goal, but it can also be dangerous if we are embracing it for the wrong reasons.

What is our true purpose for bringing new stewards into the church? Why are we going to all this trouble? Some may offer the typical "the more the merrier" answer. Of course, there is more room for more worshippers in all our parishes on Sundays and weekdays. It would be great to see thirty or forty more people sitting in the pews. We could do more with more people, couldn't we? We could divide the duties and obligations amongst more people and spread it out so that people wouldn't get burnt out. New stewards would mean more opportunities, undertaking more projects and greater resources.

Are these the reasons why we try to "attract" new people? These are perfectly fine secondary reasons for wanting to bring others into our church and into the Orthodox Faith. But the most IMPORTANT reason, not nearly as intriguing, for bringing others into the church is this: as Orthodox Christians, it is our duty...our calling...our obligation to be modern-day apostles and evangelists and bring others to Christ and His Church because we are to love others unconditionally. This is where we should all be! We are not to be concerned with what others can bring us, but rather what we can give to them.

What can a parish offer newcomers to the faith? We offer the ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH – the most ancient of Faiths. We offer them the Word of God as God Himself in the Divine Person of Jesus Christ taught it, and not some human misinterpretation of it. We offer them the Sacraments: cleansing through Baptism...a new beginning...the

gifts of the Holy Spirit (peace, love purity, love, joy, etc)...through Chrismation...forgiveness of their sins through Confession...the Life-giving Body and Blood of Christ through Holy Communion...the healing of body and soul through Holy Unction.

Simply put, we the Church offer them the path to salvation. This is why we must reach out to our children...family members...our brothers and sisters...our friends we grew up with who have "fallen by the wayside" – not because we want them to nostalgically remember their roots, but rather because we are sincerely worried about where they are going. More specifically, we are to be concerned about where their soul is heading. If you read the Acts of the Apostles or in the letters of St. Paul, you repeatedly see that Christian communities were founded and converts were sought so that everyone would come to the knowledge of the truth about Christ. There were no other "strings" attached.

We must remember that a church is unlike any other organization to which we may belong. The same principles for "joining" or "belonging" cannot be applied.

So when we ask someone to come to our church (which I hope we do often!), remember why we really want them! We are looking to bring them into the net of the church motivated by our love for them and for their soul to be saved! We are looking for a commitment – not to be a new youth worker, a souvlaki skewer-er at our fest or treasurer of the parish council – but a commitment to follow Jesus Christ.

The only way we will lead others toward this path is if we are whole-heartedly following Him, His teachings, with selflessness, showing love to others while receiving confession and all the Sacraments regularly (which assumes we are worshipping regularly in the pews too!)

Brothers and sisters, let us reflect where we are on our journey toward the Kingdom, and on the way, let us seek to invite others to "draw the world into the net" of the church motivated by love for the soul of our friends, relatives, enemies, and neighbors. A warm smile, caring conversation, a genuine interest in others can go a long way! If we are the true church, then come and worship the Truth – the Holy Trinity – regularly, and be strengthened to be the light of the world that leads others to Him.

In His love,



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ΦΡΟΝΤΙΖΟΝΤΑΣ ΨΥΧΕΣ, ΟΧΙ ΑΡΙΘΜΟΥΣ

Αγαπημένοι ενοριίτες,

Η κάθε ενορία είναι μοναδική. Κάθε μία έχει τους δικούς της ιδιαίτερους στόχους, τα δικά της όνειρα και προβλήματα. Κάθε μία έχει ζήσει τις δικές της επιτυχίες και τις δικές της αποτυχίες. Όμως σε κάθε ενορία υπάρχει μία ανησυχία που φαίνεται να είναι σταθερή και καθολική: κλήρικοί και λαϊκοί παραδέχονται ότι η προσέλευση νέων ανθρώπων στην πίστη μας αποτελεί μεγάλη πρόκληση. Η ιστορία είναι η ίδια στις περισσότερες ενορίες μας: Χρειαζόμαστε περισσότερους διακόνους/στελέχη (stewards)!

Οι όροι «εξωστρέφεια» και «ανάπτυξη της ενορίας» είναι σημαντικοί και συχνά ταυτίζονται με αυτό το θέμα. Οι ενορίες έχουν συστήσει επιτροπές για να ασχοληθούν με τη διακονία και τη συμμετοχή των πιστών. Έχουν παρουσιάσει ιδέες και έργα με σκοπό την αύξηση του αριθμού των συνδρομητών μέσα σε μια ενορία. Αυτός είναι ένας καλός στόχος, αλλά μπορεί επίσης να είναι επικίνδυνος, αν τον επιδιώκουμε για λάθος λόγους.

Ποιος είναι ο αληθινός μας σκοπός όταν φέρνουμε νέους διακόνους στην Εκκλησία; Γιατί καταβάλλουμε όλη αυτή την προσπάθεια;

Κάποιοι μπορεί να δώσουν την κλασική απάντηση «όσο περισσότεροι, τόσο το καλύτερο». Φυσικά, υπάρχει χώρος για περισσότερους προσκυνητές σε όλες τις ενορίες μας. Θα ήταν υπέροχο να βλέπαμε τριάντα ή σαράντα περισσότερους ανθρώπους στα στασίδια. Θα μπορούσαμε να κάνουμε περισσότερα έργα με περισσότερους ανθρώπους, έτσι δεν είναι; Θα μπορούσαμε να μοιράσουμε τα καθήκοντα και τις υποχρεώσεις σε περισσότερους, ώστε να μη φθείρονται οι ίδιοι και οι ίδιοι. Νέοι διάκονοι θα σήμαιναν περισσότερες ευκαιρίες, περισσότερα έργα και περισσότερους πόρους.

Είναι όμως αυτοί οι λόγοι για τους οποίους προσπαθούμε να «προσελκύσουμε» νέους ανθρώπους;

Αυτοί είναι απολύτως θεμιτοί δευτερεύοντες λόγοι για τους οποίους θέλουμε να φέρουμε άλλους στην Εκκλησία μας και στην Ορθόδοξη Πίστη. Όμως ο ΠΙΟ ΣΗΜΑΝΤΙΚΟΣ λόγος — όχι τόσο εντυπωσιακός — για να φέρνουμε άλλους στην Εκκλησία είναι αυτός: ως Ορθόδοξοι Χριστιανοί, είναι το καθήκον μας... το κάλεσμά μας... η υποχρέωσή μας να είμαστε σύγχρονοι απόστολοι

και ευαγγελιστές και να οδηγούμε άλλους στον Χριστό και στην Εκκλησία Του, επειδή καλούμαστε να αγαπούμε τους άλλους άνευ όρων. Εκεί πρέπει να βρισκόμαστε όλοι! Δεν πρέπει να μας απασχολεί τι μπορούν να μας προσφέρουν οι άλλοι, αλλά τι μπορούμε εμείς να τους δώσουμε.

Τι μπορεί να προσφέρει μια ενορία σε όσους έρχονται νέοι στην πίστη; Προσφέρουμε τη ΜΙΑ, ΑΓΙΑ, ΚΑΘΟΛΙΚΗ ΚΑΙ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΙΚΗ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ — την αρχαιότερη των Πίστεων. Τους προσφέρουμε τον Λόγο του Θεού, όπως τον δίδαξε ο ίδιος ο Θεός στο Θείο Πρόσωπο του Ιησού Χριστού, και όχι κάποια ανθρώπινη παρερμηνεία του. Τους προσφέρουμε τα Μυστήρια: τον καθαρισμό μέσω του Βαπτίσματος... μια νέα αρχή... τα χαρίσματα του Αγίου Πνεύματος (ειρήνη, αγάπη, καθαρότητα, χαρά κ.λπ.) μέσω του Χρίσματος... τη συγχώρηση των αμαρτιών μέσω της Εξομολόγησης... το Ζωοποιό Σώμα και Αίμα του Χριστού μέσω της Θείας Κοινωνίας... τη θεραπεία σώματος και ψυχής μέσω του Αγίου Ευχέλαιου.

Με απλά λόγια, εμείς, η Εκκλησία, τους προσφέρουμε τον δρόμο προς τη σωτηρία. Γι' αυτό οφείλουμε να απευθυνόμαστε στα παιδιά μας... στα μέλη της οικογένειάς μας... στους αδελφούς και τις αδελφές μας... στους φίλους με τους οποίους μεγαλώσαμε και που «παρασύρθηκαν στο περιθώριο» — όχι επειδή θέλουμε να θυμηθούν νοσταλγικά τις ρίζες τους, αλλά επειδή ανησυχούμε ειλικρινά για το πού κατευθύνονται. Πιο συγκεκριμένα, οφείλουμε να ανησυχούμε για το πού πορεύεται η ψυχή τους. Αν διαβάσει κανείς τις Πράξεις των Αποστόλων ή τις επιστολές του Αποστόλου Παύλου, βλέπει επανειλημμένα ότι οι χριστιανικές κοινότητες ιδρύονταν και οι μεταστροφές επιδιώκονταν ώστε όλοι να έρθουν στη γνώση της αλήθειας για τον Χριστό. Δεν υπήρχαν άλλοι «όροι» ή προϋποθέσεις.

Πρέπει να θυμόμαστε ότι η Εκκλησία δεν μοιάζει με καμία άλλη οργάνωση στην οποία μπορεί να ανήκουμε. Οι ίδιες αρχές για το «να γίνεις μέλος» ή το «ανήκω» δεν μπορούν να εφαρμοστούν.

Όταν λοιπόν καλούμε κάποιον να έρθει στην Εκκλησία μας (κάτι που ελπίζω να κάνουμε συχνά!), ας θυμόμαστε γιατί πραγματικά τον θέλουμε! Θέλουμε να τον φέρουμε στο δίχτυ της Εκκλησίας, παρακινούμενοι από την αγάπη μας γι'

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αυτόν και για τη σωτηρία της ψυχής του. Αναζητούμε μια δέσμευση — όχι να γίνει νέος υπεύθυνος νεολαίας, ψήστης σουβλακιών στο φεστιβάλ μας ή ταμίας του ενοριακού συμβουλίου — αλλά μια δέσμευση να ακολουθήσει τον Ιησού Χριστό.

Ο μόνος τρόπος για να οδηγήσουμε άλλους σε αυτόν τον δρόμο είναι να Τον ακολουθούμε εμείς οι ίδιοι ολόψυχα, τις διδασκαλίες Του, με ανιδιοτέλεια, δείχνοντας αγάπη στους άλλους και προσφεύγοντας τακτικά στην Εξομολόγηση και σε όλα τα Μυστήρια (κάτι που προϋποθέτει ότι εκκλησιαζόμαστε τακτικά και στα στασίδια!).

Αδελφοί και αδελφές, ας αναλογιστούμε πού βρισκόμαστε στο ταξίδι μας προς τη Βασιλεία του Θεού, και στην πορεία ας επιδιώξουμε να προσκαλέσουμε και άλλους να «σύρουν τον κόσμο στο δίχτυ» της Εκκλησίας, παρακινούμενοι από την αγάπη για την ψυχή των φίλων μας, των συγγενών μας, των εχθρών μας και των γειτόνων μας. Ένα ζεστό χαμόγελο, μια φροντισμένη συζήτηση, ένα γνήσιο ενδιαφέρον για τον άλλον μπορούν να κάνουν πολλά! Αν είμαστε η αληθινή Εκκλησία, τότε ελάτε και προσκυνήστε την Αλήθεια — την Αγία Τριάδα — τακτικά, και ενδυναμωθείτε ώστε να γίνετε το φως του κόσμου που οδηγεί τους άλλους σε Εκείνον.

Με αγάπη Χριστού,

Π. Γεώργιος

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

We joyfully congratulate the following parishioners who have been elected to serve on the Parish Council for a two-year term beginning January 2026:

Dimitrios Alexakos • James Argyropoulos • Nick Argyropoulos • Caryn Chibucos • Zachary Chibucos • Adam Matthew Collopy • Dean Eliacostas • John Farsatis • Tim Georgiopoulos • Michael Haniotakis • Pete Hristakos • Pete Kavvadas • Bill Kiliias • Gus Kolyvas • Frank Kopanis • James Korbakes • Nick Kournetas • Eraklis Labrakis • Labros Malfas • Jaimie Marines • Taso Panagiotopoulos • Panagiotis Stamus • Nicholas Tsinoukas • Spiros Tzanetakos • George Vythoulkas

We also extend our sincere gratitude to the Election Board — Patricia Vythoulkas, Alexia Chibucos, Christina Kiliias, Eleni Bizoukas, and Georgia Georgelos — for their dedication, organization, and enthusiasm in conducting the election.

May God grant our newly elected Parish Council members wisdom and strength in their service to our parish community.

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Gus Rougas	Kentro
James Korbakes	Kentro
Marianna Haniotakis	Plutarchos
Sofea Malamis	Archangels
Denise Skiadopoulou	Cherubs
Zoe Kopanis	Sunday School
Vicky Argyropoulos	Sunday School
Stacy Vallianatos	G.O.Y.A.
Stephane Collopy	G.O.Y.A.
Eraklis Labrakis	YAL
Pres. Diana Lamberis	Family Night
Ria Hronis	Family Night
Labros Malfas	Altar Boys
Zachary Chibucos	Altar Boys
Vicky Argyropoulos	Handmaidens
Demetrius Marines	Athletics
Nick Tsinoukas	Athletics
Stella Parhas	Food Pantry
Dana Coronado	Prison Ministry
Pete Mihalopoulos	Iconography
Sophia Christofer	Floga Dance
Evi Marouda	Floga Dance
Anastasia Deligiannis	Floga Dance
Patty Pappas	Floga Dance
Olga Baroudos	Floga Dance
Tim Georgiopoulos	Men's Ministry
Bill Katsenis	Men's Ministry
Vaios Karagiannis	Men's Ministry

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello St. Spyridon Parish Family,

The early signs of Spring have arrived, with a few warmer days here and there, and thankfully more daylight into the evening.

The Triodion came quickly this year with Easter on Sunday, April 12, 2026. I am hopeful that the Holy Lenten journey is a time of reflection and liberation for all of us. This journey is gentle reminder to focus on humility, almsgiving, and being there for one another.

On February 15, the Archangels Academy hosted their annual breakfast fundraiser with the theme 'Shake, Rattle, & Roll'. Kudos to all the teachers and organizers for their creativity and the hard work that goes into hosting this event. It was once again a smashing success, with ~300 in attendance and ~\$10,000 raised to benefit the Archangels Academy program. A big "Thank you" also to the donors for this event. Every donation directly benefits this wonderful program that is nurturing the future of Orthodoxy and our parish.

On behalf of Father George and the Archangels Academy, we would like to thank Philoptochos for forgoing the annual Apokriatiko luncheon this year. The way the calendar fell, the second Sunday in February was Meatfare Sunday, which would have been the day for the Apokriatiko, but it was also the weekend Archangels historically hosts its breakfast. The Philoptochos graciously agreed to have Archangels take the date. We thank them, and Archangels will return the generosity in a couple of years when the calendar is similar.

With the beginning of Lent, the Evening Compline services, Pre-Sanctified Liturgies coupled with a Lenten meal, and the Salutations, we will have plenty of opportunities to worship and spend time together. Similar to prior years, a different ministry will host the Lenten dinner on Wednesday evenings. We are also grateful for the upcoming visit from Metropolitan Ambrosios of Korea, who will also give an 'omilia' after the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy on Wednesday, 11 March 2026. We are also hopeful for another hierarchical visit later in the month of March.

On March 1st, the first Sunday of Lent, we look forward to celebrating the Sunday of Orthodoxy, also known as the 'Triumph *or Orthodoxy*'. *It is a day that we, as Orthodox Christians*, commemorate the restoration of the veneration of icons and the defeat of iconoclasm. We also recite the Affirmation of Faith and sing the Great Prokeimenon, one of the most moving moments of the year for all of us.

On Friday, March 13th we look forward to our Plutarchos Greek School celebrating Greek Independence Day. Ζήτω η Ελλάδα!! Ζητώ το 1821!! The poems, the plays, the dancing. Hellenism lives on and it is vibrant. A big "Thank you" to teachers and students for the work their to offer such a wonderful program, and to promote Hellenism and the Greek language to the future of our parish.

Later in the month, Father George will celebrate his 12th year in the holy priesthood. May our Lord and Savior grant Father George many years and good health to continue to shepherd our parish. We wish Fr. George, Presvetera Diana, Constantine and Emmanuel all the best, and we thank them for all they do for St. Spyridon. It is so wonderful to watch the boys grow up and serve in the altar with their father.

Lastly, I want to recognize all the beautiful work going on in the Kentro Bookstore. Led by Jimmy Korbakes, the bookstore is getting a nice refresh. The layout has changed, there are many new icons, as well as many new religious books. We thank everyone that is working together with Jimmy to enhance the experience in the Bookstore.

There are 2 icons being featured this Lenten season, which we humbly hope every household can add to their "Eikonostasi". One is the Passion of Christ, and the other is the Anastasi or Resurrection. They are well stocked at Kentro, please stop by and pick yours up today.

With Love,

Bill Kiliias

ΜΗΝΥΜΑ ΤΟΥ ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟΥ ΤΟΥ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΟΥ ΣΥΜΒΟΥΛΙΟΥ

Αγαπητή οικογένεια της Ενορίας του Αγίου Σπυριδώνος, τα πρώτα σημάδια της άνοιξης έχουν ήδη φανεί, οι μέρες μεγαλώνουν και ο καιρός ανοίγει. Το Τριώδιο ήρθε φέτος αρκετά νωρίς, μια και το Πάσχα θα εορταστεί την Κυριακή 12 Απριλίου 2026. Ελπίζω και εύχομαι η πορεία προς την Αγία και Μεγάλη Τεσσαρακοστή να είναι για όλους μας χρόνος περισυλλογής και πνευματικής καλλιέργειας. Ας διανύσουμε αυτή την διαδρομή με ταπείνωση, ελεημοσύνη και αλληλουποστήριξη.

Στις 15 Φεβρουαρίου, η Ακαδημία Αρχαγγέλων διοργάνωσε τον ετήσιο πρωινό της με θέμα «Shake, Rattle, & Roll». Θερμά συγχαρητήρια σε όλες τις δασκάλες για τη δημιουργικότητά τους και τη σκληρή δουλειά που απαιτείται. Φέτος εκδήλωση σημείωσε μεγάλη επιτυχία, με πάνω από 300 παρευρισκόμενους και έσοδα περίπου 10.000 δολάρια προς ενίσχυση του προγράμματος. Επίσης ένα μεγάλο «Ευχαριστώ» και σε όλους δωρητές της εκδήλωσης. Κάθε δωρεά στηρίζει άμεσα αυτό το υπέροχο πρόγραμμα που καλλιεργεί το μέλλον της Ορθοδοξίας και της ενορίας μας.

Εκ μέρους του π. Γεωργίου και της Ακαδημίας Αρχαγγέλων, θα θέλαμε να ευχαριστήσουμε τη Φιλόπτωχο Αδελφότητα που φέτος δεν πραγματοποίησε το καθιερωμένο ετήσιο Αποκριάτικο γεύμα της. Η δεύτερη Κυριακή του Φεβρουαρίου συνέπεσε με την Κυριακή της Απόκριω, ημέρα που θα γινόταν το Αποκριάτικο, αλλά και με το καθιερωμένο πρωινό της Ακαδημίας. Η Φιλόπτωχος ευγενικά παραχώρησε την μέρα αυτή στην Ακαδημία. Τους ευχαριστούμε θερμά, και η Ακαδημία υποσχεται να ανταποδώσει τη γενναιοδωρία αυτή σε μερικά χρόνια, όταν οι μέρες θα συνπέσουν και πάλι.

Με την έναρξη της Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστής, οι Ακολουθίες του Μεγάλου Αποδείπνου, οι Προηγιασμένες Θείες Λειτουργίες σε συνδυασμό με τα νησίσια δείπνα, καθώς και οι Χαιρετισμοί στην Παναγία, μας προσφέρουν άφθονες ευκαιρίες για προσευχή και συνεστίαση. Όπως και τα προηγούμενα χρόνια, κάθε Τετάρτη βράδυ διαφορετική ομάδα θα προσφέρει το νησίσιο δείπνο. Φέτος έχουμε ιδιαίτερη τιμή και ευλογία να καλωσορίσουμε στην ενορία μας τον Μητροπολίτη Κορέας Αμβρόσιο ο οποίος θα δώσει και ομιλία μετά την Προηγιασμένη Θεία Λειτουργία την Τετάρτη 11 Μαρτίου 2026. Περιμένουμε επίσης και μία ακόμη αρχιερατική

επίσκεψη αργότερα μέσα στον Μάρτιο!

Την 1η Μαρτίου, πρώτη Κυριακή των Νηστειών, θα εορτάσουμε την Κυριακή της Ορθοδοξίας, γνωστή και ως «Θρίαμβο της Ορθοδοξίας». Είναι η ημέρα κατά την οποία εμείς οι Ορθόδοξοι Χριστιανοί τιμούμε την αναστήλωση των ιερών εικόνων και την ήττα της εικονομαχίας. Επίσης απαγγέλλουμε το «Σύμβολο της Πίστεως» και ψάλλουμε το Μεγάλο Προκείμενο, μία από τις πιο συγκινητικές στιγμές του έτους για όλους μας.

Την Παρασκευή 13 Μαρτίου, όλοι μας είμαστε καλεσμένοι στον εορτασμό της Ελληνικής Επανάστασης από το Ελληνικό Σχολείο «Πλούταρχος». **Ζήτω η Ελλάδα!! Ζήτω το 1821!!** Τα ποιήματα, τα θεατρικά, οι χοροί — ο Ελληνισμός είναι ζωντανός στην ενορία μας. Ένα μεγάλο «Ευχαριστώ» στις δασκάλες και μαθητές, για την προσφορά ενός τόσο όμορφου προγράμματος και για την προώθηση του Ελληνισμού και της ελληνικής γλώσσας στην ενορία μας.

Αργότερα, μέσα στον μήνα, ο πατέρας Γεώργιος θα συμπληρώσει 12 χρόνια στην ιεροσύνη. Είθε ο Κύριος και Σωτήρας μας να του χαρίζει πολλά έτη και υγεία ώστε να συνεχίσει να ποιμαίνει την ενορία μας. Ευχόμαστε στον π. Γεώργιο, την Πρεσβυτέρα Διονυσία, τον Κωνσταντίνο και τον Εμμανουήλ κάθε καλό και τους ευχαριστούμε για όλα όσα προσφέρουν στον Άγιο Σπυριδώνα. Είναι πραγματικά όμορφο να βλέπουμε τα παιδιά να μεγαλώνουν και να διακονούν στο Ιερό Βήμα μαζί με τον πατέρα τους. Θα ήθελα να κλείσω με μια αναφορά στο όμορφο έργο που γίνεται στο Βιβλιοπωλείο «Κέντρο την Ορθόδοξης Μαρτυρίας». Υπό την καθοδήγηση του Δημητρίου Κορμπάκη, το βιβλιοπωλείο έχει ανανεωθεί αισθητά. Η διαρρύθμιση έχει αλλάξει, υπάρχουν πολλές νέα εικονίσματα, καθώς και νέα θρησκευτικά βιβλία.

Κατά τη φετινή περίοδο της Μ. Τεσσαρακοστής το Κέντρο προσφέρει δύο εικόνες, τις οποίες ταπεινά ευχόμαστε κάθε οικογένεια να προσθέσει στο εικονοστάσι της. Η μία είναι τα Πάθη του Χριστού και η άλλη η Ανάσταση. Είναι διαθέσιμες στο «Κέντρο» — επισκεφθείτε το βιβλιοπωλείο μας και προμηθευτείτε τη δική σας.

Με αγάπη,
Βασίλειος Κίλιας

March 2026 — Community Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 * Sunday School (Icon Procession), 10:30—11:30 a.m.	2 * Plutarchos Academy, 4:30 pm-6:30 pm * Floga Intermediate, 6:45 pm * Catechism — 7 pm	3 * Archangels Academy, 9:00 a.m. * Parish Council Meetings, 7:30 pm—9:00 pm	4 * Archangels Academy, 9:00 a.m. * Presanctified Potluck Host: Parish Council, 7:30 pm	5 * Archangels Academy, 9:00 am * Food distribution, 1:00 p.m.	6 * Archangels Academy, 9:00 am * Plutarchos Academy, 4:30 pm—6:30 pm * Oratorical Festival Presentation, 7:30 p.m.	7 * Marriage Prep Seminar — 9:00 a.m. * Floga Practice Advanced — 2:00 p.m.
8 Sunday School, 10:30—11:30 a.m.	9 * Archangels Academy, 9:00 a.m * Plutarchos Academy, 4:30 pm-6:30 pm * Bible Study — 5 pm * Floga Intermediate, 6:45 pm	10 * Archangels Academy, 9:00 a.m * Iconography, 5:30 p.m.	11 * Archangels Academy, 9:00 a.m. * Cherubs, 10:30 am * GOYA, 7:00 pm * Presanctified Potluck, 7:30 pm Followed by Presentation by His Eminence Metropolitan Ambrosios of Korea	12 * Archangels Academy, 9:00 am * Food distribution, 1:00 p.m.	13 * Archangels Academy, 9:00 am * Plutarchos Academy 25th of March program, 4:30 pm-6:30 pm	14 * Youth and Family Pilgrimage to St. Savvas and Gracanica Monastery, 10:30am — 3:30pm * Floga Practice Advanced — 2:00 p.m.
15 * Sunday School, 10:30—11:30 a.m. * Loukoumades Sales	16 * Plutarchos Academy, 4:30 pm-6:30 pm * Floga Intermediate, 6:45 pm * Catechism — 7 pm	17 * Iconography, 5:30 p.m.	18 * Presanctified Potluck by YAL, 7:30 pm	19 * Food distribution, 1:00 p.m. * Golf Outing Meeting, 8:00 pm	20 * Plutarchos Academy, 4:30 pm-6:30 pm	21 * Philotochos Lenten Retreat at St. George Church in Chicago, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. * Floga Practice Advanced — 2:00 p.m.
22 * Sunday School, 10:30—11:30 a.m. * Myrofores Robe pick up and Practice, 11:30 a.m. _ 12:30 p.m.	23 * Archangels Academy * Bible Study — 5 pm	24 * Archangels Academy, 9:00 a.m.	25 * Archangels Academy, 9:00 a.m. * Catechism, 6:00 pm * GOYA, 7:00 pm	26 * Archangels Academy, 9:00 am * Food distribution, 1:00 p.m.	27 * Archangels Academy, 9:00 am	28 * Altar Boy & Handmaidens Meeting, 10:30a.m. —12:00 noon * Floga Practice Advanced — 2:00 p.m.
29 * Sunday School, 10:30—11:30 a.m.	30 * Archangels Academy * Plutarchos Academy, 4:30 pm-6:30 pm * Bible Study — 5 pm * Floga Intermediate, 6:45 pm	31 * Archangels Academy, 9:00 a.m. * Iconography, 5:30 p.m. * Catechism, 5:30 p.m.				

April 2026 — Community Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 * Archangels Academy, 9:00 am * Cherubs, 10:30 am * Parish Council Meeting, 7:30—9:00 pm	2 * Archangels Academy, 9:00 am * Food Distribution, 1:00 p.m.	3 * Archangels Academy, 9:00 am * Greek School, 4:30—6:30 pm	4 * Saturday of Lazarus Retreat/Pancake Breakfast—10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.
5 <u>PALM SUNDAY</u> * Sunday School, 10 am—11:30 am * Philoptochos Bake Sale	6 <u>HOLY MONDAY</u> * Archangels Academy	7 <u>HOLY TUESDAY</u> * Archangels Academy	8 <u>HOLY WEDNESDAY</u> * Archangels Academy	9 <u>HOLY THURSDAY</u> * No Activities * Decorate Kouvouklion—10 p.m.	10 <u>HOLY FRIDAY</u> * No Activities	11 <u>HOLY SATURDAY</u>
12 <u>HOLY PASCHA</u> * Agape Service—11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. * Family Worship—No Sunday School	13 * No Activities * Office closed	14 * Archangels Academy, 9:00 am	15 * Archangels Academy * Cherubs, 10:30 am * GOYA, 7:00 pm	16 * Archangels Academy * Food Distribution, 1:00 p.m.	17 * Archangels Academy * Greek School, 4:30—6:30 pm * Bright Friday BBQ—6:30 p.m.	18
19 * Sunday School, 10:30—11:30 a.m. * Greek Parade	20 * Archangels Academy—9:00 am * Greek School—4:30 pm-6:30 pm * Greek Dance—6:45 p.m.	21 * Archangels Academy, 9:00 am	22 * Archangels Academy	23 * Archangels Academy * Food Distribution, 1:00 p.m.	24 * Archangels Academy * Greek School, 4:30—6:30 pm	25
26 * Sunday School, 10:30—11:30 a.m.	27 * Archangels Academy—9:00 am * Greek School—4:30 pm-6:30 pm * Greek Dance—6:45 p.m.	28 * Archangels Academy, 9:00 am	29 * Archangels Academy * Cherubs, 10:30 am * Iconography, 5:30 pm	30 * Archangels Academy * Food Distribution, 1:00 p.m.		

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 1st	Sunday of Orthodoxy, Orthros and Divine Liturgy, 8:00 a.m. Pan-Orthodox Vespers-- Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral, Chicago, IL, 6:30 p.m.
Monday, March 2nd	Great Compline, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 3rd	Confession, 1:00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 4th	9th Hour & Presanctified Liturgy, 5:45 p.m.
Friday, March 6th	Confession, 4:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m. 2nd Salutations to the Theotokos (Oratorical Presentations)—6:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 8th	2nd Sunday of Great Lent, Orthros and Divine Liturgy, 8:00 a.m. Solemn Vespers at Holy Apostles, Westchester, IL—6:30 p.m. (Book Week)
Monday, March 9th	Great Compline, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 10th	Confession, 1: 00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 11th	9th Hour & Presanctified Liturgy, 5:45 p.m.
Friday, March 13th	Confession, 4:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m. 3rd Salutations to the Theotokos—6:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 14th	Great Vespers at Holy Cross, Justice, IL —7:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 15th	Sunday of the Veneration of the Cross, Orthros and Divine Liturgy, 8:00 a.m.
Monday, March 16th	Great Compline, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 17th	Confession , 1: 00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 18th	9th Hour & Presanctified Liturgy , 5:45 p.m.
Friday, March 20th	Confession, 4:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m. 4th Salutations to the Theotokos, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 22nd	4th Sunday of Lent, St. John of the Ladder Orthros and Divine Liturgy , 8:00 a.m.
Monday, March 23rd	Great Compline, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 24th	Holy Confession, 1: 00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m. Great Vespers for the Annunciation of the Theotokos at Annunciation Cathedral, Chicago, 7:00 p.m. or Annunciation in Kankakee, IL, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 25th	Annunciation of the Theotokos, Orthros and Divine Liturgy, 8:00 a.m.
Thursday, March 26th	Great Canon of St. Andrew, 8:00 a.m.
Friday, March 27th	Confession, 4:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m. * Akathist Hymn, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 29th	5th Sunday of Lent, St. Mary of Egypt, Orthros and Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m.
Monday, March 30th	Great Compline, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 31st	Holy Confession, 1: 00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m. Pan-Orthodox Akathist, at Ss Peter & Paul Ukrainian Church in Palos Park, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 1st	9th Hour & Presanctified Liturgy, 8:00 a.m.
Friday, April 3rd	Holy Confession, 11:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 4th	Saturday of Lazarus , Orthros & Liturgy, 8:00 a.m. Great Vespers, 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 5th	Palm Sunday , Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:00 a.m. Service of the Nymphios—7:00 p.m.
Monday, April 6th	Holy & Great Monday , 9th Hour & Presanctified Liturgy, 8:00 a.m. Service of the Nymphios, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 7th	Holy & Great Tuesday , 9th Hour & Presanctified Liturgy, 8:00 a.m.

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 8th	Service of the Nymphios, 7:00 p.m. Holy & Great Wednesday , Holy Unction, 11:00 a.m. Holy Unction, 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 9th	Orthros of Holy Thursday (Holy Unction will be offered), 7:00 p.m. Holy & Great Thursday , Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil, 8:00 a.m. Service of the Passion of Christ, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, April 10th	*All–Night Vigil & Decorating of the Kouvouklion Holy & Great Friday , Great & Royal Hours, 9:00 a.m. Apokathelosis, 3:00 p.m. * Service of the Epitaphios, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 11th	Holy & Great Saturday , Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil, 8:00 a.m. Resurrection Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 11:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 12th	HOLY PASCHA , Agape Service, 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, April 14th	Sts. Raphael, Nicholas & Irene, Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:00 a.m.
Friday, April 17th	The Holy Life-Giving Spring , Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, April 19th	Orthros and Divine Liturgy, 8:00 a.m.
Thursday, April 23rd	St. George the Great Martyr, Orthros and Divine Liturgy, 8:00 a.m.
Sunday, April 26th	Orthros and Divine Liturgy, 8:00 a.m.



CELEBRATION OF BOOKS

HOLY APOSTLES GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH
8:00 PM

<p>“IS THE 21ST CENTURY THE CENTURY OF ORTHODOXY?”</p>	<p>PRESENTED BY HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN AMBROSIOS OF KOREA AND EXARCH OF JAPAN</p>
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TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH
7:00 PM

<p>“ORTHODOX WITNESS IN KOREA”</p>	<p>CO-PRESENTED BY HIS EMINENCE MET. AMBROSIOS AND DN. PERRY HAMALIS, PH.D.</p>
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SAINT SPYRIDON † HOLY WEEK † FLOWER DECORATING

HOLY MONDAY, APRIL 6TH 4:00 PM
PREPARE FLOWERS

HOLY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8TH 4:30 PM
(AFTER CHURCH)
PREPARE FLOWERS FOR THE KOUVOUKLION

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH 10:15 PM
(AFTER READING OF THE 12 GOSPELS)
DECORATE THE KOUVOUKLION

***HOURS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO HELP
PLEASE CONTACT
ANGIE DANOS (708) 927-5212
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ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΙΕΡΩΝ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΩΝ

Κυριακή 1 Μαρτίου	Κυριακή της Ορθοδοξίας, Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία, 8:00 π.μ. * Πανορθόδοξος Εσπερινός—H. Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral, IL, 6:30 μ.μ.
Δευτέρα 2 Μαρτίου	Μέγα Απόδειπνο, 6:00 μ.μ.
Τρίτη 3 Μαρτίου	Εξομολόγηση, 1:00 μ.μ.—3:00 μ.μ.
Τετάρτη 4 Μαρτίου	9η Ώρα & Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία, 5:45 μ.μ.
Παρασκευή 6 Μαρτίου	Εξομολόγηση, 4:00 μ.μ.—6:00 μ.μ. * Β' Χαιρετισμοί, 6:30 μ.μ.
Κυριακή 8 Μαρτίου	Β' Κυριακή της Σαρακοστής, Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία, 8:00 π.μ. Κατανυκτικός Εσπερινός—Αγ. Αποστόλους, Westchester, IL, 6:30 μ.μ.
Δευτέρα 9 Μαρτίου	Μέγα Απόδειπνο, 6:00 μ.μ.
Τρίτη 10 Μαρτίου	Εξομολόγηση, 1:00 μ.μ.—3:00 μ.μ.
Τετάρτη 11 Μαρτίου	9η Ώρα & Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία, 5:45 μ.μ.
Παρασκευή 13 Μαρτίου	Εξομολόγηση, 4:00 μ.μ.—5:00 μ.μ. * Γ' Χαιρετισμοί, 6:30 μ.μ.
Σάββατο 14 Μαρτίου	Μέγας Εσπερινός στον Ι.Ν. Τιμίου Σταυρού, Justice, IL, 7:00 μ.μ.
Κυριακή 15 Μαρτίου	Σταυροπροσκυνήσεως, Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία, 8:00 π.μ.
Δευτέρα 16 Μαρτίου	Μέγα Απόδειπνο, 6:00 μ.μ.
Τρίτη 17 Μαρτίου	Εξομολόγηση, 1:00 μ.μ.—3:00 μ.μ.
Τετάρτη 18 Μαρτίου	9η Ώρα & Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία, 5:45 μ.μ.
Παρασκευή 20 Μαρτίου	Εξομολόγηση, 4:00 μ.μ.—6:00 μ.μ. * Δ' Χαιρετισμοί, 6:30 μ.μ.
Κυριακή 22 Μαρτίου	Δ' Κυριακή της Σαρακοστής, Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία, 8:00 π.μ.
Δευτέρα 23 Μαρτίου	Μέγα Απόδειπνο, 6:00 μ.μ.
Τρίτη 24 Μαρτίου	Εξομολόγηση, 1:00 μ.μ.—3:00 μ.μ. Μέγας Εσπερινός του Ευαγγελισμού της Θεοτόκου Ι.Ν. Ευαγγελισμού— Kankakee, IL 6:00 μ.μ., Ι.Ν. Ευαγγελισμού, Chicago, IL, 7:00 μ.μ.
Τετάρτη 25 Μαρτίου	Ευαγγελισμός της Θεοτόκου, Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία, 8:00 π.μ.
Πέμπτη 26 Μαρτίου	Μέγας Κανών του Αγίου Ανδρέου, 8:00 π.μ.
Παρασκευή 27 Μαρτίου	Εξομολόγηση, 4:00 μ.μ.—6:00 μ.μ. * Ακάθιστος Ύμνος, 6:30 μ.μ.
Κυριακή 29 Μαρτίου	Ε' Κυριακή της Σαρακοστής, Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ.
Δευτέρα 30 Μαρτίου	Μέγα Απόδειπνο, 6:00 μ.μ.
Τρίτη 31 Μαρτίου	Εξομολόγηση, 1:00 μ.μ.—3:00 μ.μ. Πανορθόδοξος Ακάθιστος, στον Ι.Ν. Αγίων Πέτρου και Παύλου στο Palos Park, 7:00 μ.μ.
Τετάρτη 1 Απριλίου	9η Ώρα & Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ.
Παρασκευή 3 Απριλίου	Εξομολόγηση, 11:00 π.μ.—1:00 μ.μ.
Σάββατο 4 Απριλίου	Σάββατο του Λαζάρου , Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία, 8:00 π.μ. Μέγας Έσπερινός, 5:00 μ.μ.
Κυριακή 5 Απριλίου	Κυριακή τῶν Βαΐων , Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία, 8:00 π.μ. Ακολουθία τοῦ Νυμφίου, 7:00 μ.μ.
Δευτέρα 6 Απριλίου	Αγία καὶ Μεγάλη Δευτέρα 9η Ώρα & Προηγιασμένη Θεία Λειτουργία, 8:00 π.μ. Ακολουθία τοῦ Νυμφίου, 7:00 μ.μ.
Τρίτη 7 Απριλίου	Αγία καὶ Μεγάλη Τρίτη

ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΙΕΡΩΝ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΩΝ

	9η Ωρα & Προηγιασμένη Θεία Λειτουργία, 8:00 π.μ. Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου, 7:00 μ.μ.
Τετάρτη 8 Απριλίου	Αγία και Μεγάλη Τετάρτη , Ιερό Εὐχέλαιο, 11:00 π.μ. Ιερό Εὐχέλαιο, 3:00 μ.μ. * Ὁρθρος τῆς Μ. Πέμπτης, 7:00 μ.μ.
Πέμπτη 9 Απριλίου	Αγία και Μεγάλη Πέμπτη Ἑσπερινός και Θεία Λειτουργία τοῦ Μ. Βασιλείου, 8:00 π.μ. Ακολουθία τῶν Παθῶν, 6:30 μ.μ. * Αργυρνια με στολισμό του Κουβουκλίου
Παρασκευή 10 Απριλίου	Αγία και Μεγάλη Παρασκευή , Ακολουθία τῶν Βασιλικῶν Ὁρῶν, 9:00 π.μ. Ἑσπερινός τῆς Ἀποκαθήλωσης, 3:00 μ.μ. Ακολουθία τοῦ Ἐπιταφίου, 7:00 μ.μ.
Σάββατο 11 Απριλίου	Μέγα Σάββατο , Ἑσπερινή Θ. Λειτουργία Μ. Βασιλείου, 8:00 π.μ. Μεσονυκτική Ακολουθία—11:00 μ.μ.
Κυριακή 12 Απριλίου	ΑΓΙΟΝ ΠΑΣΧΑ , Ἑσπερινός της Αγάπης, 11:00 π.μ.
Τρίτη 14 Απριλίου	Ἄγ. Ραφαήλ, Νικολάου & Ειρήνης, Ὁρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία, 8:00 π.μ.
Παρασκευή 17 Απριλίου	Της Ζωοδόχου Πηγῆς, Ὁρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία, 9:00 π.μ.
Κυριακή 19 Απριλίου	Ὁρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία, 8:00 π.μ.
Πέμπτη 23 Απριλίου	Αγίου Γεωργίου, Ὁρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία, 8:00 π.μ.
Κυριακή 26 Απριλίου	Ὁρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία, 8:00 π.μ.

EASTER FLOWERS * ἈΝΘΗ ΓΙΑ ΤΗΝ ΣΑΡΑΚΟΣΤΗ & ΤΟ ΠΑΣΧΑ

Once again we are asking for your contributions and donations towards the adornment of our St. Spyridon Church during the Lenten and Paschal season. Please call the Church office if you are interested in donating for the flowers for the Epitaphios, or for individual icons. Donations are accepted online, in the church office and in the designated donation box in the church narthex.

Για μία ακόμη φορά, ζητούμε τη συνεισφορά και τις δωρεές σας για τον στολισμό του Ιερού Ναού μας, κατά την περίοδο της Σαρακοστής και του Πάσχα. Παρακαλούμε επικοινωνήστε με το γραφείο του Ναού εάν ενδιαφέρεστε να προσφέρετε δωρεά για τα άνθη του Επιταφίου ή για μεμονωμένες εικόνες.

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| • Flowers for Sunday of the Cross—\$150 | • Ἄνθη για την Κυριακή του Σταυρού — \$150 |
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| • Icon of the Apokathelosis—\$150 | • Εικόνα της Αποκαθήλωσης — \$150 |
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| • Four (4) Bouquets for the Epitaphios—\$150/each | • Τέσσερις (4) ανθοδέσμες για τον Επιτάφιο — \$150 / η καθεμία |
| • Easter Lilies (pots)—\$100/four | • Πασχαλινά κρίνα (γλάστρες) — \$100 / τέσσερις |
| • Icon Sts. Raphael, Nicholas & Irene—\$150 | • Εικόνα Αγίων Ραφαήλ, Νικολάου & Ειρήνης — \$150 |

STEWARDSHIP 2026

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Total number of Stewards 155

STEWARDSHIP 2026

Consider the Following Info...

Coming to worship and participating in the sacramental life sanctifies our soul and body so that we may contribute to the sanctification of the world. It is an important component of stewardship. Christ's gift to us through the Eucharist is an invitation for us to truly experience the Lord and receive Him. In gratitude, centered and strengthened by worship, we offer our entire life in return to Him. This is the greatest form of stewardship which fuels our souls to offer ourselves entirely to Him! With over 170 services offered annually at our parish, we encourage you to participate in 10%—20% more worship opportunities than the previous year. We wish to thank the 155 Stewards who have made a stewardship commitment for 2026. Stewardship materials for 2026 are available at the church office and on our website.

Ευχαριστούμε τις 155 οικογένειες που εκπλήρωσαν τις υποσχέσεις τους για το έτος 2026.

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. Οι δραστηριότητες και τα έξοδα της ενορίας μας έχουν αυξηθεί κατά πολύ και χρειαζόμαστε την βοήθεια και την υποστήριξη όλων σας.

FOOD PANTRY



Food Pantry Donations for EASTER

Our parish will be distributing food baskets to local needy families. Your generous donations will enable us to purchase all items needed for the baskets, which are valued at \$65 each.

Cash/Checks are accepted in the church office weekdays from 9am - 2pm or

Donate online at saint-spyridon.net

(Select "FOOD PANTRY" from the drop-down menu).

Donation deadline is Saturday, March 28th.

Thank You!

PARISH REGISTRY

BAPTISM

The daughter of Emmanuel & Eileen Simeakis was baptized on January 4th and was given the name Georgia Gueria by her godmother Anastasia Simeakis.

ΝΑ ΣΑΣ ΖΗΣΕΙ!

MEMORIALS

January 4th: +5 yr Emmanuel Kekempanos

January 11th: +3 mo Ioannis Georgakopoulos & +5 yrs Vivian Patras

January 18th: + 2 yrs Dimitrios Mazarakos, +3 yrs Alexandros Georgiou, + 6 yrs Gregory Les, +8 yrs James Davlantis, +10 yrs Constantine

Georgiou, +21 yrs Eugenia Mazarakos, +25 yrs Vasiliki Georgiou & +47 yrs Alexandros Georgiou

January 25th: +1 yr Eleni Dellaporta, +5 yr Panagiotis Manasses & +5 yr Spyridon Manasses

February 1st: +6 mo Spyridoula Fotopoulos & +1 yr Kostadinos Vlamis

February 8th: +9 days Ted Serentelos, +6 mos Anastasios (Tom) Kyres & +5 yrs Panagiotis Perivoliotis

February 15th: +40 day Vasilios Vythoulkas, +5 yr Eleftherios Vasilopoulos

May their memory be eternal!

YAL

The Young Adult League at St. Spyridon has become a large ministry across the south side. Our events have grown popular, and we continue to get more people at each event. Our neighboring church, St. Mary's, has connected with us and begun supporting our events these past few months. We are blessed to have the support and friendship of the Young Adult Ministry at St. Mary's.

On January 8th, we hosted a social event at Xando's Cafe. Here, everyone joined together for the New Year and strengthened the bond they have developed with one another from our past events! Following our social event in January, we had a spiritual presentation called *The Relationship Project*, from Father George and YAL board member Nick Xydakis, on February 5th. Father George and Nick provided an engaging talk about relationships within our faith. This brought everyone closer together and excited for the last session! Coming up are two events in March.

On March 18th, we will be hosting the Presanctified Liturgy along with Part 3 of the Relationship Project from Father George and Nick Xydakis. Following Liturgy, we will all go bowling on March 26th! We hope to see everyone there and are excited to continue planning events!



KENTRO OF ORTHODOX MARTYRIA BOOKSTORE

As we enter the sacred season of Great Lent, the Kentro of Orthodox Martyria Bookstore at Saint Spyridon Church extends heartfelt wishes to all our parishioners and friends. May this holy journey of prayer, fasting, and reflection bring renewal to your spirit and draw you closer to our Lord.

Great Lent invites us to slow down, return to what matters, and surround ourselves with the beauty and depth of our Orthodox faith. To support you during this season, the Kentro Bookstore is delighted to welcome you to explore our growing collection of spiritual resources and devotional items.

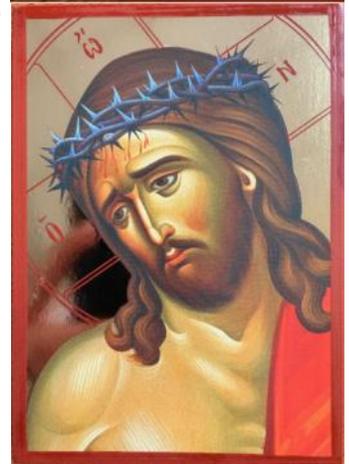
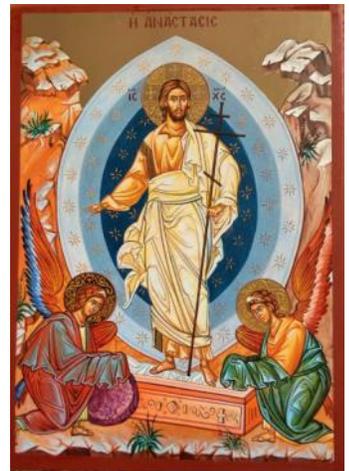
SPECIAL OFFERING: WOODEN ICONS OF THE CRUCIFIXION AND RESURRECTION

As a gesture of love and encouragement during this holy season, the bookstore is offering wooden icons of the Crucifixion and the Resurrection to all parishioners for a free-will donation. These icons are a beautiful reminder of Christ's sacrifice and victory over death, and we hope they bring peace and inspiration to your home prayer corner.

VISIT US THIS LENT

Whether you are looking for prayer books, incense, icons, children's books, or thoughtful gifts, the Kentro of Orthodox Martyria is here to serve your spiritual needs. We invite you to stop by after services, browse our new arrivals, and take home something that enriches your Lenten experience.

Wishing you a blessed, peaceful, and spiritually uplifting Lent.



ΕΥΧΕΣ ΓΙΑ ΕΥΛΟΓΗΜΕΝΗ ΚΑΙ ΚΑΡΠΟΦΟΡΑ ΣΑΡΑΚΟΣΤΗ

Καθώς εισερχόμαστε στην ιερή περίοδο της Μεγάλης Τεσσαρακοστής, το Κέντρο Ορθοδόξου Μαρτυρίας – το Βιβλιοπωλείο του Ιερού Ναού Αγίου Σπυριδώνος – στέλνει εγκάρδιες ευχές σε όλους τους ενορίτες και φίλους της κοινότητάς μας. Είθε αυτή η περίοδος προσευχής, νηστείας και περισυλλογής να φέρει ανανέωση στην ψυχή και να μας οδηγήσει πιο κοντά στον Κύριό μας.

Η Μεγάλη Σαρακοστή μάς καλεί να επιστρέψουμε στα ουσιαστικά και να γευθούμε την ομορφιά και το βάθος της Ορθόδοξης πίστης μας. Το Βιβλιοπωλείο μας σας προσκαλεί να επισκεφθείτε τον χώρο μας και να ανακαλύψετε τη συνεχώς ανανεωμένη συλλογή μας από πνευματικά βιβλία και εκκλησιαστικά είδη.

ΕΥΛΙΝΕΣ ΕΙΚΟΝΕΣ ΣΤΑΥΡΩΣΗΣ ΚΑΙ ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΗΣ

Ως μια πράξη αγάπης και υποστήριξης κατά τη διάρκεια αυτής της ιερής περιόδου, δωρίζουμε ξύλινες εικόνες της Σταυρώσης και της Ανάστασης σε όλους τους ενορίτες. Αυτές οι εικόνες υπηρετούν ως υπενθύμιση της θυσίας και της νίκης του Χριστού και μπορούν να κοσμήσουν το εικονοστάσι του σπιτιού σας.

ΕΛΑΤΕ ΝΑ ΜΑΣ ΕΠΙΣΚΕΦΤΕΙΤΕ!

Είτε χρειάζεστε προσευχητάρια, λιβάνι, εικόνες, παιδικά βιβλία ή δώρα θρησκευτικού περιεχομένου, το Κέντρο Ορθοδόξου Μαρτυρίας βρίσκεται εδώ για να καλύψει τις πνευματικές σας ανάγκες. Σας προσκαλούμε να μας επισκεφθείτε μετά τις Ιερές Ακολουθίες και να δείτε τις νέες αφίξεις.

Ευχόμαστε σε όλους Καλή, ευλογημένη και κατανυκτική Σαρακοστή!



PLUTARCHOS ACADEMY

We started the New Year with our traditional Vasilopita Cutting on Monday, January 12th. A big thank you to the teachers and families that brought in the vasilopites.

On January 25th, our school celebrated the Three Hierarchs with a small Hellenic Letters presentation. The students did a wonderful job honoring the importance of Greek education and Orthodox faith. Together with Archangels our teachers hosted an Artoclasia Service and the coffee social hour afterwards.

We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the students who participated in the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago Department of Greek Education Annual Agrafton competition. This year's theme was "Places of religious or historic importance in Greece". Our very own Ioanna Marouda, Georgette Tourloukis and Stella Maras received an award for their submissions. The Awards Ceremony took place at the St. Haralambos Church in Niles. Και εις ανώτερα!

Looking ahead, we have several important events planned in the coming months:

Greek Independence Day Celebration (Friday, March 13th):

On **Friday, March 13th**, we will be celebrating Greek Independence Day. Our students have been working hard to prepare a special program featuring poems, songs, and traditional dances in honor of this important day in our history. This celebration is a wonderful opportunity for our students to showcase their talents and for our community to come together in pride and remembrance of Greece's struggle for freedom.

Spring & Easter Break

We will have no classes on Monday, March 23rd and Friday, March 27th. Also, our school will be closed on Good Friday, April 10th and Bright Monday, April 13th.

Greek Independence Day Parade (April 19th):

In Chicago, this year's Greek Independence Day Parade will take place on Sunday, April 19th. Students are required to wear the Ethnic Greek Costume (Tsolia and Amalia) or the blue and white school uniform.

Camp Kalokairaki (the week of June 16th):

This year's Camp Kalokairaki will be held June 15th-19th with the theme "A Taste of Greece". From savory classics to sweet traditional treats, our Greek Cooking Camp will take students on a delicious journey through the villages and islands of our homeland. Together we will mix, roll, bake and create authentic recipes while learning about the rich culture and traditions behind every dish.



ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΑΚΑΔΗΜΙΑ ΠΛΟΥΤΑΡΧΟΣ

Ξεκινήσαμε τη νέα χρονιά με την καθιερωμένη κοπή της Βασιλόπιτας τη Δευτέρα 12 Ιανουαρίου. Ένα μεγάλο ευχαριστώ στις δασκάλες και στις οικογένειες που πρόσφεραν τις βασιλόπιτες.

Στις 25 Ιανουαρίου, το σχολείο μας γιόρτασε την Ημέρα των Τριών Ιεραρχών με την εκδήλωση των Ελληνικών Γραμμάτων. Τα παιδιά μας έκαναν εξαιρετική δουλειά τιμώντας τη σημασία της ελληνικής παιδείας και της Ορθοδοξίας. Μαζί με την Ακαδημία Αρχαγγέλων, οι δασκάλες μας πρόσφεραν Αρτοκλασία και τον καφέ που ακολούθησε.

Θα θέλαμε να εκφράσουμε τα θερμά μας συγχαρητήρια σε όλους τους μαθητές που συμμετείχαν στον Ετήσιο Διαγωνισμό «Άγραφο» του Τμήματος Ελληνικής Παιδείας της Ι. Μητροπόλεως Σικάγου. Το φετινό θέμα ήταν «Τόποι Θρησκευτικής ή Ιστορικής σημασίας στην Ελλάδα». Οι μαθήτριάς μας Ιωάννα Μαρούδα, Γεωργία Τουρλούκη και Στέλλα Μάρα βραβεύτηκαν για τις συμμετοχές τους. Η τελετή απονομής έγινε στον Ιερό Ναό Αγίου Χαραλάμπους στο Niles. Και εις ανώτερα παιδιά μας!

Εορτασμός της 25ης Μαρτίου (Παρασκευή, 13 Μαρτίου):

Την Παρασκευή, 13 Μαρτίου, θα γιορτάσουμε την Ελληνική Επανάσταση. Οι μαθητές μας προετοιμάζουν ένα πρόγραμμα με ποιήματα, τραγούδια και παραδοσιακούς χορούς προς τιμήν αυτής της σημαντικής ημέρας της ιστορίας μας. Η εκδήλωση αυτή αποτελεί μια μοναδική ευκαιρία για τα παιδιά να αναδείξουν τα ταλέντα τους και για την κοινότητά μας να γιορτάσει την σημαντική αυτή εθνική επέτειο.

Εαρινές και Πασχαλινές Διακοπές:

Το σχολείο μας θα είναι κλειστό τη Δευτέρα, 23 Μαρτίου και την Παρασκευή, 27 Μαρτίου. Επίσης δεν θα έχουμε μαθήματα τη Μεγάλη Παρασκευή, 10 Απριλίου και τη Δευτέρα του Πάσχα (Διακαινήσιμος), 13 Απριλίου.

Παρέλαση για την Ελληνική Επανάσταση (19 Απριλίου):

Η φετινή Παρέλαση έχει προγραμματιστεί για την Κυριακή, 19 Απριλίου. Οι μαθητές μας θα πρέπει να φορέσουν την ελληνική παραδοσιακή ενδυμασία (Τσολιάς και Αμαλία) ή τη μπλε και λευκή σχολική στολή.

Καλοκαιρινή Κατασκήνωση (εβδομάδα 16 Ιουνίου):

Η φετινή καλοκαιρινή κατασκήνωση θα πραγματοποιηθεί από 15 έως 19 Ιουνίου με θέμα «Μια Γεύση από Ελλάδα». Οι κατασκηνωτές μας θα ταξιδέψουν σε ένα γευστικό οδοιπορικό στα χωριά και τα νησιά της πατρίδας μας και θα μάθουν παραδοσιακές συνταγές φαγητών και γλυκών. Μαζί θα ζυμώσουμε, θα πλάσουμε, θα ψήσουμε και θα δημιουργήσουμε αυθεντικές συνταγές, μαθαίνοντας παράλληλα για τον πλούσιο πολιτισμό και τις παραδόσεις που κρύβονται πίσω από κάθε πιάτο.



PHILOPTOCHOS

As we once again enter the sacred and beautiful season of Great Lent, St. Spyridon Philoptochos wishes all our St. Spyridon parishioners and friends a blessed Lenten journey.

Philoptochos was very proud to make some significant donations recently. From our very successful 2025 Holiday Craft Show & Food Fest, we gave \$5000 to our beloved St. Spyridon specifically earmarked towards the renovation of existing bathrooms and new bathroom addition for Archangels Pre-School.

Also from the Craft Show, we generously gave a \$2500 donation to Bishop Athenagoras of Myrene and his missionary work in the Caribbean. Our donation went towards much-needed wheelchairs for parishioners. And finally, a donation was made to the Crisis Center for South Suburbia, a worthy organization that helps domestic abuse victims. It is very rewarding for our Philoptochos members to see where our hard-earned donations go to help others in need!

Coming up, Philoptochos will be serving loukoumades on Sunday of the Holy Cross, March 15th.

On Palm Sunday, Philoptochos will host an Easter Bake Sale with our delicious tsourekia, kourambiedes and kouloria, all made by Philoptochos members in our St. Spyridon kitchen. Pre-orders will be taken for these special treats! More information to come to place your orders in advance.

For all high school seniors and current college undergrads, please apply for the Peter Manasses Scholarships. With the generosity of Mrs. Tina Manasses, she honors her husband of blessed memory, Mr. Peter Manasses who had a love and appreciation of education. Two \$3000 high school senior scholarships and two \$3000 college undergrad scholarships will be awarded. Deadline to submit completed applications is May 28th.

We thank all our parishioners and friends for your steadfast support for all our Philoptochos events and projects! With your generosity, we can fulfill our mission to help others in need.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ illumine your path throughout this blessed season.

With Agape,

Kathy Korbakes, President of St. Spyridon Philoptochos

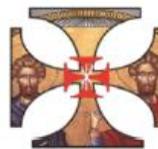
NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, MARCH 5TH at 6 p.m.

Philoptochos members and parishioners celebrated Go Red Sunday wearing red to bring awareness to women's heart health. Everyone enjoyed a variety of heart healthy offerings during our coffee social. A special feature this year included blood pressure readings with Nurse Becky Righetti.



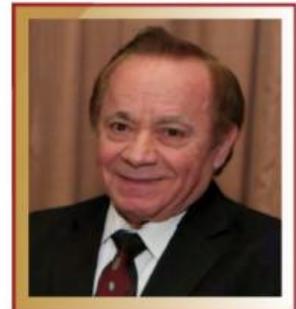
2026 PETER MANASSES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Two (2) \$3,000 scholarships will be awarded to graduating High School Seniors.
Two (2) \$3,000 scholarships will be awarded to current Undergraduate students.



Sponsored by the St. Spyridon Philoptochos

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Greek Orthodox Church.



Submission Requirements

- Personal Essay
- Resume
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Official Transcripts
- Student Information/Certification Page

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PHILOPTOCHOS

St. Spyridon Philoptochos members enjoyed another breakfast gathering, this time at Harvest Room, Palos Heights. After celebrating together the feast day liturgy of the Presentation of our Lord, 24 members met for fellowship.



Philoptochos members, new & current, braved the cold weather for our annual Mix & Mingle Membership Evening at Zachary's Restaurant on Thursday, January 22nd. The evening was filled with warm fellowship celebrating our dynamic chapter. Special thanks to our membership chairladies Zoe Kopanis and Helen Sotiropoulos.



The parishes of St. Spyridon, Sts. Constantine & Helen, St. Nicholas and Assumption Homer Glen were well represented as they traveled to St. Haralambos for their feast day. Many thanks to the Hellenic Foundation and their Golden Circle Program for their generosity and constant support to provide bus transportation for our parishioners.



PHILOPTOCHOS

Continuing our long-time friendship and bond with His Grace Bishop Athenagoras of Myrene, St. Spyridon Philoptochos once again stepped up to come to the aid of those in need in the Caribbean.

Our \$2500 donation went towards purchasing wheelchairs for parishioners desperately in need of assistance.

Also pictured here is His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos of Mexico, Central America, Colombia, Venezuela and the Caribbean along with the faithful. For over 20 years, St. Spyridon Philoptochos has proudly supported the missionary work of His Grace.



The Metropolis Vasilopita Cutting Celebration was held at St. Andrew in Chicago, on Thursday, January 8. We are grateful to the Hellenic Foundation for its Golden Circle Initiative, which enabled the four South Side churches to travel to St. Andrew and participate in this wonderful celebration.



Metropolis of Chicago Philoptochos
Lenten Retreat 2026



“Repentance as an Occasion for Joy”

Saturday, March 21st
9 am - 2 pm

Presentation by:

His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago
Retreat Master: Rev. Fr. Dionysios Anagnostopoulos (Chancellor)

St. George Greek Orthodox Church
528 W. 77th Ave., Schererville, Indiana 46375

RSVP to your Chapter
President or Lenten Retreat
Co-Chairs
By Tuesday, March 10th

Fellowship & Registration
begins @ 9am
Services, Presentation and
Luncheon to follow

Co-Chairs:

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PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Our Philoptochos college student care packages have become a very anticipated gift for the students! But it's also very rewarding for our Philoptochos members to create. Our Lenten package included a pocket size St. Spyridon journal, student prayer card, lenten kou-louria, snacks, and info on the making of prospora.



Our Philoptochos was very proud to make a donation to a very worthwhile cause - The Crisis Center for South Suburbia, Tinley Park.

A portion of our proceeds from our Holiday Craft Show were dedicated to the organization.

Since 1979, The Crisis Center has served as a safe haven for domestic abuse victims. In addition to being an emergency shelter, services include transitional housing and assistance with rent. Counseling, court assistance, and job skills are also provided.

Our Army of Agape continues the mission of extending our love to those in need!



Our Winter Warm Up Soup Fundraiser was a huge success benefiting the Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation, Orland Park. Our generous donation will bring smiles to kids of all ages going through cancer. The Treasure Chest brings happiness to kids by providing toys after cancer treatments. Many thanks to our parishioners and friends who supported this wonderful charity with their soup package purchases, which included avgolemono soup, kouloura and rizogalo. Our appreciation also goes out to chair ladies Stella Parhas, Helen Sotiropoulos and Panagiota Pappas. With thirty years of joyous giving, The Treasure Chest now serves kids with cancer in 56 hospitals across the country. Philoptochos is proud to partner with The Treasure Chest to bring happiness to these young people fighting cancer.



Celebrating birthday of Fr. George & his sister Agape



St. Spyridon Philoptochos members attended the Metropolis Chapter Connect Meeting at St. Nectarios, Palatine on Saturday, February 7th.

HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN AMBROSIOS (ZOGRAPHOS) OF KOREA AND EXARCH OF JAPAN



His Eminence Metropolitan Ambrosios (Zographos) of Korea and Exarch of Japan was born on March 15th, 1960 on the island of Aegina in Greece and is one of 16 children.

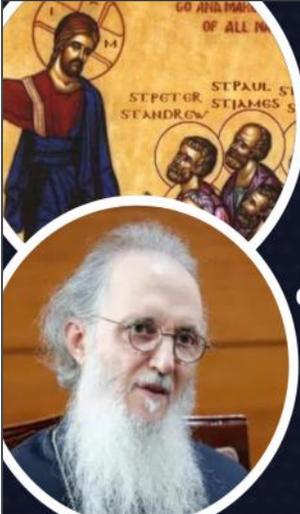
In 1983 he received his Theology degree from the University of Athens. In 1985

he was ordained Deacon and, in 1991, Presbyter. As a Deacon and Priest, he held several roles within the Holy Metropolis of Nicea – Piraeus (Athens). From 1988 to 1989 he worked at the renowned Library and Icon Gallery of St. Catherine’s Monastery on Mt. Sinai in Egypt.

He then came to the United States, where he earned two Master’s degrees, the first in Patrology from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, MA and the second in Church and Art History from Princeton University. During the years of his studies in the USA (1991-1996), he served in various Greek Orthodox parishes in New England and New Jersey as visiting Pastor. In 1996, he returned to Greece for doctoral studies and, in December 1998, was awarded a Doctorate Degree with distinction by the University of Athens School of Theology. Two days after defending his dissertation, he departed to Korea to begin serving the Orthodox Church there as Dean of St. Nicholas Cathedral in Seoul and, beginning in 2004, as Chancellor of the Orthodox Metropolis of Korea, under the visionary leadership of Metropolitan Soterios (Trambas), of blessed memory.

On December 21, 2006, Archimandrite Ambrosios was elevated to the Episcopacy as Bishop of Zela by the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Then, on May 28, 2008, he was elected as

Metropolitan of Korea and Exarch of Japan. Metropolitan Ambrosios has represented the Ecumenical Patriarchate in many Ecumenical conferences through the World Council of Churches and other international and national organizations. He has been a keynote speaker at Theological conferences around the world, as has been elected twice as the President of the National Council of Churches in Korea, the first non-Korean to hold this leadership position. Apart from his hierarchical diakonia, His Eminence, served for 25 years as a full-time Professor at the Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (HUFS). He is the author of more than 30 books and academic articles on topics ranging from Patristics, to Byzantine Iconography, to Orthodox Evangelism and Witness.



GUEST SPEAKER:
HIS EMINENCE
METROPOLITAN AMBROSIOS
OF KOREA AND EXARCH OF JAPAN

TOPIC:
ORTHODOX WITNESS
IN KOREA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11
9TH HOUR & PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGY
5:00 PM

**LENTEN POTLUCK & PRESENTATION IN
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Η ΑΥΤΟΥ ΣΕΒΑΣΜΙΟΤΗΣ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΤΗΣ ΑΜΒΡΟΣΙΟΣ (ΖΩΓΡΑΦΟΣ) ΚΟΡΕΑΣ ΚΑΙ ΕΞΑΡΧΟΣ ΙΑΠΩΝΙΑΣ

Ο Μητροπολίτης Αμβρόσιος γεννήθηκε στις 15 Μαρτίου 1960 στο νησί της Αίγινας στην Ελλάδα και είναι ένα από τα 16 παιδιά της οικογένειάς του.

Το 1983 έλαβε το πτυχίο Θεολογίας από το Πανεπιστήμιο Αθηνών. Το 1985 χειροτονήθηκε Διάκονος και το 1991 Πρεσβύτερος. Ως Διάκονος και Ιερέας διακόνησε σε διάφορες θέσεις στην Ιερά Μητρόπολη Νικαίας – Πειραιώς (Αθήνα). Από το 1988 έως το 1989 εργάστηκε στη φημισμένη Βιβλιοθήκη και Πινακοθήκη Εικόνων της Ιεράς Μονής Αγίας Αικατερίνης στο Όρος Σινά της Αιγύπτου.

Στη συνέχεια μετέβει στις Ηνωμένες Πολιτείες Αμερικής, όπου απέκτησε δύο μεταπτυχιακούς τίτλους σπουδών: τον πρώτο στην Πατρολογία από τη Θεολογική Σχολή του Τιμίου Σταυρού στη Βοστώνη (Brookline, MA) και τον δεύτερο στην Ιστορία της Εκκλησίας και της Τέχνης από το Πανεπιστήμιο Princeton. Κατά την διάρκεια των σπουδών του στις ΗΠΑ (1991–1996), υπηρέτησε ως επισκέπτης ιερέας σε διάφορες ελληνορθόδοξες ενορίες της Νέας Αγγλίας και του Νιου Τζέρσεϋ. Το 1996 επέστρεψε στην Ελλάδα για διδακτορικές σπουδές και, τον Δεκέμβριο του 1998, αναγορεύθηκε Διδάκτωρ με άριστα από τη Θεολογική Σχολή του Πανεπιστημίου Αθηνών. Δύο ημέρες μετά την υποστήριξη της διδακτορικής του διατριβής, αναχώρησε για την Κορέα, προκειμένου να διακονήσει την Ορθόδοξη Εκκλησία εκεί ως Προϊστάμενος του Ιερού Καθεδρικού Ναού Αγίου Νικολάου στη Σεούλ και, από το 2004, ως Πρωτοσύγκελλος της Ορθόδοξης Μητροπόλεως Κορέας, υπό την οραματική ηγεσία του μακαριστού Μητροπολίτη Σωτηρίου (Τράμπα). Στις 21 Δεκεμβρίου 2006, ο Αρχιμανδρίτης Αμβρόσιος εξελέγη Επίσκοπος Ζήλας από την Αγία και Ιερά Σύνοδο του Οικουμενικού Πατριαρχείου. Στις 28 Μαΐου 2008 εξελέγη Μητροπολίτης Κορέας και Έξαρχος Ιαπωνίας.

Ο Μητροπολίτης Αμβρόσιος έχει εκπροσωπήσει το Οικουμενικό Πατριαρχείο σε πολλές οικουμενικές διασκέψεις μέσω του Παγκοσμίου Συμβουλίου Εκκλησιών και άλλων διεθνών και εθνικών οργανισμών. Έχει υπάρξει κεντρικός ομιλητής σε θεολογικά συνέδρια ανά τον κόσμο και έχει εκλεγεί δύο φορές Πρόεδρος του Εθνικού Συμβουλίου Εκκλησιών της Κορέας, ως ο πρώτος μη Κορεάτης που κατέλαβε αυτή τη θέση.

Πέρα από την αρχιερατική του διακονία, η Αυτού Σεβασμιότητα υπηρέτησε επί 25 έτη ως τακτικός Καθηγητής στο Πανεπιστήμιο Ξένων Σπουδών Hankuk (HUFS). Είναι συγγραφέας περισσότερων από 30 βιβλίων και ακαδημαϊκών άρθρων, με θεματολογία που εκτείνεται από την Πατρολογία και τη Βυζαντινή Εικονογραφία έως την Ορθόδοξη Ιεραποστολή και Μαρτυρία.

Ο Σεβασμιώτατος Αμβρόσιος θα προεξάρχει της Θείας Λειτουργίας των Προηγιαμένων Δώρων την **Τετάρτη 11 Μαρτίου**.

Θα ακολουθήσει σαρακοστιανό δείπνο και ομιλία με θέμα «**Η Ορθόδοξη Μαρτυρία στην Κορέα**». Η παρουσίαση θα γίνει στα Ελληνικά και στα Αγγλικά. Προσκαλείσθε όλοι να παρευρεθείτε στην πνευματική αυτή εκδήλωση και ενημερωτική ομιλία.



FLOGA HELLENIC DANCE TROUPE

On Saturday, February 14th, our talented Wonderworkers lit up the stage at Archangels Academy's annual fundraiser breakfast! Our little dancers performed five beautiful traditional Greek dances — Epirotiko Syrto, Podaraki, Ikariotiko, Zebekiko, and Hasaposerviko — captivating the audience and filling the room with excitement and amazement. Each student gave their very best, and we could not be prouder of their hard work, grace, and joyful spirit. They truly made the morning unforgettable! A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful dancers and their incredibly supportive families. Your dedication and commitment mean the world to us.

We continue practicing every Monday at 6:45 PM, building even more energy, confidence, and joy with each rehearsal. We cannot wait for our next performance — stay tuned, because there is so much more magic to come!

Our Advanced group delivered a wonderful performance at the Papaflessa Apokriatiko Glendi. The dancers presented a lively suite of five dances with great enthusiasm, and the joy in the room was undeniable. One of the highlights of the evening was the audience joining in during the hasaposerviko, twirling their napkins high in the air and cheering on the children with excitement.

We will continue practicing on Saturdays throughout Lent as we prepare for our upcoming performances and look forward to sharing more of our tradition with the community. Your continued support helps us celebrate and preserve the beauty of Hellenic culture through dance. Here's to many more memorable moments ahead — thank you for being part of this journey with us!

Sofia & Evi



PRISON MINISTRY

**“For I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink;
I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me;
I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.”**

(Matthew 25:35–36)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On Saturday, February 7th, Father George and I traveled to Indiana State Prison. Father George celebrated the Divine Liturgy with 12 inmates, and we were also blessed with the opportunity to meet two additional men who are seeking the Orthodox faith. Glory to God! Father George continues to prepare one inmate who is preparing to be baptized into the Orthodox Church.

We are deeply grateful to our Philoptochos for their generous donation of Orthodox crosses for the inmates. These crosses will be given to those who are already Orthodox, as well as to those who will soon be received into the faith through baptism.

Our next visit is scheduled for Saturday, March 7th. We are thankful that our new volunteers will be joining us as well. We kindly ask that you keep these men in your prayers.

Wishing you and your families a blessed and spiritually fruitful Lent. Kali Sarakosti!

With love,

Dana Coronado



ALTAR BOYS

Dear Altar Boys and Families,

As we continue our journey through this sacred season, we would like to share a few important and exciting updates for our ministry.

On **Saturday, March 28**, from **10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**, we will be holding a joint meeting with the Handmaidens Ministry. This gathering will help us prepare for the upcoming Holy Week processions, a beautiful and meaningful part of our worship life. During this time, we will also do a light cleaning of the altar and church areas as we prepare ourselves spiritually and practically for this holy period.

All altar boys are warmly encouraged to attend. Your presence and participation are truly valuable. Holy Week is one of the most important times in the life of the Church, and your service greatly assists Father George while contributing to the reverence and beautification of our services.

We also wish to remind all altar boys that you are always welcome to attend and serve at the Holy Week services. This is a unique opportunity to deepen your faith, experience the richness of our liturgical life, and offer your gifts in service to Christ and His Church.

Looking ahead, we are planning a **social event tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 9**. More details will be shared as the date approaches, but we hope you will keep this day in mind.

Thank you for your dedication, enthusiasm, and joyful service. Your commitment is a blessing to our parish community.

With gratitude and prayers,

Fr. George, Mr. Zacharcy Chibucos, and Mr. Labros Malfas

CHERUBS

Our little Cherubs have been playing and learning so much! We've welcomed a few new babies into the group, and they are getting some great tummy time and love observing the older kids. Watching our older toddlers being so loving and offering help to our younger babies has been especially heartwarming. Father George offered an engaging lesson on the Presentation of the Lord. He showed our little ones the icon and taught them the hymn of the feast day. He also had them bring a doll (baby Jesus) into the church, representing how Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to Symeon in the temple 40 days after he was born. Then, the Cherubs exchanged valentines! If you have a little one between 40 days and 3 years, we'd love for you to join us!



GOYA

GOYA keeps all their activities exciting and impactful. In January, our GOYA group had the honor in visiting the residence's of Shady Oak in Home Glen. Our group played and led bingo for the night. Though it was fun for the residence's, and it was even more meaningful and impactful for our GOYA group.

February was another fun and impactful month for our GOYA Group. We kicked off the month with a fun evening of roller skating. Our next gathering, we came together to make "car care kits". The kits were filled with granola bars, apple sauce, fruit snacks, and chips. Each GOYA member can take these bags to keep in their car to hand to a person in need at a stop light or on the street. A great way to help others in need! Be sure to mark your calendars for our upcoming gatherings in March and April. We will be gathering for pre-sanctified Liturgy on March 11 to then have the honor to listen to Metropolitan Ambrosios. We will also be meeting on March 23 and April 22. Let's come together in prayer at this blessed time.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAINT SPYRIDON HELLENIC ORTHODOX CHURCH
FAMILY NIGHT MINISTRY

Saturday of Lazarus Retreat

APRIL, 4TH 2026

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY
10:45AM-115PM

Please mark your calendars and join us for this year's Saturday of Lazarus Retreat in the Community Hall. It is a wonderful time for families and friends to worship together in preparation for Palm Sunday.



- Light lenten breakfast
- Palm making
- Crafts, spiritual lesson, Easter egg hunt



Breakfast and egg hunt generously sponsored by PTA

GOYA FUNDRAISER

Lenten Frozen Pizza Puff Sale

After Liturgy March 1, 8 + 15

- 2 pizza puffs: \$5.00
- 4 pizza puffs: \$10.00
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ARCHANGELS ACADEMY

The last two months at Archangels Academy have been busy, joyful, and filled with excitement! After the holiday break, our little ones returned to school with bright smiles, renewed energy, and a readiness to jump right back into learning and routine. It has been wonderful to see how quickly they settled back in and how much they continue to grow — academically, socially, and spiritually.

Our January theme was **Winter**, and the children had so much fun exploring the beauty and wonder of the season. Through hands-on activities, stories, art projects, and discussions, we learned about winter weather, snow, Arctic animals, and the changes that happen during this special time of year.

In February, our theme shifted to **Hibernation**, which quickly became a classroom favorite! The children loved learning about animals that sleep through the winter, how they prepare for hibernation, and why it is important. Through creative crafts, science exploration, and imaginative play, we brought this theme to life in meaningful and engaging ways.

We are especially excited as we head into March and one of our favorite themes of the year — **Community Helpers!** The children always love learning about the important people who help us every day, and we look forward to welcoming special visitors and exploring the many ways we can serve and care for one another.

In January, we were blessed to welcome Fr. George into our classroom as we cut our annual Vasilopita. Congratulations to Christian Sweiss for finding the flouri (lucky coin) in his piece! It was such a special and memorable moment for our students and a beau-

tiful way to begin the new year together.

We are also thrilled to share that our Annual Fund-raiser Breakfast was once again a tremendous success. Thank you to everyone who came out to support Archangels Academy. A heartfelt thank you to our incredible Archangels families for your generous donations, your time, and your volunteer spirit. The success of this event would not have been possible without the unwavering support of each and every one of you, and for that we are truly grateful.

As we look ahead to the warmer months, we are excited for what is to come! Our **Summer Camp** is just around the corner and will run for two consecutive weeks. This year's themes are **Fairy Tale Camp** and **Cooking Camp** — two weeks filled with imagination, creativity, hands-on fun, and joyful learning. With limited space available, we encourage families to reach out to Sofea Malamis to reserve your child's spot.

Looking even further ahead, enrollment for the **2026–2027 academic year** is now open. Our preschool runs **Monday through Friday** and offers both **Half Day and Full Day options** to best meet the needs of our families. Enrollment is limited, and we encourage interested families to visit our website at archangelsacademy.org for tuition information and to download an application.

With an exciting and busy few months behind us, we look forward with gratitude and anticipation to all the learning, growth, and beautiful moments the coming months will bring.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Monday, March 2** – No School – Teacher Institute Day
- **March 16–20** – No School – Spring Break
- **Wednesday, April 8** – Sacrament of Holy Unction – Early Dismissal
(Students will be dismissed after the church service at 1:00 PM)
- **April 9–13** – No School – Pascha Break



ARCHANGELS ACADEMY



Archaels Academy Summer Camps

Fairy Tale Camp

June 1-5
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Ages 3-6

- Explore a different fairy tale each day
- Enjoy music, arts, dress-up, and games
- Act out scenes from favorite stories

Cooking Camp

June 8-12
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Ages 3-6

- Create kid friendly recipes daily
- Learn kitchen skills and early math concepts
- Enjoy their tasty creations

What to Bring: Packed Lunch • Water Bottle • Extra change of clothes

Name of Camper: _____

Address: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Phone Number: _____

Week 1 (June 1-5) \$165

Week 2 (June 8-12) \$165

Both Weeks \$300

For more information contact: Sofea Malamis • director@archangelsacademy.org

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