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Our Saint Spyridon youth on Sunday of Orthodoxy (top)

Archangels Academy students honoring Greek Independence Day (middle)

Our Goyans with His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael after the Presanctified Liturgy on March 31st (bottom)

ARCHANGELS ACADEMY

The month of March has been an exciting one full of guests! This month we celebrated our Community Helpers. We have been very fortunate to have so many from our very own community come talk to the children about their work. Librarian Ruth Faklis came to read beautiful stories. Chef Dean Eliacostas helped our children make their very own pizzas. The Palos Heights Fire Department rolled in on the fire truck to speak about fire safety and stop, drop and roll. Dr. Mike Hohlastos spoke to our children about staying healthy. Police Officer Taso Malamis talked to the children about safety and what number to call in case of an emergency and Dr. Amy Korolis showed the children how to properly take care and brush their teeth.

Thank you to all our families that participated in this important unit!



2021—2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Applications for the 2021—2022 School year are now available. Please be aware that applications are accepted on a first come first serve basis with priority given to currently enrolled students, St. Spyridon stewards and alumni. We have limited space so please plan accordingly.

SCHOOL CALENDAR : April 30th - May 3rd—Pascha Break



FATHER'S ARTICLE

“This is the faith of the Apostles, this is the faith of the Fathers, this is the faith of the Orthodox, this is the faith which has sustained the universe.”

With these words that we all proclaimed on the Sunday of Orthodoxy, there can be no greater statement as to the importance of faith in our human existence. As a testament to the freedom that God has bestowed on us, faith becomes the key that reveals our origin, our identity, and our purpose. What we confess as Orthodox Christians is that we have freely chosen to walk through this portal of faith to believe in the experiences, the teachings, and the living witnesses that recognize Jesus Christ as the Lord and Master of our life. Though this faith, we become the Church, the continual presence of Christ in the world which He created, sustained, and redeemed in Himself.

Faith takes us beyond the scientifically or historically proven. While many disciplines may lead us to faith, ultimately faith is revealed and given by God to those who are willing to embrace Him as the Truth, the Life, the Creator, and the Sustainer of the Universe. The faith of the Prophets, the faith of Apostles, the Fathers and Mothers of the Church, the faith of our parents and grandparents, the faith of all who lived and died embracing their experience in the living Christ, it is that faith that sustains us, guides us, and leads us to a better world.

Recently we have been through very turbulent times. Besides the public health challenges and all its repercussions, we increasingly face uncertainty and fear, not knowing who or what to believe, continually exposed to an infinite array of opinions presented as facts and contradictory theories challenging eternal truths. When it is so difficult to have faith in anything, it is vital that we find our faith in the One who is, was, and always shall be the Same. He is the only One who respects and truly embraces our human condition, allowing us to be free to choose Him, to believe in Him, and to love Him. As we continue this journey of Great and Holy Lent, let us be guided and sustained solely by our faith in Christ, to live ‘as the Apostles have taught, as the Church has received, and as Christ has awarded.’ Amen. Fr. Tilemahos



Flowers for Lent, Holy Week & Pascha

The Great Lent and Pascha Season is upon us and once again we are asking for your contributions and donations towards the adornment of our St. Spyridon Church during the Lenten and Paschal services. 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.



- ◆ *Flowers for Panagia \$100*
- ◆ *Flowers for Sunday of the Cross—\$150*
- ◆ *Palms for Palm Sunday—\$250*
- ◆ *Icon of the Last Supper—\$150*
- ◆ *Icon of the Crucifixion—\$150*
- ◆ *Icon of the Apokathelosis—\$150*
- ◆ *Carnations for the Epitaphios—\$300*
- ◆ *Decorative flowers for the Epitaphios—\$250*
- ◆ *Four (4) Bouquets for the Epitaphios—\$150/each*
- ◆ *Icon Sts. Raphael, Nicholas & Irene—\$150*

STEWARDSHIP 2021

What does the Bible say about Stewardship?

Give without show

"Let not your left hand know what your right hand is doing." (Matt.6:3).

Give with regularity in proportion

"Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store, as God has prospered him." (I Cor. 16:2)

Give liberally

"He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." (II Cor. 9:6)

Give cheerfully

"Let everyone give as his heart tells him, neither grudgingly, nor under compulsion, for God loves the man that gives cheerfully." (II Cor. 9:7)

We thank the 214 Stewards that have joined so far in 2021. As we journey through this new year, let us continue to serve our community and support our beloved Saint Spyridon parish. Your stewardship offering may be submitted by mail to the church office. We have also made online giving available on our church website (www.Saint-Spyridon.net) for one-time and periodic giving.

STEWARDS 2021-FEBRUARY 26TH - MARCH 25TH

Mr. Panagiotis Alexakos
Mr. & Mrs. Kostas Alexopoulos
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Besbekos
Ms. Alexia Chibucos
Mr. Jack Christou
Mr. & Mrs. Spero Christos
Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Christy
Ms. Georgia Danos
Ms. Bess Demopoulos
Mr. & Mrs. George Drikos
Mr. Josua Falcone
Ms. Rena Falcone
Dr. & Mrs. Michael Hohlastos
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Kapsalis
Mr. & Mrs. William Kiliaris
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Kladis
Mrs. Stavroula Kloris
Mrs. Anna Kontaris
Mr. & Mrs. Spiro Kontaris
Mr. & Mrs. George Korbakes
Mr. Peter G. Korbakes

Mr. Telemahos Korbakes
Mr. & Dr. Dean Korolis
Dr. & Mrs. Nicholas Lalios
Mrs. Demetra Lambros
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Marathas
Mr. Eustratios Marinos
Mr. Alex Mazarakos
Mr. John Mazarakos
Mr. & Mrs. Deno Mihos
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Ms. Catherine Nakos
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Mrs. Georgia Panagiotaros
Mr. & Mrs. Tasso Panagiotopoulos
Mr. & Mrs. Gus Pappas
Mr. Philip Papamakarios
Ms. Mary Paras
Mr. Marino Petropoulos
Mrs. Despina Petropoulos
Mrs. Koula Perivoliotis
Mrs. Irene Poulos & Spero Poulos

Mrs. Panagiota Poziopoulos
Ms. Elizabeth Rentas
Dr. & Mrs. George Scarlatis
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Scarlatis
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Sotiropoulos
Mr. & Mrs. Panagiotis Stamus
Mr. & Mrs. Omar Sweiss
Ms. Maria Taccola
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Treantafeles
Mr. & Mrs. George Vasilakos
Mrs. Helen Vlassis
Mrs. Goldie Xirafakis

214 Members



In gratitude for God's blessings, I commit to Christ and His Church as a Steward of Saint Spyridon with my 2021 Stewardship.



April 2021—Schedule of Events & Divine Services

Wednesday, April 7th	Holy Confession—10 a.m.—12 noon Presanctified Liturgy—6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 8th	Paraklesis & Homily —6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
Friday, April 9th	Holy Confession—10 a.m.—12 noon Salutations to the Theotokos—7 p.m.—8 p.m.
Saturday, April 10th	Holy Confession—4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. * Great Vespers—6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 11th	4th Sunday of Lent, St. John of the Ladder Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m.—11.00 a.m. * Solemn Vespers—6:00 p.m.
Monday, April 12th	Holy Confession—10 a.m.—12 noon * Great Compline—6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 14th	Holy Confession—10 a.m.—12 noon Presanctified Liturgy—6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 15th	Great Canon of St. Andrew—8:00 a.m. Great Compline & Homily — 6:00 p.m. @ Sts. Constantine & Helen, Palos Hills
Friday, April 16th	Holy Confession—10 a.m.—12 noon * Akathist Hymn—7 p.m.—8 p.m.
Saturday, April 17th	Holy Confession—4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. * Great Vespers—6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 18th	5th Sunday of Lent, St. Mary of Egypt Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m.—11.00 a.m. * Solemn Vespers—6:00 p.m.
Monday, April 19th	Holy Confession—10 a.m.—12 noon * Great Compline—6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 21st	Holy Confession—10 a.m.—12 noon Pre-Sanctified Liturgy—6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 22nd	Great Compline & Homily—6:00 p.m. @ St. Nicholas, Oak Lawn
Friday, April 23rd	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy—8:00 a.m.—9:15 a.m.
Saturday, April 24th	Saturday of Lazarus , Orthros & Liturgy—8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Great Vespers—6:00 p.m.—6:45 p.m.
Sunday, April 25th	Palm Sunday , Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. Service of the Nymphios—7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
Monday, April 26th	Holy & Great Monday , Presanctified Liturgy—8:00 a.m.—9:30 a.m. Service of the Nymphios—7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 27th	Holy & Great Tuesday , Presanctified Liturgy—8:00 a.m.—9:30 a.m. Service of the Nymphios—7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 28th	Holy & Great Wednesday , Presanctified Liturgy—8:00 a.m.—9:30 a.m. Holy Unction—11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. The church will then remain open for the faithful to receive Holy Unction Holy Unction—4:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m. * Orthros of Holy Thursday—7:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 29th	Holy & Great Thursday , Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil—8:00 a.m.—9:30 a.m. Service of the Passion of Christ - 6:30 p.m.—10:00 p.m. Vigil of the Cross
Friday, April 30th	Holy & Great Friday , Great & Royal Hours—8:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. Apokathelosis—4:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m. Service of the Epitaphios—7:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 1st	Holy & Great Saturday , Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil—6:00 a.m.—7:30 a.m. Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil—9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. <u>Resurrection Orthros & Divine Liturgy—11:00 p.m.—2:00 a.m.</u>
Sunday, May 2nd	HOLY PASCHA , Agape Service—12 noon
Monday, May 3rd	St. George the Trophy-bearer—Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m.
Tuesday, May 4th	Sts. Raphael, Nicholas & Irene—Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m.

ΕΝΟΡΙΑΚΟ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ

Τετάρτη 7 Απριλίου	Ιερά Εξομολόγηση -10:00 π.μ. - 12:00 μ.μ. Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία -6:00 μ.μ. - 7:30 μ.μ.
Πέμπτη 8 Απριλίου	Παράκληση και ομιλία στον Ι.Ν. Αγίου Σπυρίδωνος -6:00 μ.μ. - 7:00 μ.μ.
Παρασκευή 9 Απριλίου	Ιερά Εξομολόγηση -10:00 π.μ. - 12:00 μ.μ. * Δ' Χαιρετισμοί -7:00 μ.μ. - 8:00 μ.μ.
Σάββατο 10 Απριλίου	Ιερά Εξομολόγηση -4:00 μ.μ. - 6:00 μ.μ. * Μέγας Εσπερινός -6:00 μ.μ. - 7:00 μ.μ.
Κυριακή 11 Απριλίου	Δ' Κυριακή των Νηστειών -Αγίου Ιωάννου Συγγραφέως της Κλίμακος Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία -8:00 π.μ. - 11:00 π.μ. Κατανυκτικός Εσπερινός -6:00 μ.μ. - 7:00 μ.μ.
Δευτέρα, 12 Απριλίου	Ιερά Εξομολόγηση -10:00 π.μ. - 12:00 μ.μ. * Μέγα Απόδειπνο -6:00 μ.μ. - 7:00 μ.μ.
Τετάρτη 14 Απριλίου	Ιερά Εξομολόγηση -10:00 π.μ. - 12:00 μ.μ. Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία -6:00 μ.μ. - 7:30 μ.μ.
Πέμπτη 15 Απριλίου	Μέγας Κανών του Αγίου Ανδρέου Κρήτης - 8:00 π.μ. - 9:30 π.μ. Μέγα Απόδειπνο και ομιλία, Ι.Ν. Αγίων Κωνσταντίνου και Ελένης -6:00 μ.μ.
Παρασκευή 16 Απριλίου	Ιερά Εξομολόγηση -10:00 π.μ. - 12:00 μ.μ. * Ακάθιστος Ύμνος -7:00 μ.μ. - 8:00 μ.μ.
Σάββατο 17 Απριλίου	Ιερά Εξομολόγηση -4:00 μ.μ. - 6:00 μ.μ. * Μέγας Εσπερινός -6:00 μ.μ. - 7:00 μ.μ.
Κυριακή 18 Απριλίου	Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία -8:00 π.μ. - 11:00 π.μ. Κατανυκτικός Εσπερινός -6:00 μ.μ. - 7:00 μ.μ.
Δευτέρα 19 Απριλίου	Ιερά Εξομολόγηση -10:00 π.μ. - 12:00 μ.μ. * Μέγα Απόδειπνο -6:00 μ.μ. - 7:00 μ.μ.
Τετάρτη 21 Απριλίου	Ιερά Εξομολόγηση -10 π.μ. - 12 μ.μ. * Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία -6:30 μ.μ. - 8:00 μ.μ.
Πέμπτη 22 Απριλίου	Μέγα Απόδειπνο και ομιλία, Ι.Ν. Αγίου Νικολάου -6:00 μ.μ.
Παρασκευή 23 Απριλίου	Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία -8:00 π.μ. - 9:15 π.μ.
Σάββατο 24 Απριλίου	Σάββατο του Λαζάρου, Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία -8:00 π.μ. * Έσπερινός -6:00 μ.μ.
Κυριακή 25 Απριλίου	Κυριακή των Βαΐων, Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία -8:00 π.μ. Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου - 7:00 μ.μ.
Δευτέρα 26 Απριλίου	Αγία και Μεγάλη Δευτέρα, Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία -8:00 π.μ. Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου - 7:00 μ.μ.
Τρίτη 27 Απριλίου	Αγία και Μεγάλη Τρίτη, Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία -8:00 π.μ. Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου - 7:00 μ.μ.
Τετάρτη 28 Απριλίου	Αγία και Μεγάλη Τετάρτη, Προηγιασμένη Λειτουργία -8:00 π.μ. Ευχέλαιο -11:00 π.μ. - 12:30 μ.μ. * Μετά την ακολουθία ο ναός θα παραμείνει ανοικτός για να μυρωθούν οι πιστοί Ευχέλαιο -4:00 μ.μ. - 5:30 μ.μ. * Όρθρος της Αγίας και Μεγάλης Πέμπτης - 7:00 μ.μ.
Πέμπτη 29 Απριλίου	Αγία και Μεγάλη Πέμπτη, Έσπερινός και Θεία Λειτουργία του Αγίου Βασιλείου - 8:00 π.μ. - 9:30 π.μ. * Ακολουθία των Παθών -6:30 μ.μ. - 10:00 μ.μ. Αγρυπνία του Σταυρού
Παρ. 30 Απριλίου	Αγία και Μεγάλη Παρασκευή, Ακολουθία των Βασιλικών Ωρών -8π.μ. - 10 π.μ. Έσπερινός της Αποκαθήλωσης -4:00 μ.μ. - 5:30 μ.μ. Ακολουθία του Έπιταφίου -7:30 μ.μ. - 9:30 μ.μ.
Σάββατο 1 Μαΐου	Μεγάλο Σάββατο, Έσπερινή Λειτουργία του Αγίου Βασιλείου - 6π.μ. - 7:30 π.μ. Έσπερινή Θεία Λειτουργία του Αγίου Βασιλείου - 9:00 π.μ. - 11:00 π.μ. Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία της Αναστάσεως -11:00 μ.μ. - 2:00 π.μ.
Κυριακή 2 Μαΐου	ΑΓΙΟΝ ΠΑΣΧΑ * Έσπερινός της Αγάπης - 12 μ.μ.
Δευτέρα 3 Μαΐου	Αγίου Γεωργίου του Τροπαιοφόρου, Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία -8 π.μ. - 10:00 π.μ.
Τρίτη 4 Μαΐου	Αγίων Ραφαήλ, Νικολάου και Ειρήνης, Όρθρος και Λειτουργία -8 π.μ. - 10:00 π.μ.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

ATTENDING DIVINE SERVICES

Please call the church office or visit the sign-up link to reserve your spots for the Divine Services in the church or in the community center. You can also use the same link to reserve for Sunday School classes. While the limits in attendance are relaxed, we still need to wear a mask, keep social distance, and continue contact tracing as required by the State of Illinois.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f4caaaa22a1ff2-saint>



All services are streamed on the Parish YouTube Channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC68WCiYHUYSTCqlelnAWLvQ>

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Please subscribe to the channel to receive notifications of services



Dear St. Spyridon Parish Family,
It is with much hope and prayer that this message finds all of our families staying healthy, well and safe. We are blessed to have Fr. Tilemahos guiding us, by the Grace of God, through the Lenten Sarakosti with many spiritual and beautiful church holy services. His Eminence, Metropolitan Nathanael, honored our parish by ministering the Presanctified Liturgy on the evening of March 31st. We look forward to His Grace, Bishop Athenagoras of Mene, from the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Mexico, honoring our parish by visiting in early April. May His Grace arrive safely and for us to all be together for the Lenten Sarakosti and Holy Pascha services.



The General Assembly meeting took place on March 14th. A status of the church and parish operations was presented including financial and committee reports. The various church committees including: Archangels, Building & Maintenance, Condes Scholarship, Festival, Golf Outing, Greek School, Stewardship have met or will be meeting for the good of the parish in March and April. Thank you to Fr. Tilemahos for his guidance and helping move the committees forward. Thank you to all of the committee chairs and committee members for volunteering and all of your efforts to help our parish.

The St. Spyridon 24th Annual Golf Outing is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, June 8th at the Odyssey Country Club in Tinley Park. The Golf Outing benefits the church Building Fund that helps keep the facilities safe and up to date. Examples of the Building Fund include the new stage trim project and the gymnasium doors replacement project. Thank you to Nick Kourmetas on becoming the new Golf Outing chairman.

The parish council approved a one-day drive-thru Festival as recommended by the Festival Committee. The Festival will take place on Saturday, July 10th, from 11am-7pm. The raffle will take place the following day on Sunday, July 11th, after church holy services at noon. Volunteers will be needed to help set up the Festival cooking equipment in the days before the Festival, work in the kitchen and cooking area, runners and coordinators to operate the drive-thru and clean up after the event. Thank you to Dean Eliacostas for volunteering to help lead the Festival fundraiser as well as manage the additional health safety measures this year.

Additional volunteers are needed to assist the parish. Please volunteer for the Golf Outing and Festival events by contacting Fr. Tilemahos, any parish council members or the church office for more information.

Thank you Fr. Tilemahos, parish council members, all of the church organizations and committees, the parishioners, volunteers and donors for your continued efforts to support the church ministries and our parish.

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

Καλή Σαρακοστή και Καλό Πάσχα. Best wishes on a blessed Lenten Season and a Happy Easter to everyone.

Humbly submitted, Frank Kopanis



Sunday School classes will continue to be offered during the month of April. Classes for K-8th grade will take place on April 4th, 11th and 18th. High School will have classes on April

4th and 18th. Looking forward to May, our last class will be on May 9th, with a graduation acknowledgement for our 8th graders and High School Seniors on May 16th. Please continue to register for Sunday School using the signup genius link.



Advertise in the VOICE

We call upon all our faithful and friends to continue to sponsor our monthly newsletter by advertising your business for the benefit of all the parishioners. Your ad will reach our 375 parish families, four hundred email addresses in our listserv, over 1,500 followers of our Facebook page, and of course everyone who picks up a copy of our Voice newsletter from the church narthex or community center. Please contact the church office for more information or to submit an advertisement for your business. The advertising opportunities are the following:

- Regular (1.5" x 4") - \$100/year**
- Large (4.5" x 4") - \$250/year**

Spring into Action to Help Kids Fighting Cancer!

Saint Spyridon's Lenten Toy Drive



All proceeds to benefit:

The Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation

Suggested Donations by Age:

School Age

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

Arts/Crafts

- Playdough
- Coloring Books
- Crayola Markers/Crayons
- Activity Sets/Prepackaged Crafts

Adolescent

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

Infant/Toddler/Preschool

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

Drop off all NEW, unwrapped donations in boxes near the office and gym.

Donation Deadline is Sunday, April 25th

Cash/Check donations may be dropped off in the church office:
Monday – Friday from 9am to 2pm

Checks payable to "St. Spyridon" & "Toy Drive" in the Memo section, or
Donate online: https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe.ly/give-one-time/1390651
(Please Select "Toy Drive – Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest" from the dropdown menu)

For questions, please contact:
Stella Parhas at 708.717.2518 or Demetria Papadopoulos at 708.870.2785

Thank you for donating!



Drive Thru Food Pantry Pick Up

Helping to Feed those in Need

Open to the public

Every Thursday 1pm -2pm (While Supplies Last)

Saint Spyridon Hellenic Orthodox Church
12307 S. Ridgeland Avenue, Palos Heights, IL
When you arrive for a pick-up call: 708-385-2311



Important information:

- Drive Thru Only
- Keep your windows rolled-up
- Be prepared to open your trunk
- Stay in your vehicle - unless opening your trunk



PLUTARCHOS NEWS

Ζήτω η Ελλάδα μας! Ζήτω η Ελευθερία! Ζήτω η Ορθοδοξία!

On March 25th we celebrated the Bicentennial of the Greek Revolution of 1821, the beginning of the War for Independence from the Ottoman Empire. The whole past month students learned about the Ottoman occupation, the heroes of the Revolution and the rebirth of our Nation. Our school will commemorate the event with a program at the end of the school year.

We are happy to announce that we are working on bringing our students back into our classrooms!

On March 3rd the Greek School committee met and discussed plan options. It was decided for in-person instruction to begin on Fridays, in the month of May, after Pascha break. All protocols and guidelines regarding Covid-19 will be strictly followed.

For the 2021-22 school year, full in-person classes for grades K-6th will be offered. 7th-8th will remain online. Class sizes will be limited to 10-12 students. Registration will open on April 15th for everyone, and it will be on a first come, first serve basis (current students and St. Spyridon Church stewards will have priority). Space will be limited, so act fast when registration opens. More details regarding registration are on the application forms coming out soon.



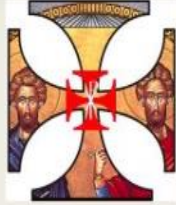
**ARCHANGELS
ACADEMY
ENROLLMENT
FOR 2021-22
IS NOW OPEN**

Archangels Academy announces that applications for the 2021-22 academic year are now available at the church office and at ArchangelsAcademy.org. Incoming students must be at least three years old by September 1st, 2021. You can reserve a classroom tour and a meeting with Mrs. Sofea Malamis, our Archangels Academy Director, by calling the church office. Please be aware that applications are accepted on a first come first serve basis with priority given to currently enrolled students, St. Spyridon stewards and alumni. We have limited space so please plan accordingly.



YOU'RE INVITED TO A
**PAINTING
PARTY!**
*Please join us for an
Archangels Fundraiser*
Sunday April 18th 3PM
at St. Spyridon Church
12307 Ridgeland Ave
Palos Heights IL 60463
RSVP to Vasiliki by April 11th
708.941.6704

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



The St. Spyridon Ladies Philoptochos society invites all interested High School seniors and current college students to apply for the St. Spyridon Philoptochos Scholarship.

The winning applicant will receive a \$1000 scholarship

Applications and information are available on St. Spyridon's website:
<http://www.saintspyridon.org>

The deadline for the completed application and supporting documents are due by June 15, 2021.
Please email application materials to
englishteacher30@yahoo.com
The recipient will be notified by August 15, 2021.



EASTER BAKE SALE

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Pick up date:

Saturday April 24th

After Divine Liturgy

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

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Metropolis of Chicago Philoptochos Lenten Retreat "Growing in Christ"

**Saturday, April 10, 2021
9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

Ascension of our Lord Greek Orthodox Church

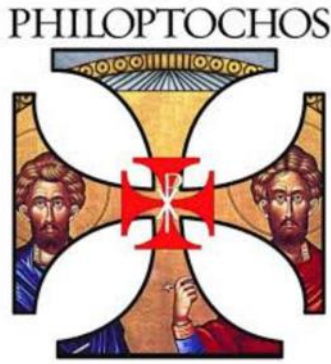
**RSVP with Demetria Bakris – dbakris@gmail.com
or Christina Hiotis - christinahiotis@hotmail.com**

Orthodox Bible Study April Schedule

Bible Study will return to Monday nights, immediately following the Great Compline Service. Classes are available on Zoom and on YouTube Live. Please subscribe to our Parish YouTube Channel or to our Listserv in order to receive notification of classes.

**Monday, April 5th – 7:00 p.m.
Monday, April 12th – 7:00 p.m.**

Philoptochos News



Dear Friends of Philoptochos

Καλή Ανάσταση! Our Lenten journey continues to be a time of reflection, a time to gain strength in our faith and prepare for the joy of the Resurrection. When I received the schedule of the services we could attend for Holy Week and Pascha, I became emotional. I remembered that this time last year we were unable to attend church and had to follow the services virtually. It seems many of us have the same feeling; I was in the office as Effie was getting call after call to sign up for the different services. We now more than ever are excited and realize what a blessing we have to be able to gather together to share the light of Christ's Resurrection.

On March 13 we had our first in-person Philoptochos meeting at Church. Our ladies also met at church and prepared the tyropites and spanakopites for our "Take and Bake". They had a lot of energy and enjoyed being together, again Covid safety procedures were followed. Many thanks to Dina Katsoulis and the ladies who worked tirelessly to make the pites and to Helen Sotiropoulos for coordinating the event. Once again, thank you for participating and making this successful event; we need your support. There are a few spanakopites and tyropites available, please contact me if anyone is interested in purchasing extra pans. It was decided that one half of the profit from the "Take and Bake" will be donated to Almost Home. Almost Home, located in Oak Lawn, is a non-profit organization serving those facing homelessness and food insecurity in the south suburbs of Chicago.

Our Easter Bake Sale fundraiser is happening now so please please place your orders by April 20th for Tsoureki and Koulouria. Thank you to Kathy Korbakes and Olga Paxinos for coordinating this event and many thanks to our ladies for the baking. Please see the church website for the order form and information.

We served 100 meals on March 23 for the Feed the Hungry at Annunciation Cathedral, in Chicago. We will be once again be serving Feed the Hungry on May 4th. We ask those who are interested in assisting with the preparations to please let us know.

Although we are looking forward to the return of our cherished events, it appears that we will not be able to have our traditional Mothers Day luncheon. As we did last year, we will decorate the icon of our Theotokos and offer a community Mother's Day card. The card will include special messages to the mothers and women who mean so much to us. Until we can be together to celebrate, we will share our thoughts and love for the mothers in our lives. Thanks to Dana Vasilakos who will be coordinating this event. More information will be available on the church website.

Keeping with our annual tradition, Philoptochos will be offering a \$1,000 scholarship to one of our well deserving graduates. We invite all interested high school seniors and current college students to apply. The deadline for applications and supporting documentation is June 15th. The application is on the Church website.

Finally, a friendly reminder that our 2021 Stewardship Campaign continues through the end of April, please fill out your membership card and return it with your donation to Dana Vasilakos or the Church Office. The members of Philoptochos continue to work to meet the needs of our community, help those in need of comfort or assistance and share our Christian values. We cannot do this without your participation and financial support. So please join us.

This May will be our elections so if you have been thinking of becoming a Board Member, please contact me or Ruth Faklis. More information will be coming out soon on the date.

Finally, thank you for your continued support, only together in faith and fellowship can we make a difference to those in need.

With Sisterly Agape,
Georgia Xeros,, St. Spyridon Philoptochos President



ΑΓΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΑ

Η συνταρακτικότερη εβδομάδα της ανθρώπινης ιστορίας είναι αναμφίβολα η Μεγάλη Εβδομάδα. Βαθύτατα θεολογική και ιδιαίτερα καταλυτική αποτελεί πηγή ανανέωσης και ψυχικής καθάρσεως για όλους τους χριστιανούς, οι οποίοι μετέχοντας στις ιερές ακολουθίες των ημερών αυτών βιώνουν το μυστήριο της λυτρώσεως του ανθρώπινου γένους και του καθενός μας.

Λέγεται Μεγάλη Εβδομάδα όχι γιατί έχει περισσότερες μέρες, αλλά «επειδή μέγала ημίν γέγονεν κατορθώματα, η χρονιά του διαβόλου τυραννίς κατελύθη, ο θάνατος εσβέσθη, η αμαρτία ανηρέθη, η κατάρα κατελύθη, ο παράδεισος ηνεώχθη», όπως προσφυώς αναφέρει ο ιερός Χρυσόστομος.

Η Αγία και Μεγάλη Εβδομάδα σε συνδυασμό πάντοτε με την πανευφρόσυνη γιορτή του Πάσχα αποτελεί τη σημαντικότερη περίοδο της ορθόδοξης λατρείας. Είναι μία εβδομαδιαία μυσταγωγική πορεία, που οδηγεί τον πιστό στη βίωση του σωτήριου Πάθους του Χριστού και την πλήρωση της θείας περι τον άνθρωπον οικονομίας για τη σωτηρία του. Είναι εντελώς αδύνατο να επιτύχουμε την πνευματική μέθεξη στο μυστήριο του Σταυρού και να απολαύσουμε την εκ των ένδον θέα και μνήμη των γεγονότων των τελευταίων

ημερών της επί γης παρουσίας του Θεανθρώπου Ιησού Χριστού, έξω από τον ιερό χώρο της Εκκλησίας και χωρίς τη μετοχή μας στις πνευματικότερες εκκλησιαστικές ακολουθίες των ημερών της Μεγάλης Εβδομάδας με τα επιλεγμένα ιερά αναγνώσματα, και της σπάνιας ποιητικής ομορφιάς και δογματικής πυκνότητας ύμνων, οι οποίοι μας ανεβάζουν σε ψιλές σφαίρες πνευματικής κατάνυξης και ψυχικής ανάβασης.

Έξω από τον ιερό χώρο του ναού η Αγία Εβδομάδα, το Θείο Πάθος, ο Σταυρός γίνονται απλά λογοτεχνία, θέατρο, στοχαστική διάλεξη ή ευκαιρία επανάληψης λαογραφικών εθίμων. Μέσα στον ιερό χώρο της Εκκλησίας η Αγία Εβδομάδα γίνεται για τον χριστιανό μία συνοδοιπορία με τον Χριστό. Αν δε «συμπορευθώμεν αυτώ και συσταυρωθώμεν» δε θα μπορέσουμε ούτε και στην Ανάσταση να φθάσουμε μαζί του, «να συναναστηθώμεν», που σηματοδοτεί και τη δική μας ανάσταση από τη νέκρωση της αμαρτίας.

Αυτή η πορεία από το Πάθος της Σταυρώσεως στο υπέρλαμπρο φως της Αναστάσεως εμποδίζει τον χριστιανό να δει τη Μεγάλη Εβδομάδα μέσα σ' ένα ζοφερό και καταλυτικό σκοτάδι, γιατί είναι ντυμένος με το ζεστό ένδυμα της χαρμολύπης. Σ' αυτή την πνευματική πορεία που βρίσκεται πάντα κάτω από τη σκιά του Σταυρού και αντικρύζει στο βάθος τον φωτεινό λόφο της Αναστάσεως, οι Άγιοι Πατέρες έβαλαν μερικά σημάδια σαν ορόσημα, σαν σκαλοπάτια, που μας βοηθούν μ' έναν ειδικό το καθένα τρόπο, να βιώσουμε από το βράδυ της Κυριακής των Βαΐων μέχρι και το Μεγάλο Σάββατο το Θείο Πάθος, την πορεία του Κυρίου προς τη Σταύρωση, τη θεόσωμο ταφή και τη ζωηφόρο Ανάσταση.

Αυτά τα σημάδια είναι το τί έχει ορίσει η Εκκλησία να εορτάζεται, να θυμόμαστε κάθε μέρα αυτό που ακούμε στο συναξάρι, που διαβάζεται στον Όρθρο, ο οποίος τελείται το βράδυ της προηγούμενης μέρας (ο εσπερινός τελείται το πρωί της ημέρας). Έτσι τη Μεγάλη Δευτέρα η Εκκλησία μας προβάλλει την

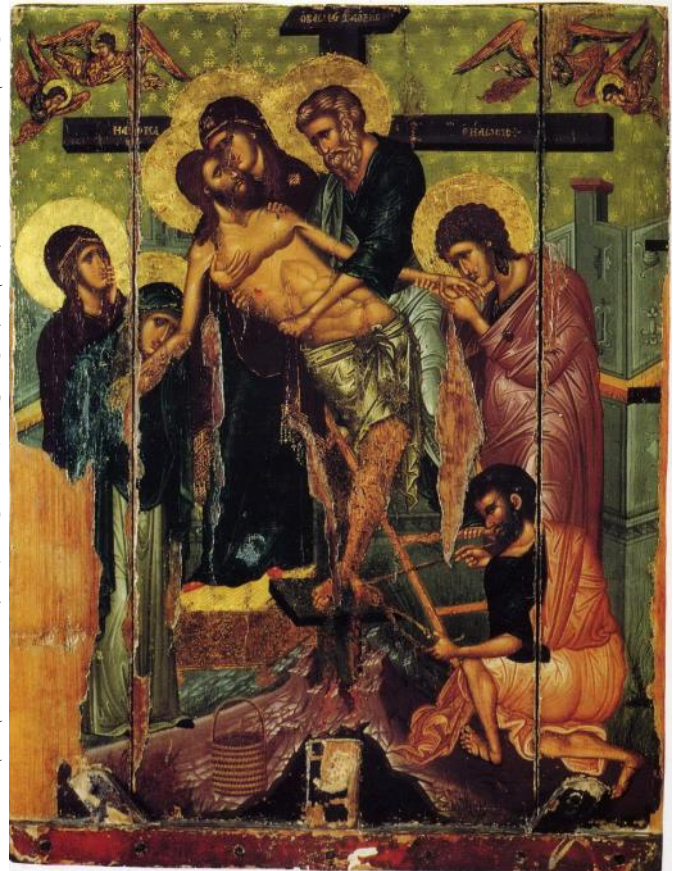


ΑΓΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΑ

προσωπικότητα του πάγκαλου Ιωσήφ, ο οποίος με ο,τι υπέστη υπήρξε τύπος Χριστού και την ξερανθείσα άκαρπη συκή, για να μας θυμίζει ότι στη ζωή μας πρέπει να παράγουμε έργα και καρπούς πνευματικούς. Τη Μεγάλη Τρίτη «της των δέκα παρθένων παραβολής μνειάν ποιούμεθα», για να μας διδάξει η Εκκλησία την ανάγκη της πνευματικής προετοιμασίας και της εγρήγορσης αλλά και της ελεήμονος προσφοράς, που αρνήθηκαν οι πέντε φρόνιμες στις πέντε μωρές παρθένες. Παραινετικά η Εκκλησία μας μας προτρέπει να μιμηθούμε τις φρόνιμες παρθένες με τον υπέροχο ύμνο του Νυμφίου: «βλέπε ουν, ψυχή μου, μη τω ύπνω κατενεχθής, ίνα μη τω θανάτω παραδοθής και της βασιλείας έξω κλειθείς».

Την Μεγάλη Τετάρτη προβάλλεται η μετάνοια της αμαρτωλής γυναίκας, που γνώρισε την αληθινή μετάνοια ως σύμβολο ελπίδας για κάθε αμαρτωλό και για να κεντρισθεί και η δική μας βούληση γι' αυτή τη σωτήρια μεταστροφή. Ψάλλεται το επίκαιρο και τόσο δημοφιλές τροπάριο, που έγραψε η μοναχή Κασσιανή: «Κύριε, η εν πολλαίς αμαρτίαις περιπεσούσα γυνή...». Η Αγία και Μεγάλη Πέμπτη είναι αφιερωμένη στον Ιερό Νιπτήρα, που μας διδάσκει την ταπεινοφροσύνη. Στον Μυστικό Δείπνο στον οποίο ο Χριστός συνέστησε το μυστήριο της Θείας Ευχαριστίας και εγκαινίασε την πραγματική κοινωνία με τον Σωτήρα μας, στην υπερφύα προσευχή του Χριστού στο όρος των ελαιών και την προδοσία του Ιούδα, που σηματοδοτεί την αρχή του Πάθους του Κυρίου μας. Τη Μεγάλη Παρασκευή (ημερολογιακά τη Μεγάλη Πέμπτη το βράδυ) έχουμε κορύφωση του Θείου δράματος. Τελείται η «ακολουθία των Παθών», η οποία περιλαμβάνει αραιότατους εκκλησιαστικούς ύμνους μεταξύ των οποίων και το «Σήμερον κρεμμάται επί ξύλου» και αναγινώσκονται 12 Ευαγγέλια μέσα από τα οποία βιώνουμε όλους τους εξευτελισμούς, τη σταύρωση και τον θάνατο που υπέστη ο Κύριος μας δίνοντας τον εαυτό του «λύτρον αντί πολλών».

Το Μεγάλο Σάββατο (δηλαδή τη Μεγάλη Παρασκευή βράδυ) εορτάζεται η θεόσωμος ταφή και η εις Άδου Κάθοδος του Κυρίου μας Ιησού Χριστού· (έχει προηγηθεί τη Μεγάλη Παρασκευή το πρωί η ακολουθία της Αποκαθλώσεως του Κυρίου από τον Σταυρό). Το βράδυ τελείται στους ιερούς ναούς η ακολουθία του Επιταφίου και ψάλλονται τα υπέροχα εγκώμια: «Η ζωή εν τάφω...», «Άξιον εστίν...», και «Αι γενεαί πάσαι...» και γίνεται μέσα σε ατμόσφαιρα ευλάβειας και ιερής κατάνυξης η περιφορά του Επιταφίου, με τη συμμετοχή πλήθους κόσμου. Το Μεγάλο Σάββατο το πρωί τελείται ο εσπερινός της Αναστάσεως, αυτό που ο κόσμος ονομάζει Α' Ανάσταση και ακούεται στους ναούς η προτροπή του ιερέως: «Ανάστα ο Θεός, κρίνων την γην...». Τρισμακάριοι αυτοί που θα μπορέσουν την εβδομάδα αυτή να αφήσουν τις βιοτικές τους μέριμνες και ν' αρχίσουν την ευλογημένη πορεία δίπλα στον πορευόμενο προς τα πάθος Χριστό: «δεύτε ουν και ημείς συμπορευθώμεν αυτώ και συσταυρωθώμεν και νεκρωθώμεν δι' αυτ'ον ταις του βίου ηδοναίς» ίνα μη μείνωμεν έξω του Νυμφώνος Χριστού.



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OLIVE OIL NEEDED

We need oil for our oil lamps. There are six vigil lamps continuously burning olive oil at our church: Altar table, Presanctified gifts, Christ's Cross, St. Panteleimon, St. Phanourios, and St. Nikiforos the Leper. We light up to twenty more vigil lamps more during services. Please bring any olive oil you wish to donate to the church narthex or to the church office.

Parish Registry

The daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Dinos Papamihail was baptized on March 7th, and was given the name Evanthia. Her Godparents was Ms. Georgia Danos.

Memorials in March

+10 years for Demetra Proutsos,
+2 years for Sofia Kolyvas
+40 days for Panayiotis Perivoliotis
+40 days for Eleftherios Vasilopoulos
MAY THEIR MEMORY BE ETERNAL

SATURDAY OF LAZARUS

On April 24th, following the Divine Liturgy for Saturday of Lazarus, we will make Palm Crosses and prepare the church for Palm Sunday. Our Saint Spyridon P.T.A. will host an Easter Egg Hunt for our young children around 11 a.m.(weather permitting) while the older children and adults are making crosses. In order to follow Covid safety protocols, reservations for all activities are required. Please register at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c4faaa82ca4f85-saturday>

ALTAR BOYS & MYROFORES

As Holy Week approaches, we are looking forward to our youth participating in the services as Altar Boys and Myrofores. Due to Covid safety protocols and attendance restrictions, Altar Boys and Myrofores will be limited to youth 12 years and older. Only twelve Myrofores and twelve altar boys will be allowed to serve at each service.

Myrofores will need to pick up their robes at the choir loft following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday April 11th and April 18th. Myrofores will need to wear white shoes and facemask. If you have any questions, please contact Demetra Alikakos at demetraalihakos@gmail.com.

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