



# Saint Spyridon Hellenic Orthodox Church

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Rev. Tilemahos Alikakos, Protopresbyter - Mr. Frank Kopanis, Parish Council President

## PARISH SCHEDULE

### Sunday, February 28th

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m.

Memorials: +40 days for Pete Manasses,

+40 days for Spiro Manasses

+40 days for Sam Malamis, +40 days for Gus Makris

+3 months for Kostoula Makris

### Monday, March 1st

Agiasmos—9:00 a.m.

Archangels Academy—9:00 a.m. \* Greek School Online

Divorce Rebuilders Ministry—7:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, March 2nd

St. Nicholas Planas

1st Hour & Divine Liturgy—8:30 a.m.—9:15 a.m.

Archangels Academy—9:00 a.m.

Bible Study in Greek—10:00 a.m.

Festival Committee Meeting—7:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, March 3rd

Archangels Academy—9:00 a.m.

Greek School Committee Meeting—7:00 p.m.

### Thursday, March 4th

Archangels Academy—9:00 a.m.

Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

### Friday, March 5th

Archangels Academy—9:00 a.m. \* Greek School Online

Paraklesis to the Theotokos—6:00 p.m.

### Saturday, March 6th

Saturday of Souls—Orthros, Divine Liturgy

& Memorial—8:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.

### Sunday, March 7th

Judgement Day Sunday

Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

### Monday, March 8th

Archangels Academy—9:00 a.m. \* Greek School Online

Divorce Rebuilders Ministry—7:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, March 9th

Holy Forty Martyrs—Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m.

Archangels Academy—9:00 a.m.

Bible Study in Greek—10:00 a.m.

Parish Council—7:00 p.m.

**SAINT SPYRIDON SERVICES  
ARE STREAMED ON OUR  
[PARISH YOUTUBE CHANNEL](#)**



**WELCOME**—Today we welcome Fr. Nikolaos Mataragas, Presvytera Arete and son Stefanos to our parish. Fr. Nikolaos grew up at Saint Spyridon and is now serving the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Waterbury Connecticut where he was ordained to the priesthood in August 2019.

*Welcome home Fr. Niko—AXIOS!*

## *Hymns of the Prodigal Son*

I revolted senselessly out of Your fatherly glory; I have squandered sinfully all of the riches You gave me. Hence to You, using the Prodigal's words, I cry out, I have sinned before You, merciful loving Father. O receive me in repentance, I pray, and treat me as one of Your hired hands.

Since our Savior teaches us each day by His familiar voice, let us listen to the Scriptures about the son who became prodigal and then returned to his senses, and in faith let us emulate his good repentance. With a humble heart let us cry out to God who observes all that is hidden, "We have sinned against You, tender-loving Father, and we are no longer worthy to be called Your children as before. But inasmuch as You love humanity, receive me, I pray, and treat me as one of Your hired hands."

The cry of the Prodigal I offer to You, O Lord: I have sinned before Your eyes, O good one; I have squandered the wealth of the gifts You gave me, but receive me as I repent, O Savior, and save me.

Like the Prodigal Son, I too, have come, O compassionate one; I have spent my whole life in a foreign land; I have squandered the wealth that You have given me, O Father. Receive me as I repent, O God, and have mercy on me.

I exhausted the wealth of my father's holdings, and have consumed them; I have become destitute, dwelling in the land of wicked citizens. No longer able to bear their company, I return and cry to You, the compassionate Father, "I have sinned against heaven and before You, and I am not worthy to be called Your son. Treat me as one of Your hirelings, O God, and have mercy on me."

Good Father, I made myself distant from You; do not forsake me, nor show me to be useless in Your kingdom. The vile enemy has denuded me; he has taken my wealth. The gifts of my soul I have squandered with abandon. So, having arisen, once again I return to You and cry, "Treat me as one of Your hirelings." For me You stretched out Your pure hands upon the cross to snatch me from the fearsome beast, and to vest me with that former dignified apparel, for You alone are great in mercy.

## READINGS OF THE DAY

### **Corinthians 6:12-20**

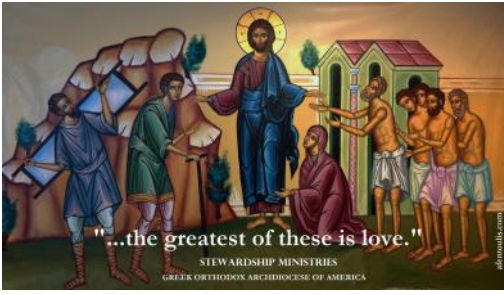
Brethren, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" -- and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.

### **Luke 15:11-32**



The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his belly with the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer

worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"



“Do not neglect to do good and to pray.”  
“Do not neglect to do good and to study the Bible.”  
“Do not neglect to do good and to volunteer at church.”  
“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,  
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” (Hebrews 13:16)



We thank the 159 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](http://www.Saint-Spyridon.net)) for one-time and periodic giving.

## SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY – SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZcpcO2srTkoEtEkZrXsZ6x8RL8SG8vQTfir>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



## 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](http://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.



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>

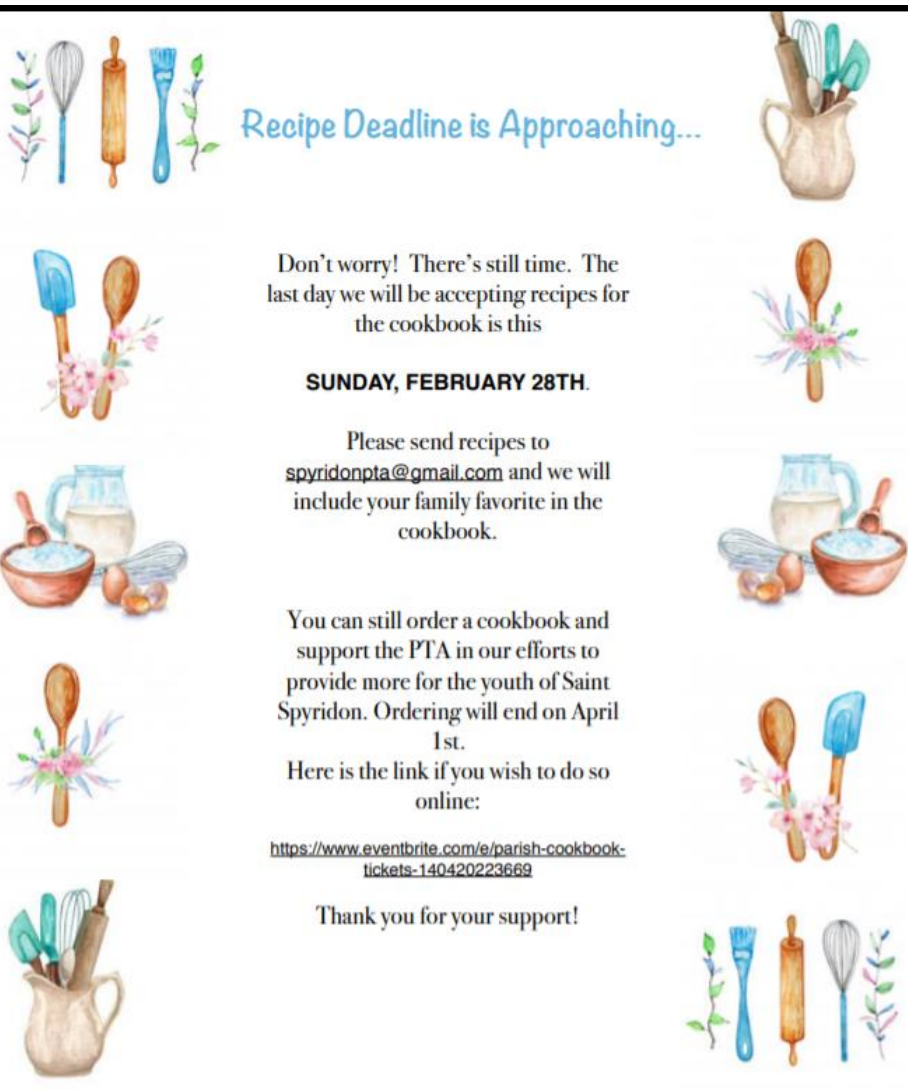
The deadline for the completed application and  
supporting documents are due by June 15, 2021.  
Please email application materials to  
[englishteacher30@yahoo.com](mailto:englishteacher30@yahoo.com)  
The recipient will  
be notified by August 15, 2021.

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PARAKLESIS TO ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

All the southside parishes will join to offer the Paraklesis to St. John the Baptist followed by the anointing with myrrh from the miracle-working icon of St. John in Assumption, Homer Glen.

Tuesday, March 16th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.  
Sts. Constantine & Helen, Palos Hills



**Recipe Deadline is Approaching...**

Don't worry! There's still time. The last day we will be accepting recipes for the cookbook is this

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH.**

Please send recipes to [spyridonpta@gmail.com](mailto:spyridonpta@gmail.com) and we will include your family favorite in the cookbook.

You can still order a cookbook and support the PTA in our efforts to provide more for the youth of Saint Spyridon. Ordering will end on April 1st.

Here is the link if you wish to do so online:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parish-cookbook-tickets-140420223669>

Thank you for your support!

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**Ronald McDonald House**

## Pull for the House.

Many Hearts. One Home.

One of our Goyans is collecting pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Please save your pop tabs and drop them off at church during office hours or at the designated basket located in the narthex during Sunday Services.



**Greek Story Time & Sing-Along with Presvytera Georgia**  
Grades K-1

We will explore thematic units by learning songs, reading books and making crafts.  
Saturdays 10:30am - Noon  
at St. Spyridon  
February - April

Space is limited  
Free of Charge

Register today at <http://bit.ly/3p7YvIQ>



**FOOD PANTRY  
DONATIONS  
for  
Easter Food Baskets**

**Our parish will be distributing Food Baskets to needy families on Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Your generous donations will enable us to purchase all necessary items to assemble each food basket.**

**This year, we are asking for monetary donations (in any amount), OR if you wish to sponsor a basket, each basket is valued at \$60.**

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

**Checks to “St. Spyridon” & “Food Pantry” in the MEMO section or online at: [https://tithe.ly/give\\_new/www/#/tithe.ly/give-one-time/1390651](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe.ly/give-one-time/1390651) (Please select “Food Pantry Donation” from the dropdown menu)**

**Donation Deadline is Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**THANK YOU!**

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/#/tithely/give-one-time/1390651](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/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 708.870.2783

Thank you for donating!