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24th Annual GOLF OUTING TUESDAY, JUNE 8TH, 2021

Deadline for Registration: Monday, May 31st

Odyssey Country Club
 19110 S. Ridgeland Avenue
 Tinley Park, IL 60477

- 11:45am | Check-In & Continental Breakfast
- 12:45pm | Shotgun Start
- 3:00pm (+/-) | Lunch at the Turn
- 5:00pm | Cocktails
- 5:30pm | Dinner

Have Your Family Meet You Out for Dinner!

Awards & Raffle to Follow Dinner

ONLY \$125 to Golf and \$150 to be a Hole Sponsor!



St. Spyridon Golf Committee:
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For any questions please contact Effie Papadopoulos during Church Office hours between 9am-2pm at (708)385-2311, or email at Office@Saint-Spyridon.net -or- Nick.Kournetas@gmail.com



Thank you for all the pictures from the visit of His Grace Bishop Athanagoras as well as from Great Lent & Pascha .



ARCHANGELS ACADEMY

Χριστός Ανέστη!

It's already May and our school year is quickly coming to an end.

April was a very busy month. We were able to host our very first fundraiser of the year - Paint Night was a huge success! Thank you to all our families who were involved to help make this happen & to the overwhelming support of our beautiful Archangels, by our attendees!

On Thursday, May 27th, Archangels Academy will be holding our 16th Annual Graduation Banquet at Georgio's. The event is open to all who would like to support St. Spyridon's Archangels Academy. Our parents have been busy organizing and preparing for this beautiful event.



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 :

FRIDAY, MAY 21st—End of the Year Picnic

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26th—Last day of Class

Thursday, May 27th—End of the Year Program @ 5:30 p.m.



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FATHER'S ARTICLE

Christ is Risen!

Recently I came across an interesting article about the loss of the Sabbath Day as a significant development in shaping American culture. By Sabbath Day I mean a divinely ordained day of rest, a day of holiness in which we are not yoked to our everyday toil. Sabbatarianism is the notion that the law must uphold Sunday as a day of rest and worship, something that was held sacred in colonial America, even though it was not until 1912 that Sunday mail delivery was ceased. Yet, throughout 20th century America, Sabbatarianism died a death by a thousand cuts, as local governments permitted recreational activities that did not amount to routine labor, such as baseball games and horseracing. So the days on which our parents' restaurants and candy shops were closed on Sundays were soon over, and today, the U.S. Post Office has resumed Sunday delivery even if it is just for Amazon.

It is tragic that as the share of Americans who do not identify with any religion continues to grow, so does the number of believers who reject the concept of the divinely appointed day of rest. With the demise of this sacred time, we are encouraged to pursue lives of constant action and purpose, answering barrages of e-mails during sleepless nights, or missing out on celebrations of our sacred humanity which are meant to bestow true purpose to our work and our labor.

In the ancient world, Sabbatarianism was indeed revolutionary, when Judaism and Christianity appeared as religions that told slaves that they had an identity beyond their everyday labor. Observing this principle, non-work became sacred and essential to human freedom and purpose. Within this God-centric understanding of time, a day of holiness guaranteed a sacred rhythm to life in which a day of rest reaffirmed the importance of humanity's soul. As the divine origin and aspect of the Sabbath was eroded over the past century, this day of rest devolved into an imposition or an impediment to our desire to insatiably shop, work and socialize. Even beyond the weekly occurrence of the Sabbath, one only needs to look at the most recent demise of the Thanksgiving holiday in which gratitude to a marginalized God has been steadily replaced by the mad dash to the mall.

Nevertheless, having just celebrated the most holy days of Pascha, I remain hopeful that the demise of Sabbatarianism is not irreversible. Night after night during Holy Week and Pascha, as well as throughout our recent pandemic adventure, I saw increasing evidence that the sacredness of time, the observance of holiness even in the streaming cloud, the awareness of the needs of the soul, the essential nature of our desire to commune with God and one another, all of these have persevered. If the secularization of time was the normal before the pandemic, perhaps a new normal will see that trend reversed and we will once again come to appreciate the sacred days of holiness as those days that we need more than ever.

Truly is Risen! Fr. Tilemahos

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

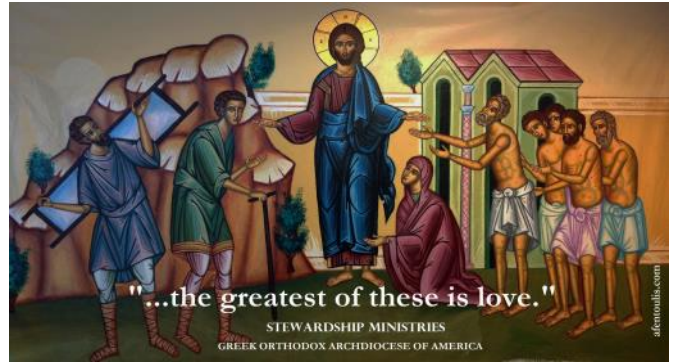
"Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store, as God has prospered him." (I Cor. 16:2)

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 245 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-MARCH 26TH - APRIL 25TH

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245 Members



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



EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS & PASCHA OFFERINGS

We wish to thank the following parishioners and friends for donating towards the church, the needy, the flowers and adornment of our St. Spyridon Church during the Great Lent and Pascha Season:

Mr. & Mrs. Gus Alikakos
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May 2021 – Schedule of Events & Divine Services

Sunday, May 16th	Sunday of the Myrrh-bearers, Graduation Sunday Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m.
Monday, May 17th	Bible Study (hybrid) - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 18th	Parish Council—7:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 20th	Vespers at Sts. Constantine & Helen, Palos Hills—7:00 p.m.
Friday, May 21st	Sts. Constantine & Helen at St. Spyridon Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 23rd	Sunday of the Paralytic, Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m.
Monday, May 24th	Golf Outing Committee Meeting—8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 26th	Mid-Pentecost, Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m.
Thursday, May 27th	Archangels Graduation at Georgios—6:00 p.m.
Friday, May 28th	Plutarchos Academy Graduation—5:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 29th	Junior Olympics at Sts. Constantine & Helen, Palos Hills
Sunday, May 30th	Sunday of the Samaritan Woman Orthros, Divine Liturgy and 'Tree of Love' Memorial Memorials at Evergreen—8:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Memorials at Bethania—11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.
Monday, May 31st	Sunday of the Blind Man, Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m.
Sunday, June 6th	24th Annual Golf Outing at the Odyssey Country Club
Tuesday, June 8th	Archangels Summer Camp
June 7-11 & 14-18	Camp Kalokairaki—Greek Language Summer Camp
June 21-25	Saint Spyridon Drive-Thru Greek Festival
Saturday, July 10th	

Πρόγραμμα Ακολουθιών

Κυριακή 16 Μαΐου	Κυριακή των Μυροφόρων, Όρθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ.
Τρίτη 18 Μαΐου	Μελέτη της Αγίας Γραφής—10:00 π.μ. * Κοινοτικό Συμβούλιο —7:00 μ.μ.
Πέμπτη 20 Μαΐου	Μέγας Εσπερινός στον Ι.Ν. Αγίων Κωνσταντίνου και Ελένης—7:00 μ.μ.
Παρασκευή 21 Μαΐου	Αγίων Κωνσταντίνου και Ελένης Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία -8:00 π.μ. Στον Ι.Ν. Αγίου Σπυριδώνος
Κυριακή 23 Μαΐου	Κυριακή του Παραλύτου, Όρθρος και Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ.
Τετάρτη 26 Μαΐου	Μεσοπεντηκοστή -Όρθρος και Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ.
Πέμπτη 27 Μαΐου	Αποφοίτηση της Ακαδημίας των Αρχαγγέλων
Παρασκευή 28 Μαΐου	Αποφοίτηση του Ελληνικού Σχολείου Πλούταρχος
Κυριακή 30 Μαΐου	Κυριακή της Σαμαρείτιδος, Όρθρος και Λειτουργία—8:00 π.μ. Μνημόσυνο 'Tree of Love'
Δευτέρα 31 Μαΐου	Μνημόσυνο στο Evergreen—8:30 π.μ.—10:30 π.μ. Μνημόσυνο στο Bethania—11:30 π.μ.—1:30 μ.μ.
Ιουνίου 7-11, 14-18	Καλοκαιρινό σχολείο των Αρχαγγέλων
Τρίτη 8 Ιουνίου	24th Annual Golf Outing at the Odyssey Country Club
Ιουνίου 21-25	Camp Kalokairaki—Καλοκαιρινό σχολείου Ελληνικής Γλώσσας
Σάββατο 10 Ιουλίου	Καλοκαιρινό Πανηγύρι του Αγίου Σπυριδώνος, 11:00 π.μ.—7:00 μ.μ.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Charles C. Condes Memorial Scholarship

The Charles C. Condes Memorial Scholarship Committee of St. Spyridon, Palos Heights announces a new \$1,500 scholarship to one college student who has completed a minimum of one year in their respective major in an accredited college or university and who is a steward of our parish.

This is a competitive scholarship based on several criteria with the award winner to be selected upon recommendation by the Scholarship Committee. Applications may be found on our parish website: www.Saint-Spyridon.net.

APPLICATION & ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED AND SIGNED ELECTRONICALLY ON OR BY JUNE 30TH, 2021 TO SPIRO.T@GMAIL.COM.

Χριστός Ανέστη !

Dear St. Spyridon Parish Family,

May this message find all of our families staying healthy, well and safe. It was a blessing to experience Holy Week in person and for all of us to be together again. Thank you to Fr. Tilemahos for his extraordinary efforts, by the Grace of God, to keep the church open for us, our families, parish, and community, to participate and benefit from the many beautiful holy services and sacraments. Thank you also to Nick Argyropoulos, Gus Kolyvas and all of the parish council, church office and maintenance staff, and all of the volunteers for supporting Father's efforts by helping to maintain church order and the extra health safety measures. It was an honor to receive Bishop Athenagoras, even for a shortened while. We wish His Grace continued safe travels and look forward to his return someday soon.

The various church committees met in April and the parish council approved various items including the Greek School summer camp, Archangels summer program and the Festival menu.

Golfers, volunteers, sponsors, basket and prize donors are needed for the St. Spyridon 24th Annual Golf Outing. The outing is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, June 8th at the Odyssey Country Club in Tinley Park. It would be nice to see everyone for dinner and cocktails at 5:00PM if you are unable to golf.

The St. Spyridon Festival needs volunteers. It is scheduled to 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 are 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.

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.

Humbly submitted, Frank Kopanis





Christos Anesti! Christ is Risen! As we come closer to the end of our Sunday School year, I would like to thank everyone who helps our program thrive. To all the Sunday School teachers, who share their time and talent weekly and are committed to teaching our Orthodox faith. To the parents, or yiayia and papou, who bring their children or grandchildren and make Sunday School a priority. To the PTA, who are always looking for ways to connect our Sunday School and Greek School students and support us. The list goes on and on, because each of us support Sunday School in a different way. It is only together that we make it a success. Most of our Sunday School teachers have taught for over a decade! That is a true testament to their level of commitment. They serve as role models and play

such an important part in the lives of their students. Students will always remember their Sunday School teacher, which is why, I think, many of our teachers choose to come back, year after year. I look forward to

our Sunday School family growing and continuing to thrive. On May 9th, we will have our last class for all grade levels. On May 16th, we will be honoring all of our 8th grade graduates, High School graduates and College graduates. If you are the parent of a graduate, please make sure to call the church office to have them included in the bulletin.

Graduation Sunday will also be an opportunity to thank all of our teachers as well. Please make every effort to attend this celebration.



**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.



**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



Χριστός Ανέστη!

The month of May begun with a lot of excitement at our school. Our classrooms are finally open again! PreK- 6th grade students are welcome to attend in person classes on Fridays. Students that have chosen not to come in, are still able to join in through Zoom.

On Saturday, May 8th, our 6th, and 8th grade students participated in our Annual Essay Contest. Thank you to presbytera Georgia for proctoring. The winners will be announced at the Graduation ceremony on Friday, May 28th at 5:00 p.m. During the Graduation program we will celebrate the Bicentennial of the Greek Revolution of 1821, the beginning of the War for Independence from the

Ottoman Empire.

Registration for the 2021-22 school year is now open. Full in-person classes will be offered for grades K-6th (unless school closures are mandated). Online classes are offered to students that have graduated 6th grade. Registration is open for everyone on a first come, first serve basis. Current Saint Spyridon Greek School families and Parish Stewards take priority. Due to Corvid restrictions space is limited and classes are filling up quickly.

June 21st- 25th a Greek language camp is offered to students in K - 6th grade. Every day we will focus on a different region of Greece, its local customs, traditions, music, foods, and stories as well as its Orthodox religious sites. Our "itinerary" will include Thessaloniki/Mainland Greece, Kerkyra/Eptanisa, Peloponissos/Crete, the Aegean Islands, and Cyprus. Daily activities will include crafts, music, and gym time dedicated to teaching students about traditional Greek children's games. Camp is limited to 40 students. To register, students must have completed Kindergarten in the 2020-2021 school year. For more information please email Presvytera Georgia at yeoryia@att.net. Registration through Eventbrite.



PLUTARCHOS HELLENIC LANGUAGE & HERITAGE ACADEMY PRESENTS

Καλοκαιράκι

A Greek Summer Camp for students
in Kindergarten - 6th grade

• DAILY THEMES • ARTS & CRAFTS • SONGS • GYM TIME •

June 21-25th, 2021
9am-12pm
Grades K-6

\$100 Registration Fee (non refundable)
REGISTRATION CLOSSES JUNE 11TH
CAMP IS LIMITED TO 24 STUDENTS

FOR MORE INFO CALL 708-385-2311 OR EMAIL YEORYIA@ATT.NET

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.

G.O.Y.A.



In the spirit of giving, G.O.Y.A. helping children and teens fighting cancer. The group recently sponsored a Lenten Toy and Gift Card Drive to benefit the Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation. The Association donated \$480 in gift cards and purchased \$820 worth of toys from Target along with numerous donated toys collected during the Lenten Toy and Gift Card Drive to help children and teens fighting cancer.

The mission of the Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation is to provide toys to kids undergoing cancer treatments and medical procedures. Currently, the Foundation supports over 14,600 kids each month in 62 area hospitals and cancer treatment centers in the United States, including every pediatric treatment center in the states of Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin!



Philoptochos News

PHILOPTOCHOS



Dear Friends of Philoptochos

Χριστός Ανέστη!!!! Christ is Risen!!!

May the celebration of Holy Pascha and our Lord's Resurrection fill our hearts with faith, love and hope. Once again, we were able to gather at church as a community to receive the light of Christ's Resurrection and to proclaim together by singing Χριστός Ανέστη!!!!

As usual our ladies were working hard in April in preparation for Pascha. Many thanks to Toula Georgiopoulos and her committee for baking, packaging and delivering the Easter "Philo" plates for Pascha greetings to our homebound community members. The beautiful plates included home baked koulourakia, kourambethes, paximathia, traditional red eggs and tsoureki. Thank you to all the ladies who volunteered to bake and those who personally delivered them.

Thank you to all the parishioners who supported the Easter bake sale. It was a great success and the delicious homemade tsourekia blessed our Pascha tables. Again, we are grateful to all the ladies who volunteered so many hours to bake the tsourekia and koulouria and to Kathy Korbakes and Olga Paxinos for coordinating this fundraiser.

As is tradition, the ladies gathered at church to dye our red eggs given to us by Father Tilemahos. Dina Katsoulis prepared the dye and all the ladies did a beautiful job dying the eggs. These ladies are easy to spot on Holy Friday, they have red fingers and sometimes red foreheads. I was told that we dyed over 1200 eggs and we kept the egg breakage to a minimum (these ladies are amazing). Thank you ladies.

On May 4th the ladies of Philoptochos participated in Feed the Hungry at the Annunciation Cathedral. As this was Bright Week, we decided to do something special, so we purchased 100 chicken shish kebab meals from Greek Islands. Of the 100 meals, 76 meals were passed out at the Cathedral for the hungry and the remaining meals were dropped off by the Philoptochos ladies for the homeless living in tents under the bridge at 18th street.

Just another reminder that Philoptochos is offering \$1000 scholarship to a high school graduate or current college student. We invite all interested high school seniors and current college students to apply by June 15th. Please see church website for more information.

Happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful women. As mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters and friends your love, strength and support is the backbone of your family and our community. Personally, for me Philoptochos has introduced me to women who are humble with paise, generous with their time and love and whose main concern is to help others, especially those in our community.

Our next Philoptochos meeting will be on May 15th at 10:30 in the gym, all COVID safety procedures will be in place. Elections for a New Philoptochos Board and Officers will occur at this meeting, so we ask everyone to attend in person as we are not hosting a zoom.

As our tenure comes to an end the Philoptochos Board thanks Father Tilemahos who has shared his faith and wisdom, supported all our endeavors, generously given his love and reminded us of what is truly important. Also thank you to all the parishioners for your support of Philoptochos; only together in faith and fellowship can we make a difference to those in need.

With Sisterly Agape,
Georgia Xeros,

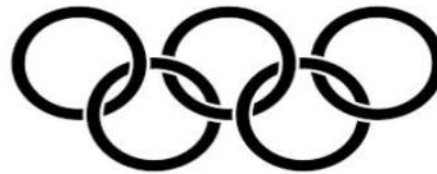
St Spyridon Philoptochos President.



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



Metropolis of Chicago
40th Annual Junior Olympics
May 29th-30th 2021



Host Parish: SS. Constantine & Helen
Greek Orthodox Church, Palos Hills, IL

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**Rose
Ayaleanos**

She was laid at rest April 07, 2021, from Mouzaki, Zakynthos,

Greece. Beloved wife of the late Pete Ayaleanos; Loving mother of John (Mary) Ayaleanos, Denise Skiadopoulos and Pete Ayaleanos; Cherished grandmother of Joanna, Spiros, Alec, and Layla; Beloved daughter of the late Peter and Dionisa Vesvardes; Dear sister of the late Petro (late Panayiota), late Anastasia (late Demetrios) Kladis, late John (Tasia), late Anna (late Nicholas) Ayalianos, late Athanasios (Aggelika) and the late Andreas (Georgia); Former mother-in-law of Nick Skiadopoulos; Dear aunt of numerous nieces and nephews; Fond cousin, relative, and friend to many here and in Greece. Interment at Bethania Cemetery.

Parish Registry

The son of Mr. & Mrs. Timothy LaPage was baptized on April 17th, and was given the name William Mark. His Godfather was Mr. Andrew Besbekos.

Memorials in April

+4 years for Despina Sellas,
**MAY THEIR MEMORY BE
ETERNAL**



On Memorial Day, Monday, May 31st, our nation honors its VETERANS, our heroes who have fallen asleep in the Lord, by remembering them in prayer services both in churches and at our cemeteries. The day to remember all our loved ones who have fallen asleep is on Saturday of Souls which this year falls on June 19th, the day before Pentecost. However, due to a long-standing tradition, we continue to observe Memorial Day as a day to honor and remember everyone along with our veterans.

On Sunday, May 30th, we will have a memorial for all the faithful commemorated on our 'Tree of Love'. Furthermore, please submit names of the veterans in your family who have fallen asleep, to be remembered at the memorial, by emailing them to Tilemahos@att.net.

On Memorial Day, May 31st, Fr. Tilemahos will be at Evergreen Cemetery at 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. and then at Bethania Cemetery 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m..

At the cemetery, EVERYONE is instructed to stand graveside quietly and reverently until a priest comes to read the trisagion. At Evergreen, Fr. Tilemahos will read row by row, east to west, starting at 8:30 a.m.. At Bethania, Fr. Tilemahos will read row by row, east (St. Stylianos section) to west, starting at 11:30 a.m..

Την Κυριακή 30 Μαΐου, θα τελεσθεί μνημόσυνο για όσους μνημονεύονται στο 'Tree of Love' της ενορίας μας και όλους όσους υπηρέτησαν στις στρατιωτικές δυνάμεις.

Την Δευτέρα, 31 Μαΐου, ο π. Τηλέμαχος θα τελεί τρισάγια στα κοιμητήρια Evergreen (8:30 π.μ.-10:30 π.μ.) και Bethania (11:30 π.μ.-1:30 μ.μ.).

Στο κοιμητήριο, θα σταθίτε στα μνήματα, και ο π. Τηλέμαχος θα περάσει σειρά με σειρά, αρχίζοντας από το ανατολικό μέρος του κάθε κοιμητηρίου. Σας παρακαλώ να περιμένετε δίπλα στα μνήματα προσευχόμενοι και με την ευπρεπή ευλάβεια καθώς θα διαβάσουμε ευχές και θα ψάλουμε το 'Χριστός Ανέστη' για την ανάπαυση όλων των κεκοιμημένων.

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