



Saint Spyridon Hellenic Orthodox Church

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

PARISH SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 21st

Sunday of Orthodoxy

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

Pan-Orthodox Vespers at St. Haralambos—6:30 pm

Monday, March 22nd

Holy Confession—10 a.m.—12 noon

Greek School Online

Great Compline—6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Divorce Rebuilders—7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 23rd

Bible Study in Greek—10:00 a.m.

Stewardship Meeting—5:00 p.m.

Bible Study online—7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 24th

Holy Confession—10 a.m.—12 noon

Great Vespers at Annunciation

Chicago & Kankakee—7:00 p.m.

GOYA Night

Thursday, March 25th

Annunciation of the Theotokos

Orthros & Divine Liturgy—8:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.

Archangels Academy

Open House—5:30—7:30 p.m.

Vespers & Homily—6 p.m. @ Holy Cross, Justice

Friday, March 26th

Holy Confession—10 a.m.—12 noon

Greek School Online—4:30 p.m.

Salutations to the Theotokos—7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 27th

AGRAFON Awards at Sts. Constantine & Helen

Holy Confession—4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Great Vespers—6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 28th

2nd Sunday of Lent, St. Gregory Palamas

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

Solemn Vespers—6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

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



Apolytikion of the Sunday of Orthodoxy

We venerate Your immaculate icon, O Good Lord, and entreat You to forgive our offences, O Christ our God. By Your own choice you were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, to deliver us, whom You created, from our slavery to the foe. Therefore we cry to You with gratitude: You have filled all things with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world.

SYNODIKON

As the prophets beheld, as the apostles have taught, as the Church has received, as the teachers have declared, as the world has agreed, as grace has shown forth, as truth has been revealed, as falsehood has been dispelled, as wisdom has become manifest, as Christ awarded; Thus we declare; thus we affirm; thus we proclaim Christ our true God, and honor His saints in words, writings, thoughts, sacrifices, churches, and holy icons; On the one hand, worshipping and reverencing Christ as God and Lord, and on the other, honoring the saints as true servants of the same Lord of all, and offering them proper veneration.

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 on which the world is established.

Therefore, with fraternal and filial love we praise the heralds of the faith, those who with glory and honor have struggled for the faith, and we say: to the champions of Orthodoxy, 'faithful emperors, most-holy patriarchs, hierarchs, teachers, martyrs, and confessors: May your memory be eternal.

Eternal be their memory. (3)

Let us beseech God that we may be instructed and strengthened by the trials and struggles of these saints, which they endured for the faith even unto death, and by their teachings, entreating that we may to the end imitate their godly life. May we be deemed worthy of obtaining our requests through the mercy and grace of the Great and First Hierarch, Christ our God, through the intercessions of our glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, the divine angels and all the Saints. Amen.

READINGS OF THE DAY

Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -- who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated -- of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

John 1:43-51

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."



FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS for Easter Food Baskets

Our parish will be distributing Food Baskets to needy families on Saturday, April 3rd.

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/give-one-time/1390651
(Please select "Food Pantry Donation" from the dropdown menu)

Donation Deadline is Wednesday, March 31st

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

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

Arts/Crafts

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

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/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!



METROPOLITAN NATHANAEL OF CHICAGO TO VISIT SAINT SPYRIDON

PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2021—6:00 P.M.

STEWARDSHIP 2021

Once upon a time, a festival was to be held in a certain village. To ensure there would be enough wine for the celebration, each member of the village agreed to pour one bottle of his best wine into a large cask. "If I fill my bottle with water," reasoned one villager, "the dilution will be so slight, who will notice?" But when the feast and time for merrymaking commenced, and the cask was tapped, nothing but water poured forth. Every member in the village had reasoned alike: "My portion will not be missed!"

Scripture is filled with passages of God's call for us to be generous, loving, compassionate givers. The priority of compassionate stewardship is not to pay the bills. It is about how we, as a community, can do God's work with love and compassion. It is less about the parish's need to receive, and more about our need to give. It is our generosity with the gifts and blessings God has entrusted to us. **Compassionate stewardship is an attitude and a way of life.**

We thank the 203 Stewards that have joined so far in 2021. As we journey through Great and Holy Lent, 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.



Parents and Prospective Students
Please Join Us For
Saint Spyridon Hellenic Orthodox Church
ARCHANGELS ACADEMY
OPEN HOUSE

MEET THE TEACHERS!

THURSDAY, MARCH 25th
5:30PM - 7:30PM

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Want more info? Visit us at www.archangelsacademy.org 12307 S. Ridgeland Ave. Palos Heights, IL 708-385-2311 School Director Sofea Malamis Director@archangelsacademy.org Face masks required during Open House

Join Us For A Fun Evening of Meeting the Teachers, Touring the Classroom and Learning About The Wonderful Preschool Program That Includes Language, SEL, Literacy, Math, Science, Hellenic Language, Greek Orthodox Faith, Social Studies, The Arts, and More!

Enrollment Is Open For 2021-22 School Year! 3, 4, and 5 Year Olds!
Must Turn 3 By September 1st, 2021
Must Be Potty Trained

Can't Attend The Open House? Email the school Director, Sofea Malamis, at Director@archangelsacademy.org to schedule a private tour, or answer any questions!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Family Synaxis
METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO

INVITES YOU TO AN IN-PERSON RETREAT:

PARENTING
In a tough world

WORKSHOP WITH FR. CHRIS KERHULAS
PRIEST AND AUTHOR OF PARENT POINTS

Saturday, April 3, 2021
10 am – 12 pm • St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
10301 Kolmar Ave, Oak Lawn, IL • www.stnicholasil.org

• \$25 registration fee per household includes a copy of Parent Points!
• Metropolis-approved Covid-19 plans to keep participants safe
• Live-streamed option available.

• Young adults and parents invited; unfortunately we cannot accommodate children at this retreat.
• Space is limited; seats are reserved in order registration payment is received.

“Unless you see Christ in the eyes of your sisters and brothers, you’ll never know Him!”
— Fr. Chris Kerhulas
Parent Points

Learn more & register @ www.gocfamilysynaxis.org

Have questions? chicago.familysynaxis@gmail.com • Toni Milak 630-341-2013 • [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/GreekOrthodoxMetropolisofChicagoFamilySynaxis) Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago Family Synaxis

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LENTEN SERVICES & REFLECTIONS



ALL SERVICES BEGIN at 6pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT YOUR PARISH

Tuesday, March 16th at Sts. Constantine and Helen Church Anointing with myrrh from icon of St. John

Thursday, March 25th at Holy Cross Church Reflection by: Fr. Sotirios

Thursday, April 1st at Assumption Church Reflection by: Fr. Tilemahos

Thursday, April 8th at St. Spyridon Church Reflection by: Fr. Athanasios

Thursday, April 15th at Sts. Constantine and Helen Church Reflection by: Fr. Demetri

Thursday, April 22nd at St. Nicholas Church Reflection by: Fr. Nicholas

Flowers for Lent & Holy Week

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 (3 icons left)*
- ◆ *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 of the Resurrection—\$150*
- ◆ *Icon Sts. Raphael, Nicholas & Irene—\$150*