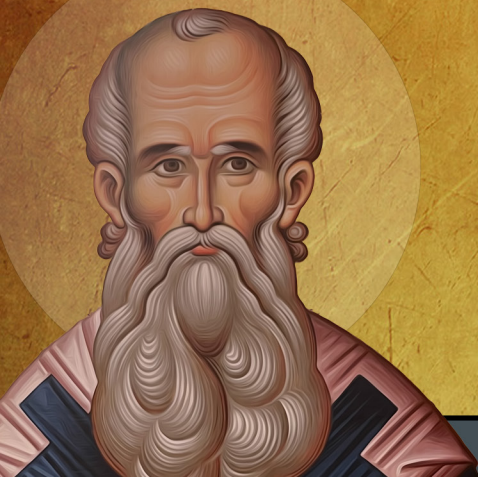




THE CHAMPION

A Monthly Publication of Saint Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church

SEPTEMBER 2026



MESSAGE

FROM FR. PANAGIOTIS

Looking Back with Gratitude, Looking Forward with Faith

Three years ago, we began asking a simple question: *What would happen if we organized every decision, ministry, and aspect of our parish life around fulfilling God's desire "That all should be saved and come to the knowledge of truth."* (1 Timothy 2:4)

Those words have become much more than a verse on a bulletin or a slogan on a website. They have become the lens through which we have tried to make decisions as a parish. In finances, ministries, facilities, worship, outreach, and education, we have continued to ask: How does this help us become the kind of parish where all may be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth?

As we come to the conclusion of our first three-year vision (2023-2026), we cannot help but give thanks to God for His abundant blessings. What has happened over these past three years is not the work of one person or even a handful of leaders. It is the fruit of an entire parish growing together in faithfulness.

We have seen remarkable growth. We have welcomed more catechumens every single year, witnessing men and women discovering the beauty of the Orthodox faith. Our mortgage has been paid off, freeing resources for ministry rather than debt. Our stewardship has grown and our financial foundation has become stronger. We have expanded the life of our community through new ministries including Soul Sisters, the Men's Group, our College Ministry, Hesed House outreach, and a renewed Usher Ministry. Our Youth Ministry has deepened through the addition of a Youth Director, while our Bible studies have grown both in number and depth. We have also been blessed with more chanters and choir members, enriching the worship that remains at the center of everything we do.

Behind the scenes, we have strengthened the way we operate as a parish by implementing an employee handbook, annual review process, health and safety protocols, improved administrative systems, enhanced security, a hearing loop, and the beautiful Reliquary Room. We have

developed long-term building plans, invested in landscaping, and even begun important conversations about the future use of the land God has entrusted to us.

Perhaps even more importantly, we have seen growth that cannot be measured on a financial statement.

We have experienced deeper friendships, greater unity, stronger collaboration, and more people willing to share in the work of the Church. Our festivals have grown stronger because more people have stepped forward to serve. We have welcomed newcomers more intentionally and expanded our charitable outreach, including support for local military and law enforcement organizations. We have established traditions like the Fox River Blessing that make Christ visible in our community.

Most encouraging of all, we have witnessed a renewed commitment to the spiritual life. Confessions have increased dramatically over the past three years. That may never appear on a balance sheet, but it is perhaps the clearest sign that God is at work among us.

Every one of these accomplishments points to something much greater than itself. Paying off a mortgage is not the mission. Hiring staff is not the mission. Improving administration is not the mission. Even building ministries is not the mission. The mission has always been—and always will be—that all should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Everything else simply serves that purpose.

As we look ahead to the next three and a half years, we do so with gratitude for what God has already done and hope for what He will continue to do through our 2030 Vision:

On January 1, 2030, St. Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church stands as a vibrant and growing spiritual home where the faithful are deeply formed in Christ and actively engaged in the life of the Church. Our clergy team now includes a deacon who faithfully serves alongside the priest, directing a dynamic catechism program that forms inquirers in the fullness of the Orthodox faith. Catechesis is no longer an isolated program but a defining rhythm of parish life, impacting both those new to the Orthodox faith and our established members.

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Our stewardship culture has reached a place of maturity and independence. The parish is financially stable, no longer dependent on major fundraisers but sustained through faithful, sacrificial giving. Any necessary capital repair projects have been completed without debt, leaving us with functional facilities and infrastructure for years to come. We have been faithful stewards of the adjacent land God has entrusted to us, finding a solution that honors His creation and also secures the parish's long-term financial health. Our outreach and philanthropic ministries are thriving, supported in significant part through tray offerings that now fund approximately half of these works of mercy.

The life of St. Athanasios now reaches well beyond its own walls. Parishioners are growing through pilgrimages that have deepened faith, strengthened unity, and renewed their Orthodox identity. By the grace of God, we have sent faithful members and resources to expand the Gospel's reach by supporting a sister parish within the Metropolis.

Above all, St. Athanasios in 2030 is a parish that is continuing to grow—not only in number, but in faithfulness—living out its calling so that truly, “all should be saved and come to the knowledge of truth” (1 Timothy 2:4).

If our first vision was about laying a strong foundation, this next vision is about building upon it. The goals before us are ambitious, but they are not simply projects to complete. They are opportunities to become more faithful disciples of Christ and a parish increasingly capable of welcoming others into His Kingdom.

In the coming weeks, we'll be sharing more about each part of this vision and how every parishioner can participate.

We invite every member of our parish family to join us for a Parish Town Hall on Tuesday, October 13, at 6:30 p.m. Together we will discuss the 2030 Vision in greater detail, answer questions, hear your ideas, and continue discerning where God is leading St. Athanasios.

Thank you for your prayers, your generosity, your service, and your faithfulness over these past three years. The work God has begun among us is not finished.

By His grace, and together as one parish family, we will continue striving so that all should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

Fr. Panagiotis & Anna Caniglia, Parish Council President



DISCOVER ORTHODOXY

Discover Orthodoxy returns this fall with a new format designed to help inquirers and those preparing to enter the Orthodox Church experience the beauty of the Orthodox Christian faith through both learning and lived practice. Whether you are exploring Orthodoxy for the first time or seeking a deeper understanding of the faith, we invite you to join us on this journey of discovery. Classes begin Sunday, September 6, and meet each Sunday.

SCAN TO VIEW
SCHEDULE



Gyros Drive

We Need Your Help!

Donate a
Gyro Cone

\$150 Per Cone

37 Cone Goal!

Contact Tracey for donations at
AuroraGreekFest@saintathanasios.com
or call 630.643.0023



SEPT 25-27

LOCATION

SAINT ATHANASIOS
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
1855 EAST FIFTH AVE
AURORA IL

CARRY OUT

CATERING
630.851.6106

FEST TIMES

NOON TO 9 PM
(FRIDAY & SATURDAY)

NOON TO 7 PM
(SUNDAY)



www.auroragreekfest.com

PARISH CALENDAR

All services are live streamed on our YouTube Channel.

Orthros begins at 8:30am with Divine Liturgy following at 9:30am (unless otherwise noted below)

Tuesday, September 1

Divine Liturgy - Indiction
(Beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year)

Wednesday, September 2

9am Baking for Festival - Karithopita
7pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 6

Divine Liturgy - 14th Sunday of Matthew
12pm Discover Orthodoxy: Doctrine

Tuesday, September 8th

Divine Liturgy - Nativity of the Theotokos

Thursday, September 10

11am Agape Meeting - Kickoff
6pm Welcoming BBQ

Saturday, September 12th

10 am Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 13th

Divine Liturgy - Sunday Before Holy Cross
10:15am Discover Orthodoxy: Orthodox Life
11pm- Church Picnic
11:30am JOY Gathering & Lunch
7pm Vespers - Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church
7560 Archer Rd, Justice, IL 60458, USA

Monday, September 14th

Divine Liturgy - The Universal Exaltation of the Holy Cross
7pm Choir Conference Rehearsal

Tuesday, September 15

9am Baking for Festival - Kourombethes
7pm Soul Sisters Meeting

Wednesday, September 16th

7pm - Vespers - St Sophia & Her Three Daughters
St Sophia Greek Orthodox Church 525 Church Rd.,
Elgin, IL 60123

Thursday, September 17th

8:30am Divine Liturgy - Saints Sophia, Faith, Hope and Love
St Sophia Greek Orthodox Church 525 Church Rd.,
Elgin, IL 60123

Saturday, September 19

10am Philoptochos Kickoff Brunch
Choir Conference Rehearsal St Mary's Minneapolis

Sunday, September 20th

Divine Liturgy - Sunday after Holy Cross
12pm Discover Orthodoxy: Doctrine

Monday, September 21

6:30pm GOYA Night

Thursday, September 24

7pm JrGOYA Night

Friday, September 25th

12pm Aurora Greek Fest

Saturday, September 26th

Divine Liturgy - Falling Asleep of St John the Theologian
12pm Aurora Greek Fest

Sunday, September 27th

Divine Liturgy- First Sunday of Luke
12pm Aurora Greek Fest

Wednesday, September 30th

6:30pm Joint JrGOYA & GOYA: Bardwell Night
7pm Choir Conference 2026 Rehearsal

COFFEE HOUR

Bundt-iful COFFEE HOUR

COMING SOON !!!! Sunday October 18, 2026. Plan on having a Bundt-iful Coffee Hour!

How? Bake and bring your favorite bun, Bunk... Ohhhh... you know, the cake! The one with a hole in the middle. A Bundt cake!

Bring a ring of joy to our coffee hour and let's shape some sweet fellowship together. Please send a brief note to coffee@saintathanasios.com, confirming you are bringing your favorite!



FOOD PANTRY



Thank you to everyone who generously donated food to our Pantry! Your contributions make a real difference in the lives of our community members who need it most.

Please donate food that is Healing to the Hungry - Lean Proteins (Saturated Fats), No Sodium, Low Sugar Fruits, Whole Grain Items. No dented cans or open packaged foods. Expired food can not be accepted. This month's request is:

Canned Stew, Canned Chili, Canned Meat/Fish

Please contact Betty Roussos at bettyroussos@yahoo.com with any questions.

PHILOPTOCHOS

I hope everyone has enjoyed the longer days of summer and had a chance to recharge and unwind. We are ready to kick off a new ecclesiastical year with a number of activities.

We distributed 150 meals outside Annunciation Cathedral in early August. It's always a rewarding experience to meet those we help face to face and see firsthand the difference we are making for someone else.

Please join us on Saturday, September 19th at 10 am in St. Matthew Hall for our fall kickoff, Mimosas and Membership! If you are new to St. Athanasios or curious about Philoptochos, I especially want to welcome you to join us to learn more about what our "Army of Agape" does and how you can be a part of our many philanthropic endeavors. Please RSVP to Kara Nassos at karajeanassos@yahoo.com by September 15th.

I'm excited to share details of our fall fundraiser. We are raffling off a Burberry Bermondsey bag, which retails for \$2250. We will be selling tickets for \$25 at our kickoff brunch, during Aurora Greek Fest and on Sundays after Liturgy through October. The winner will be drawn on Philoptochos Sunday, November 1st. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Project HOPE, which benefits "children, families and individuals living within the parishes of our Metropolis as well as members of our community who are striving to achieve food security and stable housing."

Looking ahead, our first general meeting will be held after Liturgy on October 4th. I'm still working out a guest speaker, since the speaker at our April meeting was so popular!



Mimosas and Membership

Join us for our
MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH
on Saturday, **September 19th**
as we celebrate the bonds that unite
generations through fellowship,
friendship, and faith.



Bring your mom, your daughter (18+),
your yiayia, or your Orthodox female friends.

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 19TH

10:00 AM -
1:00 PM

ST. MATTHEW
HALL

RSVP to Sue Manos at
philoptochos@saintathanasios.com

Let's raise a glass to faith, family, and friendship!

ST. ATHANASIOS LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS

Burberry Bermondsey Bag RAFFLE

BURBERRY
Retail Value
\$2,250

**TICKETS ARE
\$25 EACH**

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Project HOPE,
which benefits "children, families and individuals living within the parishes
of our Metropolis as well as members of our community who are striving
to achieve food security and stable housing."

**WINNER WILL BE CHOSEN
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST!**

STEWARDSHIP

Back to School-Back to Stewardship

September always feels like a fresh start. Children sharpen new pencils, teachers prepare classrooms, and families settle back into routines. Even if we're long past our school days, something about this season invites us to reset, refocus, and recommit.

Stewardship has its own "backtoschool" moment. Just as students grow through learning, our Parish grows through the shared offering of time, talent, and treasure. Every pledge, every hour volunteered, every skill shared becomes part of the education of our faith community—teaching us generosity, responsibility, and trust in God.

This fall, our parish faces real needs. Costs continue to rise, ministries continue to expand, and our mission continues to call us forward. We cannot meet these needs without the support of every Steward. Remember, it is Our Responsibility to take care of Our House. If you have not yet made your 2026 pledge, September is the perfect time to do so. If you can increase your pledge, even modestly, your gift strengthens the foundation we build upon. Through the end of July, almost 40% of our 2026 Stewards have increased their 2026 commitment over 2025.

Think of Stewardship the way we think of education: an investment in the future. Just as children grow through the lessons they receive, our Parish grows through the commitments we make. When we give from the heart, we teach the next generation what faith in action looks like.

As we enter this season of new beginnings, let's recommit ourselves to the work of the Church. Back to school means back to Stewardship—and back to strengthening the spiritual home we share.

In His Service,
St. Athanasios Stewardship Ministry



Weddings
Baptisms
Christmas
Easter

dahliawb.com
630.596.6826

BOOK STORE

Discover Orthodoxy classes for those who are considering joining our faith, and for those who are curious to learn more about our beliefs, will be held beginning in September and run through April. In addition to the prayer books recommended by Father Panagiotis, our Bookstore has other resources to help have a better understanding of the Orthodox concepts, from the history of inception to the current times. "Orthodoxy and the Religion of the Future" by Fr. Seraphim Rose, "The Orthodox Study Bible," and a complement, "The 52-Week Orthodox Bible Study Workbook," are learning tools that can also prepare for the discovery of a way of life centered on Jesus Christ, shaped by the Divine Liturgy, and directed toward communion with our Lord. Stop by our Bookstore soon for assistance during your spiritual journey.



ORTHODOXY
and the Religion
of the Future

FR. SERAPHIM ROSE

MEN'S GROUP

Thank you all for your support and participation in this ministry.

For those of you that may not be familiar with us, we are a Group of Orthodox friends who gather to share their experiences about life, their philosophies, values, and ideas. We meet to provide charity, support, mentoring and build fellowship among the Orthodox community of men in the western suburbs.

Welcome Back Dinner

Come join us for our annual Welcome Back dinner on Thursday, September 10. This will be a great opportunity to catch up with friends, meet new members, and learn about our upcoming activities.

Aurora Greek Fest

Volunteers are needed to prep and cook at the Aurora Greek Fest – September 25-27. Please consider your time to help make this festival a success!

Food Pantry

Each month, our church collection of donated food needs to be delivered to local food pantries. We need volunteers to transport our donations. If you are interested, please contact us for more information.

You can like and follow our Facebook page by searching for "Men's Group of St Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church"

We welcome men (21+) to join us as we grow our mission. If interested, please contact Spiro Hountalas (naperspike@aol.com), Peter Metrou (pmetrou@gmail.com) or Nick Dagiantis (ndagiantis@gmail.com).

HESED HOUSE



On August 5th Hesed House ministry prepared and served dinner for Hesed guests. We would like to feature Hesed staff that dedicate themselves to serving the community in this photo: From left to right, Breanna McMenamin, Irving Alvarez, Kenneth Caselberry, and Joe Rogers. Without them Hesed House ministry would not be able to be successful. Thank you to our Hesed staff members!

A close-up photograph of large pieces of meat, likely pork ribs, grilling on a charcoal barbecue. Bright orange and yellow flames are visible rising from the grill. A metal grill fork is holding one of the pieces of meat.

MEN'S GROUP WELCOME DINNER

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
6:00 - 9:00 PM

The logo for the Men's Group of Saint Athanasios. It features a stylized blue cross on the left. To the right of the cross are five black silhouettes of men standing in a row. Below the silhouettes, the text 'MEN'S GROUP' is written in a bold, sans-serif font, and 'OF SAINT ATHANASIOS' is written in a smaller font below it.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

First Day of Sunday School - **September 13th**

JOY MEETING

September 13th during the Church Picnic

GOYA MEETING

September 21st at 6:30pm to 8pm

JR. GOYA MEETING

September 24th at 6:30pm

Joint Jr. GOYA & GOYA

Bardwell Night - September 30th at 6:30pm to 8pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

**CLASSES BEGIN
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

Registration is open for students in Pre-K through High School, and families may register at any time throughout the year with our rolling admission. Registration also includes our youth ministries—JOY (K-5), Jr. GOYA (6th–8th Grade), GOYA (High School)—as well as our new Tot Ministry.

**REGISTER
TODAY!**



Orthodox SPROUTS

PRAY. PLAY. LEARN. GROW TOGETHER IN CHRIST.

Orthodox Sprouts is a new parent and tot ministry at Saint Athanasios for children ages 40 days through 4 years old and the caregiver who brings them.

Whether you're a parent, grandparent (Yiayia or Papou!), nanny, babysitter, or another loved one caring for a little one, you'll find a welcoming community where you and your child can **pray, play, learn, and grow** together in Christ.

Each gathering includes prayer, Bible stories, music and movement, hands-on activities, free play, and fellowship—creating opportunities for both children and caregivers to learn, connect, and grow together in Christ.



PRAYER



BIBLE
STORIES



MUSIC &
MOVEMENT



HANDS-ON
ACTIVITIES



FREE PLAY



FELLOWSHIP

BEGINNING
JANUARY 2027



ONE MORNING
GATHERING



ONE EVENING
GATHERING

Orthodox Sprouts is hoping to meet twice each month, with one morning and one evening gathering to accommodate a variety of schedules.



More information, meeting dates, and registration details will be announced this fall.



To register your child and get on our mailing list, please sign up here:

<https://forms.gle/qkwdufjKWLATicjA9>

or email orthodoxsprouts@saintathanasios.com

Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. ~ Matthew 19:14

SAINT ATHANASIOS JOY

We are excited to have you join us!
Please see below for our upcoming session details.



SESSION DATES

- Friday 10/30
- Saturday 11/7
Brookfield Zoo tree decorating (time TBD)
- Friday 11/13
- Friday 12/11
- (2027 Friday dates TBD)



TIME:
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM



LOCATION:
Saint Matthew hall at church unless otherwise noted



SESSION FORMAT

Each session will include the following activities:

- Ice breaker / Intro session
- Lesson
- Craft
- Snack
- Game



Parents are asked to stay and assist.



SCAN
HERE



CONTACT INFORMATION

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joy@saintathanasios.com



Leah Fanning
630-664-3220

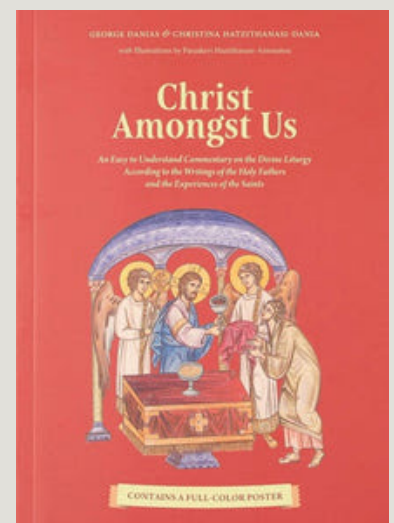
Amanda McKinney
630-533-2839

DID YOU KNOW...?

The Symbol of Faith

After the Kiss of Peace the faithful confess their faith in the Holy Trinity: I believe in one God... The chanters recite the Symbol of Faith slowly, in a loud and clear voice. The recitation of the Symbol of Faith suggests that in order to rightly commune of the Bread of Life, a person must have love and confess the true faith. Holy communion may not be distributed to the unbaptized, or the non-Orthodox, such as the Roman Catholics, Protestants or monophysites. Why? Because the Holy Church understands that "if an uninitiated person secretly partakes of the Holy Communion, that person eats eternal judgment unto himself." (Apostolic Constitutions)

"Christ is Amongst Us" by George Danias & Christina Hatzithanasi-Dania with Iconography by Paraskevi Hatzithanasi-Anthonatou page 59



Book is on sale
in the bookstore



SOUL SISTERS BOOK STUDY

Join Us for Our Next Book Study!

We're continuing our journey through Seven Holy Women and would love for you to join us!

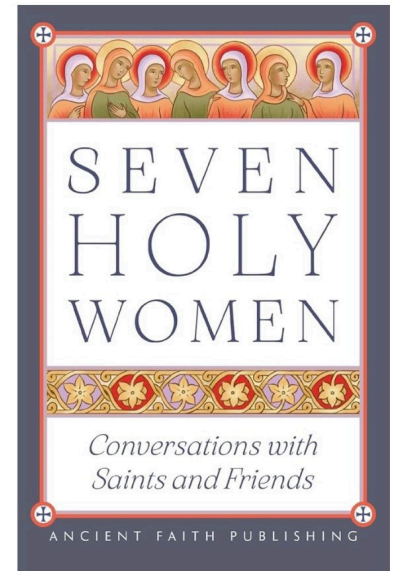
Next Meeting: **Tuesday, September 15 @ 7 pm**

Chapter 4: **"Dream"**

Location: **Home of Stacy Kuncel**

Have questions? Please contact Maria Lambrou at Makokoslambrou@yahoo.com.

We look forward to continuing this meaningful discussion together!



MONASTERY PILGRIMAGE



The numbers provide an impressive snapshot: veneration of an incorrupt saint, 2 presentations by monastics, 3 pilgrimages, 4 Orthodox monasteries; a couple dozen carloads, 70+ participants, 400+ miles traveled, countless icons viewed, etc. Yet the numbers fall short of conveying the magnitude of experiencing a day pilgrimage to an Orthodox monastery.

Be it Soul School (every Saturday morning) with Monk Joseph at Holy Transfiguration Monastery in Harvard, IL, the nuns' angelic chanting at St. John Chrysostom Monastery in Pleasant Prairie, WI or the visual sights of inspirational architecture at both Serbian monasteries in Lake County, IL, as well as their stirring iconography, one is acutely aware of the veil between earth and heaven – not as a wall, but as a thin membrane to the spiritual realm - just beyond our worldly grasp / understanding.

The experience, edifying! The conversation with monastics, enlightening!! "Come ... and you will see." John 1:39

68TH ANNUAL CHOIR CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 9-11, 2026

Registration is now open for the Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians 68th Annual Choir Conference hosted by St. Athanasios on October 9-11, 2026! The conference is open to choir singers, chanters, or anyone who is interested in learning more about music in the Orthodox church. Visit <https://chicagofederation.org/conference2026/> to register or reach out to Margarita Altidis margarita.altidis@gmail.com if you have any questions or are interested in donating.

SOWING THE WORDS OF PRAISE



68TH ANNUAL FEDERATION OF GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH MUSICIANS CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 9-11, 2026 | ST. ATHANASIOS, AURORA, IL

CALLING ALL CHOIR MEMBERS, CHANTERS, OR ANYONE INTERESTED IN CHURCH MUSIC!

Registration includes all workshops & rehearsals, as well as meals, including an awards & celebration banquet!

For questions about the registration process, email: webmaster@chicagofederation.com

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



WEBSITE & REGISTRATION



[CHICAGOFEDERATION.ORG](https://chicagofederation.org)

AGAPE



Join us for our kick off event at the church in St. Matthew Hall on September 10th, at 11am.

Contact Samantha Dulles for more information at agape@saintathanasios.com

2026 SUMMER CAMP

This summer, our campers enjoyed four wonderful days of faith, fellowship, and fun at Saint Athanasios Summer Camp! Through our theme, "Faith Navigators: One God. One Church. One Creed," campers explored the Nicene Creed through prayer, worship, games, crafts, music, and fellowship. A heartfelt thank you to our camp leaders Cassie Poulakidas, Pres. Nichole, Amanda McKinney, and Mia Gordan, as well as our incredible youth volunteers—too many to name individually—who gave their time, energy, and love to make the week possible. We are so grateful to each of you for serving our campers and helping make the week so special. We pray that our campers continue to carry what they learned with them as they grow in Christ and His Church. Glory to God for a beautiful camp!



SCAN TO VIEW
ALL PHOTOS





THE HELLENIC AMERICAN POLICE ASSOCIATION
IN CONJUNCTION WITH
THE ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CHICAGO



SAINT GEORGE
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
CHICAGO



FUNDRAISER
★ FOR THE FAMILY OF ★
**GREEK-AMERICAN CHICAGO
POLICE OFFICER
JOHN
BARTHOLOMEW**
★ END OF WATCH APRIL 25, 2026 ★

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
5:00 PM – 10:00 PM

CHATEAU RITZ BANQUETS
9100 MILWAUKEE AVE., NILES, IL

\$100 PER PERSON
TO INCLUDE FOOD, AN OPEN BAR,
AND ENTERTAINMENT

A RAFFLE WALK WILL ALSO BE HELD

**THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND
CAN MAKE A DONATION**

PAYABLE TO THE HELLENIC AMERICAN POLICE
ASSOCIATION AND SEND TO:
HAPA
C/O ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
2701 N SHEFFIELD AVE
CHICAGO, IL 60614

OR MAKE A DONATION ELECTRONICALLY
VIA ZELLE TO:
HAPA@hellenicamericanpoliceassociation.org

PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD THE BENEFIT OF
THE BARTHOLOMEW FAMILY AND
HAPA OUTREACH PROGRAMS.

FUNDRAISER FOR THE FAMILY OF GREEK-AMERICAN CHICAGO POLICE OFFICER JOHN BARTHOLOMEW WHOSE END OF WATCH IS APRIL 25, 2026 WILL BE HOSTED BY THE HELLENIC AMERICAN POLICE ASSOCIATION ALONG WITH THE ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CHICAGO ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 FROM 5 PM TO 10 PM AT THE CHATEAU RITZ 9100 MILWAUKEE AVE. IN NILES, IL.

TICKETS AT THE DOOR \$100

FOOD
 DRINKS
 ENTERTAINMENT



GOAL: **1,000**
NEW NMDP
REGISTRATIONS.
#Fight4Fiss

HELP CHRISTOPHER

FIND HIS MATCH

+ STRONG IN HIS FAITH. BRAVE IN HIS FIGHT.



20-year-old Christopher "Fiss" McKay of Wheaton, IL should be heading back to college this fall. Instead, he is **bravely** undergoing treatment for **Chronic Myeloid Leukemia (CML)**. Christopher needs a **stem cell transplant** for a chance at a cure—and with your help, we can find his match.

IF YOU ARE 18-35, YOU COULD BE CHRISTOPHER'S MATCH.

Join the **NMDP Registry**. It only takes a few minutes.

1 REGISTER & REQUEST YOUR KIT

TEXT
Fight4Fiss
TO 61474

OR SCAN THE QR CODE



2 SHARE & TAG YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

SHARE THIS FLYER AND
USE THE HASHTAG,
#Fight4Fiss



YOUR SWAB KIT WILL BE MAILED TO YOUR HOME ALONG WITH A PREPAID RETURN ENVELOPE. SWAB BOTH CHEEKS AND DROP IT IN THE MAIL ASAP. **WITH FAITH, HOPE, AND YOUR SUPPORT, WE CAN FIND CHRISTOPHER'S MATCH.**

BIBLE STUDY PODCASTS

WITH FR. PANAGIOTIS



**SCAN
TO LISTEN**

2026 ST. ATHANASIOS STEWARDS

This the current Stewardship listing of those pledged for 2026. Please contact the office with any questions.

ACEVEDO, Zach
AGNOS, Kevin & Lisa
ALITDIS, Margarita
ALTIDIS, Stephanie
ANDRIANOPOULOS, Margarita
ANGELIDES, Philip & Katherine
APACIBLE, Kevin
ATHENS, Peter & Susan
ATHITAKIS, George & Maria
BAHRAMIS, George & Elizabeth
BAKAS, Peter & Genella
BAKAS, Andy & Ana
BARNES, Nathan & Jessica
BAROUKAS, Costa
BATITSAS, Steve & Helen
BAYLES, Joshua & Melissa
BEHR, Dan & Stephanie
BERDEBES, Nick & Jennifer
BERGMAN, Helen
BEZANIS, Steven & Heather
BLACK, Joseph & Joanne
BOTSIS, John & Terry
BOTSIS, James & Amelia
BOZNOS, Fr. Panagiotis & Nichole
BOZNOS, Bill & Maria
BOZONELOS, John & Maria
BROWN, George
BROWN, Stephen & Jenny
CALASH, John & Rachel
CANIGLIA, Rodney & Anna
CARCAMO, Robert & Maria
CARSLON, Adam
CARLSON, David
CARLSON, Janet
CASSIANI, John & Aphrodite
CASTILLO, Andre
CHASE, Mark & Maria
CHAVEZ, Nicholas & Athena
CHEREKOS, Speridon & Autmn
CHIAMPAS, Diamanto
CHINO, William & Sofia
CHINO, Spartak & Nicole
CHIOTIS, George & Nancy
CHRISTOFIDIS, Gust & Mary
COLLINS, Bill & Tracey
COLLINS, Steven & Joanne
CONDOS, Pete & Angela
CONDOS, Steve & Niki
CUCURAS, Charles & Sandy
DAGIANTIS, Nick & Megan
DAMIANIDES, Andreas & Kelly
DAMIANIDES, Charles & Kathy
DAMIANIDES, Nickolas
DANOS, Perry & Anne
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