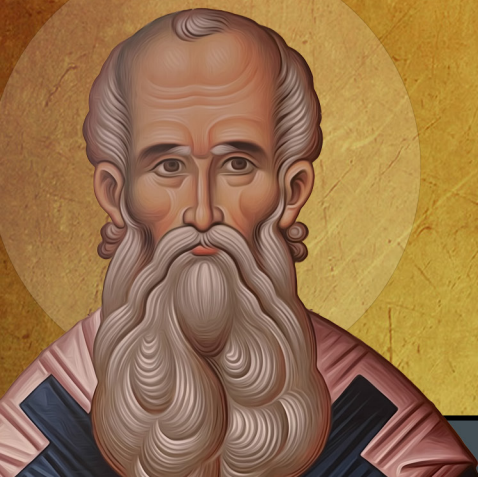




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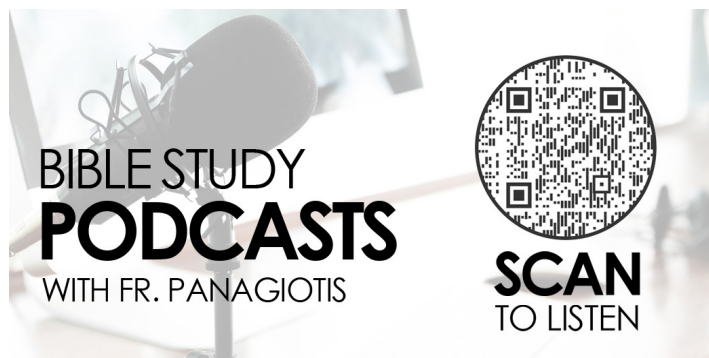
FROM FR. PANAGIOTIS

On November 16th, our parish will gather for our General Assembly—a time to reflect on where we've been, where we're going, and how we can continue building up the life of our Church together. It might not sound exciting at first—motions, reports, budgets—but make no mistake: this is holy work. The General Assembly is not simply a meeting; it is an expression of what it means to be the Body of Christ.

From the very beginning, the Church has been made up of both clergy and laity—different members, but one Body, each with unique gifts and responsibilities. St. Paul reminds us that “to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good” (1 Corinthians 12:7). This means that the life and future of our parish do not rest in the hands of a few, but in the faithful participation of all. When you attend and take part in the General Assembly, you are not “just voting” or “just listening to reports.” You are offering your voice, your wisdom, and your love for Christ's Church.

Our parish, like every community, is strongest when everyone takes ownership of its mission. The decisions we make together—about ministries, finances, and our vision for the future—are not merely practical matters; they are spiritual ones. They reflect our priorities, our gratitude to God, and our commitment to pass on the faith to the next generation.

So I invite you—whether you've been deeply involved for years or are still finding your place—to come to the General Assembly on November 16th. Come ready to listen, to share, and to participate in the life of our Church. Together, guided by the Holy Spirit, we can continue to build a community that is faithful, loving, and alive in Christ.



BIBLE STUDY PODCASTS

WITH FR. PANAGIOTIS



SCAN
TO LISTEN

BIBLE STUDY

Join our Bible Study this Fall as we explore 1 Corinthians. Sessions are at 11am on the following dates:

9/24	11/12
10/1	11/19
10/15	12/3
10/29	



BAPTISMS

Dimitrios Bezos

(Son of Theodore Bezos & Alysa Klos)

WEDDINGS

Zach Trisilla & Alexis Pronos

MEMORIALS

Athanasia Mavrogiannis (1 Year)

Effie Hampilos (3 Years)

Anna Baroukas (3 Years)

PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Assembly: We will have our Fall Parish Assembly on November 16th. Please join us in St. Mathew Hall after the Divine Liturgy for coffee hour and the assembly. The 2026 budget will be presented along with other important topics about the administration and spiritual life of our parish.

Ministries: The ministries are all up and running. There is something for everyone to benefit from. Here is a list of the many ministries that St. Athanasios has to offer: Sunday School, Joy, Jr. Goya, GOYA, College Ministry, Choir, Men's Group, Soul Sisters, Philoptochos, Parish Council, Bible Study, AGAPE Ministry, Coffee Hour, Welcoming Committee, Ushers, Hesed House, Food Pantry, Altar Boys, Chanters, Discover Orthodoxy, and Bookstore. Please reach out to us if you are interested and would like more information on our ministries.

60th Anniversary: The 60th Anniversary Dinner Banquet was a success and a wonderful event. Thank you to our event committee and all of those who helped out in putting this event together. It was nice to see everyone come together in fellowship to celebrate our past, present, and future. Congratulations to everyone on our 60th Anniversary!

2025 Capital Campaign/Stewardship: We are making progress on our financial campaigns but have not yet reached our goals as we enter the final two months of the year. We ask that if you have not pledged for 2025 that you do so at this time so that we are able to meet our financial goals and obligations that were set in the 2025 budget. Your giving ensures the livelihood of our parish, our ministries, and the infrastructure of our building and grounds. Thank you for your time, talents, and treasures. You are making a difference within our parish and our surrounding community.

Wishing all of you a Blessed Month and a Happy Thanksgiving!

Brian McAnally
Parish Council President

PHILOPTOCHOS

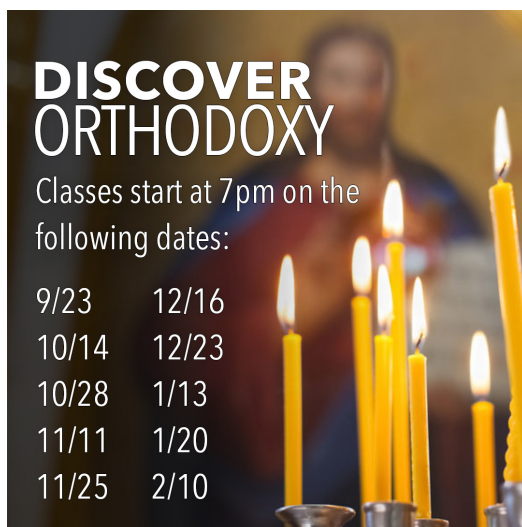
Thank you to everyone who supported our Fall Promenade raffle! Whether you donated a gift, helped with set up or sold tickets during the Aurora Greek Fest, we appreciate your help!

At our general meeting on October 12, we watched informational videos from the Susan G. Komen organization and the American Cancer Society.

Upcoming activities include a fall social candle making date in November. We are observing Philoptochos Sunday on November 9 with an artoclasia and memorial service. We invite all members to sit together on the front pews on the left side of church, and join us for coffee hour afterwards.

We have a number of things planned for the Christmas season, including our annual party, the Angel Tree and treat baskets for our shut-ins. Look for more information in the weekly email.

Sue Manos
Philoptochos President



**DISCOVER
ORTHODOXY**

Classes start at 7pm on the following dates:

9/23	12/16
10/14	12/23
10/28	1/13
11/11	1/20
11/25	2/10

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT DECEMBER 14

Get Ready for the Saint Athanasios Christmas Pageant! The planning has begun for our beloved Saint Athanasios Christmas Pageant—one of the sweetest traditions of our parish family! This year's pageant will take place on Sunday, December 14th, immediately following the Divine Liturgy. More details and rehearsal dates will be announced soon. We'd love for your children to be part of retelling the beautiful story of Christ's birth. Speaking and non-speaking roles are available, so there's a place for everyone—from our gentle sheep to our radiant angels.

For more information or to sign your child up scan the QR Code.



STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship ... Giving Thanks

One of the basic principles of Stewardship is giving thanks to God in response to what he has bestowed upon us by joyfully and sacrificially offering your time, talents, and treasures to Him. Your generosity of your time, talents, and treasures is evident in every aspect of our Parish Community and is one of the cornerstones of our faith. On Sunday, November 2nd, the Stewardship Committee will be hosting a Stewardship Thank You Sunday. Representatives of the Stewardship Committee and Parish Council will address the Parish after Liturgy to thank you for your generosity to God and our Parish, followed by coffee hour in St. Mathew's Hall.

Every act of giving your time, talents and treasures, no matter what it is, makes a difference. The Church's mission of salvation and evangelism depends directly on your generosity. Stewardship is vital to our church and, among many other things, it helps to:

- Provide religious services and sacraments
- Provide visitations to the hospitalized and shut-ins
- Minister to the community outside of our church walls
- Offer help and support to those in need
- Support those who serve us
- Support our Metropolis
- Keep our church grounds and buildings in good condition
- Support the various Church ministries for all groups within our community

As we have said many times before, Stewardship is the lifeblood of our Parish, ensuring that our ministries thrive, our mission expands, and our Church remains a source of faith and community. Thank you again for your generosity and we look forward to seeing you on the 2nd.

Also, within this issue of the Champion, we would like to recognize our current Stewards who have pledged their support of our Parish.

In His Service,

The St. Athanasios Stewardship Committee
Pete Nassos, Elli Koulos, & Jim Kund

2025 STEWARDS

Acitelli, Sophia
Agnos, Kevin & Lisa
Aguilera, Gorge & Nicole
Altidis, Stephanie
Altidis, Margarita
Andrianopoulos, Margarita
Angelides, Phil & Katie
Apacible, Kevin
Argyris, Evangelos
Athitakis, George & Maria
Bahramis, Elizabeth & George
Bakas, Peter
Baroukas, Costas
Batisas, Steve & Helen
Bayles, Joshua & Melissa
Berdebes, Nick & Jennifer
Bergman, Helen
Bezani, Steven & Heather
Black, Joseph & Joanne
Black, Deanna
Bonnet, Tyler & Phoebe
Botsis, John & Terry
Botsis, Jim & Amelia
Boznos, Fr. Panagiotis & Nichole
Boznos, Bill & Maria
Bozonelos, John & Maria
Brown, Eugenia & Steve
Brown, George
Bueche-Hampilos, Betty
Calash, John & Rachel
Caniglia, Anna & Rod
Carcamo, Maria
Carlson, Janet
Carlson, David
Cassiani, John & Pahlodite
Castillo, Justinian
Charouhis, Louis & Voula
Chase, Mark & Maria
Chavez, Nicholas & Athena
Chelidze, Nino
Chiampas, Diamanto
Chino, William & Chino
Chino, Nicole & Spartak
Chiotis, George & Nancy
Christofidis, Mary & Gust
Cole, Aleona
Colligan, Irene & Kevin
Collins, Bill & Tracey
Collins, Joanne
Condos, Peter & Angela
Condos, Steve & Niki
Cooper, Aphrodite
Cotromanes, Mariana
Cucuras, Charles & Sandy
Dagiantis, Nick & Megan
Damianides, Andreas & Kelly
Damianides, Charles & Kathy
Damianides, Nick
Danos, Perry & Anne
Deligiannis, Penny
Deligiannis, Spiro
Deligiannis, Bill
Deligiannis, Dena and James
Demas, Frank & Jean
Demopoulos, Lia
Dierking, Randy & Angela
Digrindakis, Alexa
Digrindakis, Amanda
Digrindakis, Nicos & Jill
Dollas, Maria
Dougherty, Ryan
Dracopoulos, Lena
Dravillas, Joy & Dimitri
Drikakas, Elaine & Chris
Dulles, Ted & Samantha
Dussias, Constantine & Edyta
Fanning, Scott & Leah
Ferguson, Christine
Ferguson, Scott T
Finerty, Patrick & Hadi
Finnigan, Angelina & Ronald
Freeland, Christine
Galanis, Sophia & George
Gallos, Pete & Anna
Garbis, Louis & Phyllis
Garbis, Spiro & Lisa
Garoufalis, Matthew & Cathie
Gastouniotis, Alexandra
Georgacopoulos, Christos
Georgacopoulos, George & Caylin
Georgacopoulos, Anthony & Georgia
Georgopoulos, Foti
Georgopoulos, John & Amalia
Gianakakis, Kathleen
Gianakas, Connie P.
Giannoulis, Kenneth
Gladi, George
Gladi, Amy
Gonedes, Evangelia & Andrew
Goumakis, Lynn
Grawe, Jefferey
Green, Rini
Grigoropoulos, Stilianos & Maria

Gross, Nicole & Michael
Haidos, Peter & Eleni
Halfeldt, Betty & Daniel
Halkias, Louis & Helen
Haralamopoulos, Chris & Sherry
Hasapis, Christina
Hilton, Christiana & Ralph
Hoffman, Katia & Josh
Hountalas, Spiro & Eleni
Houston, Kara & John
Hronopoulos, Maria & Chris
Hronopoulos, Kostandinos & Anastasia
Ihnatiuk, Paul
Jacobson, Steve & Terry
Janetas, Niki & Phil
Johnson, Steven & Rebecca
Jones, Alec & Dakota
Joseph, Kalliope Sophia
Joseph, Toulia
Kallant, Don
Kallas, Natallia & Nick
Kaminski, Glen & Kimberly
Kanaris, Frixos
Kandalepas, Christina
Kandalepas, Pete & Anastasis
Kappas, Angelo
Kappos, Shirley
Karalis, Steven & Fotini
Karl, Vicki & Ken
Karlis, Louis & Pat
Kastran, Despina & Diane
Kerhulas, Dean & Marilyn
Klasen, Demetra & Thomas
Kleanthis, Zanetta & George
Klemomos, Angelo & Marjorie
Kohler, Betty
Kontos, Cleggatira
Koskinaris, Tolis & Christine
Kotlarz, Diane & Jason
Kottis, Nick & Linda
Koulos, Michael & Ellie
Koulos, Bessie
Koulos, Stephen & Noelia
Koulourides, Camis & Nancy
Koutselas, Marie
Koutsos, Nancy
Kuncil, Kim & Stacy
Kyes, Mary
Ladas, Michael & Patty
Lambrou, Maria & Louie
Lawlor, Aires & Joseph
Lehpamer, Michael & Constance
Lekos, Nick & Liz
Lenas, Alex
Lesiotis, Martha
Lestina, Mya
Livers, Randy & Vanessa
Lymberopoulos, Kathleen
Maniatis, John & Laura
Manikas, Dora
Manos, George & Sue
Marion, Ray & Val
Marroquin, Gerardo & McKayla Braid
Mavrogiannis, Costa & Jennifer
May, Peter
McAnally, Brian & Lisa
McBreen, Paul & Mallory
McCarty, Andrew & Alysa
McKinney, Amanda & PJ
Memming, Archonto and Lia
Mesiacos, Ted & Katerina
Metrou, Bessie
Metrou, Peter & Christine
Metrou, Nancy
Metrou, Panagiotis & Gaylene
Metrou, Alexandra
Micele, Alicia & Joe
Michalek, Troy & Sophia
Mishos, Angelo
Missana, LeAnn
Mitz, Gary & Anna
Modlinger, Vicky
Moehle, Brett & Eleni
Moraites, Connie
Morton, Nika & Ryan
Mossides, George & Pamela
Mourousias, John & Jennifer
Mundie, Aaron
Nassos, Pete & Betsy
Nassos, Phil & Lisa
Nassos, Kara
Niforatos, Aristotle
Noel, Joan
Noel, Diane & John
Noel, Paul & Tracy
Noel, Arielle
Nolidis, Carla & Pete
Northern, Darin
Nyland, Trevor
Ondik, Daniel & Jane
Ortega, Voula & Joel
Owens, Christina & Brad
Pagonis, Rose

Pagonis, Alex & Chrissy
Panagiotaros, Pete & Konstan
Panagopoulos, Irene & Iraklis
Panagopoulos, Pantelis & Christina
Panos, Sia
Panos, Peter & Erene
Panos, Nick & Amanda
Papacostas, George & Irene
Papadimitriou, Dr Vaia
Papageorgakis, George & Freda
Papaioannou, Giorgios & Angela
Papoutsis, Savvas & Tanya
Papoutsis, Yanna
Palino, Maria
Pavlis, Sotrios & Christina
Pavlopoulos, Emanuel
Peponis, Nikolaos & Katerina
Perakis, Mike & Athena
Perozzi, Vince & Eugenia
Peters, Connie & Guss
Petmezas, George & Vickie
Petrakopoulos, Tasia
Petratos, Peter & Denise
Phillips, Ryan & Andrea
Pietrzyk, Edward & Joleen
Placey, Mark & Mary
Plattos, Yvette
Plattos, Nicholas & Alyse
Poulakidas, Michael & Hadi
Poulakidas, John & Betty
Poulos, Nick
Procopos, Chris & Alicia
Procopos, Harry & Kellie
Prokos, John & Margo
Psychogios, Konsta & Ioanna
Rashid, Efithia
Reyes, Gustavo
Rio, Danielle & Jake
Rodriguez, Joel & Megan
Rodriguez, Bessie & Jessie
Romios, Connie & Guss
Roumbos, Bill & Vasiliki
Rousonelos, Gus & Georgia
Roussos, Betty
Ryan, John & Katrina
Samaras, Joan
Savoni, Malia
Saxen, Daniel & Marissa
Schiff, Robert & Candy
Schumacher, Tom & Faith
Sellas, Angelo & Maria
Sherwin, Skyler & Zoe
Siambis, Nicholas
Simios, George & Stella
Sinning, Audrey
Sirbas, Pat
Skoubis, Dr Bill & Alex
Slattery, Nicholas & Irene
Stamatakis, Penelope
Stamatopoulos, Jim
Stamatopoulos, Xenia
Standish, Kristin
Stanley, Mike & Irene
Stepien, Patrick
Stoutmbelis, Gregory & Eleni
Suntken, Helen & Ronald
Sussenbach, Pamela & Stever
Talandia, Christina
Taylor, Charise
Tchakanakis, Matina
Theodor, Thomas
Tollois, James & Steven
Touvanas, Andrew & Chrystalla
Trisilla, Alexis & Zach
Tselikis, Amalia
Tsevas, Nicole
Tsimouris, Mike & Annette
Tsipakis, James & Bessie
Tzakis, George & Angela
Tzakis, Peter & Deborah
Tzanetakos, Nicholas & Lisette
Ugaste, Denise & Dan
Uvegass, Collin & Athena
Vardouniotis, Anastasia
Vardouniotis, Dean
Varney, Terry
Vataniou, Kostas & Sophia
Vataniou, Angelo & Kelly
Vital, Caley & Dan
Voropayev, Andrey
Vranas, Nick & Eilena
Walter, Thanea & Mark
Weaver, Landond
Wilbanks, Jason & Anastacia
Yfantis, Theodore
Zablocki, Elias
Zanis, Steve & Beth
Zaverdas, George & Mary
Zavos, Jean & Tasos
Zervakis, Steve & Heidi

* List dated 10/24/2025. Please contact the office for discrepancies.

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)

Saturday, November 1

Divine Liturgy - SS Cosmas & Damianos

Sunday, November 2

Divine Liturgy - 5th Sunday of Luke
Daylight Savings Time Ends

Monday, Sunday November 3

6:30pm JrGOYA Service Night

Wednesday, November 5

7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 6

7pm Men's Group - Small Groups

Friday, November 7

7pm Vespers - Synaxis of the Archangels
Holy Taxiarchai & St Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church
7373 N Caldwell Ave, Niles, IL 6071

Saturday, November 8

Divine Liturgy - Synaxis of the Holy Archangels
7pm Vespers - St Nektarios
St Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church
133 S Roselle Rd, Palatine, IL 60067

Sunday, November 9

Divine Liturgy - St Nektarios
Philoptochos Sunday
11:30am Choir - Akathist Of Thanksgiving Rehearsal
12pm Sunday School: Christmas Pageant Rehearsal #1

Tuesday, November 11

7pm Discover Orthodoxy

Wednesday, November 12

11am Bible Study
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 13

Divine Liturgy - Saint John Chrysostom
11am Agape Meeting
6:30 pm GOYA Night
7pm Soul Sisters: Small Groups

Friday, November 14

6pm JOY Night

Saturday, November 15

9am Choir Federation Board Meeting

Sunday, November 16

Divine Liturgy - St Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist
11am -Parish Fall Assembly
11:30am Choir - Akathist Of Thanksgiving Rehearsal
12pm Sunday School: Christmas Pageant Rehearsal #2

Monday, November 17

6pm All Youth Groups Shopping Event
6:30 pm Backup Parish Assembly Date

Wednesday, November 19

11am Bible Study
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 21

Divine Liturgy - Entrance of the Theotokos Liturgy

Sunday, November 23

Divine Liturgy - 9th Sunday of Luke
12pm Sunday School: Christmas Pageant Rehearsal #3

Tuesday, November 25

Divine Liturgy - St Katherine
5pm GOYA Thanksgiving Meal & Akathist of Thanksgiving
6pm Akathist of Thanksgiving
7pm Discover Orthodoxy

Saturday, November 29

7pm Vespers - St Andrew
Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church
5649 N Sheridan Rd, Chicago, IL 60660

Sunday, November 30

Divine Liturgy - St Andrew the Apostle
11:30am Choir Rehearsal
No Sunday School (Thanksgiving Break)

COFFEE HOUR

Help to promote fellowship, community, and friendship following the Divine Liturgy by hosting Coffee-hour. Consider hosting Coffee Hour for occasions such as Memorials, Namedays, Birthdays, 40-day Blessings, etc - or no occasion needed! For more information and to sign up to host a Coffee Hour, please call the office.

We are looking to expand our Coffee Hour Ministry. If you are interested in joining, please reach out to the office.



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. We are so grateful for your kindness & support.
2024 total - 691lbs of Food!

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:

Box Meals and Box Sides

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

AURORA GREEK FEST

Thank You from Your Aurora Greek Fest Team!

On behalf of the **St. Athanasios Parish** and the **Aurora Greek Fest Committee**, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude to all our parishioners, family, friends, and guests who came out to support our **September Food Festival!**

Your enthusiasm, generosity, and community spirit made this fall's event another tremendous success. We are overjoyed to share that, thanks to all of you, our September Fest surpassed last fall's totals—both in attendance and revenue—showing once again the strength and unity of our community.

3-Day Totals Comparison (September Festivals)

2024 — \$107,445.00

2025 — \$115,053.92

Net Profit (2025): \$78,130.61

Even with continued price increases on supplies and groceries, we were blessed to achieve such strong results through everyone's hard work and generosity.

Festival Highlights:

This year we introduced several new menu items, and they were a huge hit! The **Baklava Sundaes** delighted crowds, while the **Veggie Meal Plate** drew rave reviews from both vegetarians and longtime festival-goers looking to try something new.

Beyond the food, we welcomed returning guests and many first-time visitors who came to enjoy our authentic Greek cuisine, music, and fellowship. Behind the scenes, our dedicated volunteers worked tirelessly preparing meals, baking delicious desserts, serving guests, and keeping everything running smoothly.

We are also proud to share that a **portion of this year's proceeds will be donated to Naperville Responds for Veterans**, an organization that provides housing and support for local veterans in need. It's a blessing to extend the spirit of our festival to serve those who have given so much for our community and country.

We extend a heartfelt **thank-you** to all our **volunteers, sponsors, and donors**—your dedication and support made this success possible. From food prep to cleanup, every act of service contributed to an event that truly embodied faith, fellowship, and love for one another.

As always, **we thank God** for blessing our parish with such an amazing community—one that gives generously of its time, talents, and treasures. We met new friends, created new memories, and strengthened the bonds that make our church family so special.

Save the Date!

Our next **Spring Aurora Greek Festival** will be held **May 15–17, 2026**, and we'll once again need your helping hands and joyful hearts. We invite everyone to get involved—whether by volunteering, sponsoring, or simply spreading the word. Together, we'll continue to grow and share the beauty of our faith and culture with the wider community.

With love and gratitude,
Your Aurora Greek Fest Chairs,
Tracey Collins & Frank Demas



SPIRITUAL GROWTH



WALKING WITH THE SAINTS

Join us this Fall for Soul Sisters & Men's Group, gathering to be inspired by the lives of the saints. Each session will include prayer, discussion, and fellowship as we discover how these holy men and women can guide our own walk with Christ.

Meetings: 7:00pm - 8:30pm in St. Matthew Hall.

SOUL SISTERS

11/13 - Saint Nektarios the Wonderworker

12/9

1/8 - Combined w/ Men's Group

2/12

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MEN'S GROUP

11/6

12/4

1/8 - Combined w/ Soul Sisters

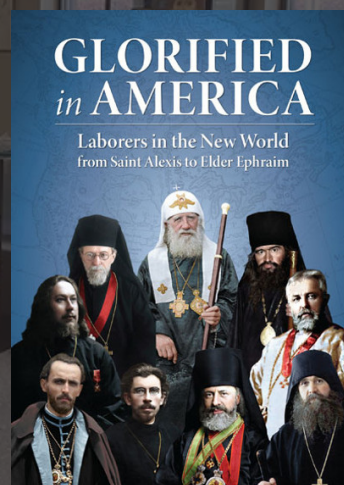
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SCAN TO
REGISTER



BOOK STORE

November is a good time to think about how our Greek Orthodox Saints can enhance our spirituality. Saints are individuals recognized for living lives of exceptional holiness and virtue and are believed to be in heaven to intercede for the living through prayer. Ernie Stavropoulos recommends, "Glorified in America: Laborers in the New World," and other titles in our Bookstore about the saints are, "Everyday Saints and Other Stories," "Women of Faith," "102 Orthodox Saints," and two board books for young children, "God's Saintly Friends, Vol. 1 & 2." Stop in our Bookstore soon to learn more about your favorite saint!



MEN'S GROUP

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.

St. Athanasios 60th Anniversary Dinner

Thank you for making the 60th anniversary dinner a success. Tasty food, good music and great people were the main reasons.

Fall Blood Drive

Thank you all who gave blood at our semi-annual blood drive on October 29. And thank you to Mickey Koulos for leading this life-saving event. Remember that a single blood donation can save up to three lives!

Lives of the Saints

Our second of five small group sessions will take place on Thursday, November 6. Come join us as we focus on different saints across the centuries, uncovering their stories, struggles, and enduring impact on the Church and world.

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" If anyone is interested in learning more about the Men's Group, please contact Spiro Hountalas (naperspike@aol.com), Peter Metrou (pnmetrou@gmail.com), Bill Collins (bctc@sboglobal.net) or Nick Dagiantis (ndagiantis@gmail.com).

HESED HOUSE

HESED HOUSE DINNER SERVICE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Cooking @ 3:00 PM

Dinner @ 7:00 PM

**Volunteers Needed to
Cook and Serve!**



Hesed House ministry will prep, cook, transport and serve dinner to Hesed House guests on Wednesday, December 3rd, 2025 starting at 3pm at St Athanasios. Hesed dinner to be served at 7pm. In August approximately 200 Hesed guests were served dinner by St Athanasios volunteers. If interested contact Bill Collins at bctc@sboglobal.net

3RD ANNUAL DINNER BENEFITING METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO HCHC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Your gift empowers seminarians to serve the Church and the world as future clergy and lay leaders



KEYNOTE SPEAKER DR. GEORGE CHIAMPAS

Professor, Feinberg School of Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Orthopedic Surgery

The Empress Banquets

ADDISON, IL

Thursday, November 13, 2025

6:00 PM COCKTAILS

7:00 PM DINNER

JOIN US AT OUR 3RD ANNUAL DINNER TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR THE CHICAGO METROPOLIS SEMINARIANS ATTENDING HELLENIC COLLEGE HOLY CROSS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

TICKETS AND TABLES

\$125 INDIVIDUAL | \$1,250 TABLE

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 7, 2025



SCAN QR CODE
OR CALL 312-736-2280



CHICAGO.GDARCH.ORG/HCHC

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE

We are thrilled to invite you to a special fundraiser supporting the Chicago Metropolis Seminarians at our cherished Hellenic College Holy Cross School of Theology. These dedicated seminarians are preparing to serve our Church and communities, carrying forward a rich tradition of faith, leadership, and service.

This event is sponsored by the HCHC Alumni Association, the Men's Groups of Ascension, Holy Apostles, St. Athanasios, St. George, St. Nectarios, and Sts. Peter & Paul, the Chicago Metropolis Archons, the Chicago Metropolis Philoptochos, and YAL of St. George—all united in their commitment to support our future leaders.

Your generous support will directly fund educational expenses—including books, housing, and other costs of formation—helping these seminarians fully embrace their calling and pursue excellence in their preparation. By investing in these future leaders, you are helping to nurture the next generation of clergy and lay leaders who will guide our faithful with wisdom, compassion, and dedication.

We hope you will join us in this meaningful mission to empower seminarians and strengthen the life of our Church. Together, we can make a lasting difference.

The Empress Banquets

ADDISON, IL

Thursday, November 13, 2025

6:00 PM COCKTAILS

7:00 PM DINNER



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Please select from the following sponsorship opportunities:

PRESIDENTIAL SPONSOR

\$5000

Social Media Recognition
Evening Reception Imagery (Priority)
10 Tickets

POST- DOCTORATE SPONSOR

\$2500

Social Media Recognition
Evening Reception Imagery (Priority)
7 Tickets

DOCTORATE SPONSOR

\$1000

Social Media Recognition
Evening Reception Imagery (Priority)
5 Tickets

MASTER SPONSOR

\$500

Social Media Recognition
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NOV. 13, 2025 | 6:30 - 8 PM

GOYA Meeting—At Church.
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NOV. 25, 2025 | 5:00 - 7:30 PM

GOYA Thanksgiving Meal & Akathist of Thanksgiving

PARENT UNIVERSITY

This year's Parent University sessions focus on helping the Church's faith move from being known to being lived—passing the life of Christ "from faith to faith" to the next generation.

DECEMBER 3, 2025: Parents — Casting the Net of Faith

MARCH 12, 2026: Children — Casting Nets of Young Hearts

MAY 2, 2026: Community — Casting Nets Together

Classes begin at 7:00 PM.
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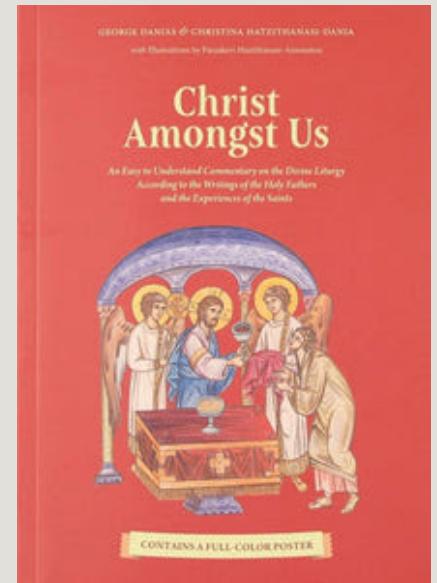
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Holy Temple

The gathering of God's people for the purpose of prayer and praise,(...),takes place within the Holy temple. The first Christian temple was the place where Jesus Christ officiated the Mystical supper. It was then and there that Christ handed down the celebration of the Holy Eucharist(...) to His Disciples. Each holy Temple is a piece of Heaven on earth. It is for this reason that the holy Apostles specified that all Christian Churches should be build facing eastward, where Christ will return in glory at his Second Coming to judge the living and the dead.(...).The first area that we encounter is the Narthex. It is the place where the instruction of the catechumens took place in ancient times and where they stood during the first part of the Divine liturgy. After passing through the Narthex we enter the Nave. This is where the worshipers remain during the celebration of the Holy Mysteries and other Divine services. The most prominent feature in this part of the temple is the Hierarchical Throne which is found on the upper right hand side of the Nave. The bishop sits on this throne; he is a living icon of Christ. On the left hand side we find the Pulpit. It is from there that the Deacon reads the sacred Gospel. The most sacred part of the Temple is the holy Sanctuary. It is separated from the Nave by the Icon Screen. The elevated area in front of the Icon Screen is called the Solea. On the right and left we can find the chanter stands. On the Icon screen we find the holy icons of Christ, Panagia, John the Baptist and the patron Saint of the church. The Sanctuary which is always on the east end of the Temple symbolizes heaven itself, and the place of God's heavenly throne. In the middle of the Sanctuary is the Holy Altar Table. The Divine Liturgy, also called the bloodless sacrifice, is celebrated upon it. *Pages 15-17) "Christ is Amongst Us" by George Danias & Christina Hatzithanasi-Dania with Iconography by Paraskevi Hatzithanasi-Anthonatou*



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AGAPE MINISTRY

We had a very wonderful speaker come to our October meeting. Hadi Finerty, Senior Manager, Education & Outreach at Alzheimer's Association shared a lot of important information about the signs of dementia and Alzheimer's. She was a wealth of knowledge and our seniors had a lot of questions for her. We thank her again for coming and sharing her talents with us our next meeting is November 13th.

Contact Samantha Dulles at 312.504.4448 or agape@saintathanasios.com.



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60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

A Huge Thank You from the 60th Anniversary Committee

On behalf of the 60th Anniversary Committee, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our incredible community for making our anniversary dinner such a memorable celebration. Your enthusiasm, kind words, and support—whether in person or from afar—truly touched our hearts.

It was an evening full of joy, laughter, dancing, and meaningful moments as we honored our past, embraced the present, and looked forward with hope to the future.

Thank you for being part of such a beautiful occasion. We thank God for the gift of this community and for blessing us with a night to remember.

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