

# THE CHAMPION

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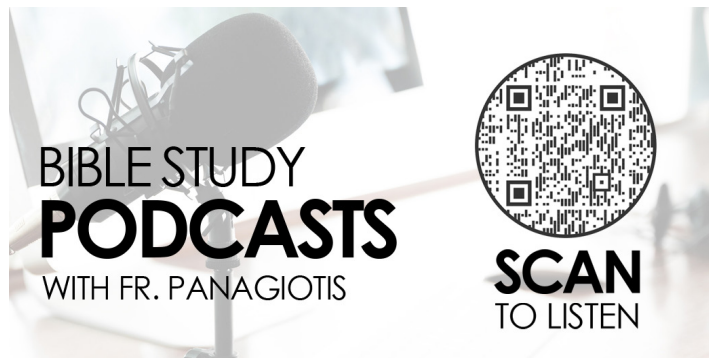
## MESSAGE FROM FR. PANAGIOTIS

Each new year begins with the radiant feast of Theophany—one of the most profound celebrations of our Orthodox faith. Theophany is both a remembrance of Christ's baptism in the Jordan, and the revelation of the Holy Trinity to the world. In that sacred moment, the voice of the Father declares the identity of the Son, and the Spirit descends in the form of a dove. Creation itself is renewed as Christ steps into the waters, sanctifying them and restoring the world to its intended purpose: to be filled with the presence and grace of God.

The feast is joyful and cosmic, yet deeply personal. The waters that Christ blesses are the same waters with which we bless our homes each year. Through the traditions of the Great Blessing of the Waters and the annual house blessings, the grace revealed at the Jordan is extended to our daily lives. The Church reminds us that Theophany is an active reality that reaches into our homes, our families, and our hearts.

House blessing is a treasured practice in our Orthodox tradition. When the priest enters a home carrying the Holy Water of Theophany, he brings with him the Church's prayer that Christ will dwell in that household, guard it from every evil, and fill it with peace. There is something profoundly beautiful about this simple ritual. It acknowledges that our homes—where we work, rest, laugh, pray, struggle, and grow—are not separate from our spiritual lives. Rather, they are extensions of the little church of our hearts.

Just as Christ descended into the Jordan to sanctify the waters, so too does He come into our homes to sanctify our daily living. It is a reminder that we are called to allow His presence to shape everything we do: how we speak to one another, how we use our time, how we prioritize prayer, how we cultivate virtue. A house blessing is not magic nor superstition; it is an act of faith. It is our way of saying, "Lord, this place—this family—belongs to You."



I always look forward to this season of visiting your homes, offering prayers, and spending time with you and your families. Each visit is a joyful reminder of the bonds that unite us in Christ and of the sacred responsibility we share in building up our parish community. As we begin this new year, I encourage you to schedule your house blessing with the office.

May the light of the feast shine brightly upon each of you. May the blessing of the Lord come upon your homes, granting peace, health, and every good gift from above.

## MEMORIALS

His Grace, Bishop Timothy of Hexamilion (40 days)

Sofia Cina (1 year)

Afrodite Botsis (3 Years)

Mary Ann Gavrilys (7 years)

Theodore James Gavrilys (7 years)

James Theodore Gavrilys (15 years)

# PARISH COUNCIL

## 2025 Recap

Father Panagiotis was elevated to Protopresbyter by His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael on June 10. This is a significant honor and is the highest ecclesiastical title bestowed upon a married clergyman. This honor is reserved for those whose leadership, dedication, and ministry profoundly stand out. It underscores both spiritual leadership and administrative excellence.

Father Panagiotis was named Vicar General of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago at the Clergy Laity Assembly in November. He will begin his new role this month coordinating the nine Vicars under the guidance of the Chancellor and ensure compliance with the Metropolis and Archdiocesan policies and regulations.

Father's work has truly exemplified these. We are deeply blessed to have Father Panagiotis as our parish priest at St. Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church, shaping our community through his commitment and care. Both were well deserved and show his love and dedication not only to his ministry here at St. Athanasios but to the entire Chicago Metropolis. AXIOS! HE IS WORTHY!

Some key accomplishments that were achieved in our 2025 & Our Ecclesiastical New Year:

- Mortgage Paid Off
- Phase 2 Capital Campaign Project One Landscaping
- Investment Committee
- Delegation of Authority Policy
- Employee Handbook Overhaul
- Line Item Overhaul of Our Budget
- Employee Evaluations
- 60th Anniversary Celebration
- Agape Ministry
- Usher Ministry
- Soul Sister Ministry
- Solid Administrative Foundation
- Tremendous Spiritual Growth
- Record Breaking Numbers of Catechumens, Baptisms, & Chrismations
- Record Breaking Festivals
- Set the Tone for Stewardship Independence

These are not all, but this gives you a good look of how we are a growing parish and are committed to fulfilling our Three-Year Vision and Initiatives. I would like to thank Father Panagiotis, all of our ministry leaders, and the parish council for all of the work and efforts that they have done and continue to do as we move into 2026. We have a strong committed team of leaders, and it is evident by the spiritual growth that we are witnessing in our community. Thank you to our office staff and volunteers for your office management and the time given. Last but not least I want to thank our parishioners for all that you do for our beloved St. Athanasios. Your time, talents, and treasures do not go unnoticed. It is truly a blessing to have such loving, caring, and giving parish family.

At our fall general assembly, I announced in my report that I would be passing the torch of parish council president on to Anna Caniglia this month. I am extremely thankful to Father Panagiotis, the parish council, and our parishioners for the opportunity to serve as parish council president for the past two years. It has been a very rewarding experience, and it has been a great honor. I will continue my term on the parish council and support Anna as she transitions to her new role as president and will continue to strive to fulfill God's desire "that all should be saved and come to the knowledge of truth." (1 Timothy 2:4)

Wishing Everyone a Blessed New Year!

**Brian McAnally**  
Parish Council President

## FOX RIVER BLESSING

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2026 (11:00 AM)

Join St. Athanasios Greek and St. Athanasios Romanian Orthodox Churches along with officials from the City of Aurora for the 3rd Annual Fox River Blessing in celebration of the feast of Theophany.







## THEOPHANY HOUSE BLESSINGS

1/8 - East Aurora  
 1/9 - West Aurora  
 1/13 - Naperville (North of 75th)  
 1/16 - Naperville (South of 75th)  
 1/19 - Make up (Aurora/Naperville)  
 1/20 - Montgomery/Oswego  
 1/23 - Plainfield/Bolingbrook  
 1/26 - Geneva/Batavia/St. Charles  
 1/27 - Downers Grove/Lisle/East of 1-355  
 1/28 - Make up (Montgomery/Oswego/Plainfield/Bolingbrook)  
 2/1 - Make up (All Areas)

CONTACT THE OFFICE OR  
 SCAN THE QR CODE TO SCHEDULE



## TRIVIA Night

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN AND TRIVIA

WHEN: DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM | TRIVIA STARTS PROMPTLY AT 7 PM  
 WHERE: ST. MATTHEW HALL  
 COST: \$25 PER PERSON (TEAMS OF 8)

BRING YOUR OWN FOOD & DRINKS! WE'LL HAVE A DELICIOUS DESSERT LIVE AUCTION!  
 A PORTION OF PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE SISTERHOOD OF PRESBYTERAS FUND AND  
 ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN PRISON MINISTRY. GATHER YOUR TEAM AND COME SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE!



## VASILOPITA THROWDOWN

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 11**

**ST. MATTHEW HALL**

Who will be awarded the winner of the Best Vasilopita for the 2026 year? It could be YOU! Philoptochos is looking for bakers for the annual Vasilopita Throwdown after liturgy.

Contact Elli Koulos at [ekoulos23@live.com](mailto:ekoulos23@live.com) for questions and to reserve your spot in either the bread or cake category.

All proceeds go to St Basil's Academy and youth related ministries.



# 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)

## Thursday, January 1

Divine Liturgy - Circumcision of the Lord;  
Saint Basil the Great

## Sunday, January 4

Divine Liturgy - Sunday before Epiphany  
Sunday School classes resume

## Monday, January 5

9am Great Hours of Theophany  
6pm Vespers Divine Liturgy - Eve of Holy Theophany  
6pm GOYA Night: Vespers

## Tuesday, January 6

Divine Liturgy - Holy Theophany  
7pm Vespers - St. John the Baptist  
St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church  
2350 E Dempster St., Des Plaines, IL 60016

## Wednesday, January 7

Divine Liturgy - Synaxis of St John the Baptist  
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, January 8

11am Agape Ministry Meeting  
7:00pm Small Groups (Combined): Soul Sisters &  
Men's Group

## Saturday, January 10

11am Fox River Blessing  
11am Joint Jr GOYA & GOYA: Fox River Blessing & Lunch  
6pm Men's Group NFL Watch Party

## Sunday, January 11

Divine Liturgy - Sunday after Epiphany  
11am Vasilopita Throwdown  
11:30am JOY Meeting  
11:30am Choir Feast Day Rehearsal

## Tuesday, January 13

7:00pm Discover Orthodoxy

## Wednesday, January 14

7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, January 15

6:30pm JrGOYA Night

## Saturday, January 17

Divine Liturgy - St. Anthony the Great  
7pm - St Athanasios Vespers

## Sunday, January 18

Divine Liturgy - Feast Day of St. Athanasios the Great  
11am Feast Day Lunch

## Tuesday, January 20

7pm Discover Orthodoxy

## Wednesday, January 21

7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, January 23

6:30pm GOYA Night

## Sunday, January 25

Divine Liturgy - 15th Sunday of Luke  
11:30am Choir Rehearsal

## Wednesday, January 28

7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, January 30

Divine Liturgy - Three Holy Hierarchs

## 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

# COFFEE HOUR

## Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Help to promote fellowship, community, and friendship following Divine Liturgy by hosting Coffee Hour. Consider hosting for occasions such as Memorials, Namedays, Birthdays, 40-day Blessings, etc - or no occasion needed. You can join another family or multiple people to host as well. For more information and to sign up to host a Coffee Hour, please call 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.

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 and Soup**

Please contact Betty Roussos at [bettyroussos@yahoo.com](mailto:bettyroussos@yahoo.com) with any questions.



# PHILOPTOCHOS

Happy New Year! We had a lovely evening at the home of Pam Mossides for our Christmas Party. Thank you to everyone who brought a grocery gift card for families in need in our St. Athanasios community.

Thank you too to all of you who purchased a gift through our Angel Tree. We collected and donated gifts for 100 children to Salvation Army. Thank you so much to Betty Poulakidas for coordinating this outreach every year.

We assembled 12 baskets shut-ins, that included small gift items and home-made treats. Thanks to Connie Patsavas-Romios for shopping for the items and organizing the baskets once again this year.

We have several events and activities coming up in the next month or so, beginning with our annual Vasilopita Throwdown! We're looking for bakers and tasters! Join the fun on Sunday, January 11th as we choose our Star Bakers in the bread and cake categories. All proceeds from the throwdown will go to St. Basil's Academy and youth-related ministries. Contact Elli Koulos for more information and to reserve your spot as a baker.

We are scheduled to cook and serve dinner at Hesed House on Wednesday, February 4th. The Hesed House committee will help be on hand to help us. More information will be coming out in my weekly email.

Last but certainly not least, get ready for Trivia Night!! Join us on Saturday, February 7th for an evening of fun and games. Start putting together your team of eight trivia gurus and join the fun. Teams are responsible for food and drinks. New this year: a dessert auction, so we've got the sweets covered! The cost is \$25 per person. A portion of the proceeds will go to the The Sisterhood of Presvyteras Fund and the Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry.



# AGAPE MINISTRY

We had an amazing time at our festive Agape Christmas Party this month. We had a delicious home made lunch and very lively white elephant gift exchange. Not to mention our games provided many laughs! The best part was our fellowship with each other. We are blessed to have such a fun and faithful group who takes care of each other with love and kindness. We will see you all for our first meeting in the New Year on January 8th. Look for more information to come.





# STEWARDSHIP

## Stewardship ... a Year in Review

As 2025 comes to close, we would like to take this opportunity to review the topics covered throughout the year in the 2025 Champion Stewardship Articles:

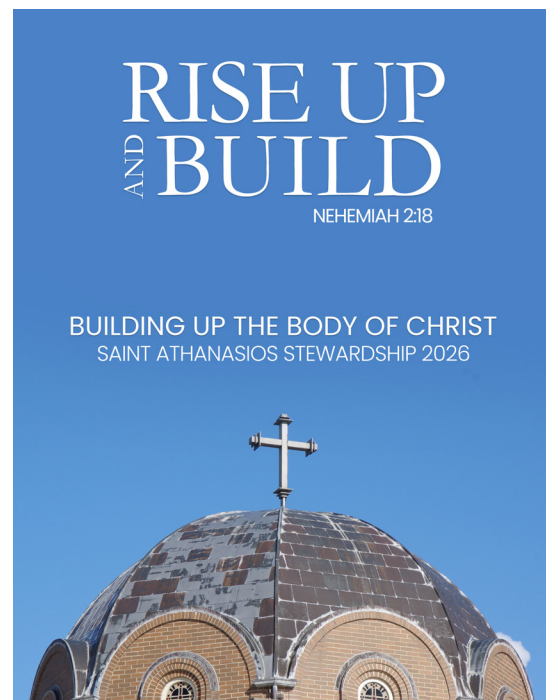
- January ... a Mother - Daughter discussion
- February ... Building a stronger Church through Stewardship
- March ... The Gift You Didn't Know You Had
- April ... Stewardship during Lent
- May ... Stewardship Independence ... what is it and what does it mean to me?
- What do our Stewardship Numbers tells us?
  - June ... Understanding Stewardship Data Part 1 ... Meeting our Stewardship Goal
  - August ... Understanding Stewardship Data Part 2 ... Strengthening Our Church's Future
  - September ... Understanding Stewardship Data Part 3 ... Why can't we meet our 2025 goal
- October: Definition Review ... What is Stewardship and Generosity
- November: Giving Thanks and how your Giving supports the Church's mission of salvation and evangelism
- December: Our House and Our Responsibility

We have covered a lot of materials throughout 2025 in support of our Stewardship Vision and Journey to Stewardship Independence. Please go to the St. Athanasios website to review these articles to refresh your memory and strengthen your Stewardship knowledge.

Our hope is that this 2025 Stewardship summary gives you the information you need to plan for your personal acts of Stewardship for 2026, as we kick-off our 2026 Stewardship Campaign, Rise Up and Build ... Building Up the Body of Christ.

In His Service,

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



## MEN'S GROUP WATCH PARTY JANUARY 10, 2026

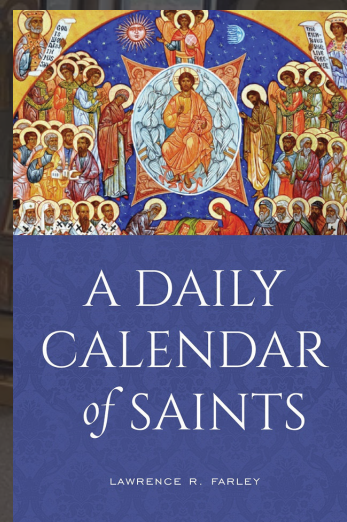
Draft Picks Naperville  
523 Fairway Drive | Naperville IL  
Party starts at 6:00 PM



# BOOK STORE

Begin the New Year with calendars of the saints to guide your daily spiritual growth. Betsy Nassos recommends the 2026 "Daily Lives, Miracles, and Wisdom of the Saints & Fasting Calendar" which has readings for each day about the saint's feast day and miracles, as well as fasting and prayer guidelines for your daily devotions.

Our Bookstore also has "A Daily Calendar of Saints: A Synaxarion for Today's North American Church" to help us understand and relate to the ancient lives of the saints in daily readings to enlighten and teach practices of our faith. Stop in the Bookstore soon to purchase one of both of these excellent resources!





# 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.

## Lives of the Saints

Our fourth of five small group sessions will take place on Thursday, January 8. It will be a joint meeting with the Soul Sisters group. Come join us as we focus on different saints across the centuries, uncovering their stories, struggles, and enduring impact on the Church and world. The session will focus on St. Paisios.

## NFL Watch Party

Come join us for our annual NFL Watch Party on Saturday, January 10. More details on how to sign up in the Friday bulletin and Men's Group emails.

## 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 (pnmlawyer@aol.com) or Nick Dagiantis (ndagiantis@gmail.com).

# HESED HOUSE

In December the Hesed House ministry prepared and served dinner for approximately 230 Hesed guests. 4 volunteers helped prep / cook, and 5 volunteers served at Hesed.



# HELLENIC FOUNDATION GRANT AWARD

On December 11, I was honored to represent St. Athanasios at the Hellenic Foundation annual grant awards event where 43 entities were awarded 61 grants totaling \$788,000. The Foundation focuses on supporting churches and Orthodox based jurisdictions in the Chicago area whose programs support clothing, feeding and sheltering individuals in critical areas, providing scholarships to students in need, programs to keep youth engaged with the church, families with special needs and Greek and other educational programs.

For the second year in a row, we were awarded a grant of up to \$5,000 for our Hesed House ministry for the upcoming year. (Grant matches what the church expends)

In 2025, the Hesed House ministry prepared and served dinners 6 times serving an estimated 250 men & women. Our Ministry also provided breakfast items over 15 days for an average of 250 per serving. (Doing the math, that's 5000 meals provided!)

Lastly, we also provided over 1,500 individual toiletry kits to Hesed House "guests" during their stay.

With the 2025 grant awarded for 2026 activities, we plan to continue our community efforts to "feed the hungry" through fellowship and love we have for our neighbors and are grateful to the support of the Hellenic Foundation for these efforts.

For more information about the Hellenic Foundation: <https://www.hellenicfoundation.org/>





## JOY

**JAN. 11, 2026 | 11:30 AM**

More information and RSVP in Band

## JR GOYA

**JAN. 15, 2026 | 6:30 PM**

More information and RSVP in Band.

## GOYA

**JAN. 5, 2026 | 6:30 PM**

GOYA Vespers Night

**JAN. 23, 2026 | 6:30 PM**

GOYA Night

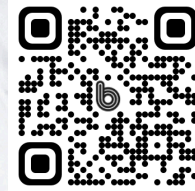
More information and RSVP in Band.

## JOINT JR GOYA & GOYA

**JAN. 10, 2025 | 11:00 AM**

Fox River Blessing & Lunch

More information and RSVP in Band.



# HELLENIC HISTORY EDUCATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Last month, three of our St Athanasios high school students participated in the Ahepa District 13 Hellenic History Tournament. They sailed through their first three rounds of trivia with no losses, answering well over 40 questions, and made it to the semifinals. We are proud to report the "St Athanasios Champions" came in fourth place out of 18 teams, winning \$500 each. They had a great time meeting other kids from the Metropolis and showing off their knowledge of our Hellenic history. Great job kids!

Peter Dagiantis  
Franny Dulles  
Diamanto Mesiacos

To learn more about the Hellenic History Educational Tournament visit [www.ahepachicago.org/hht](http://www.ahepachicago.org/hht)





# SPIRITUAL GROWTH



## WALKING WITH THE SAINTS

Join us 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

1/8 - Combined w/ Men's Group  
2/12

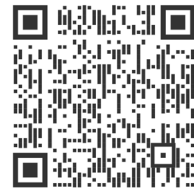
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### MEN'S GROUP

1/8 - Combined w/ Soul Sisters  
2/5

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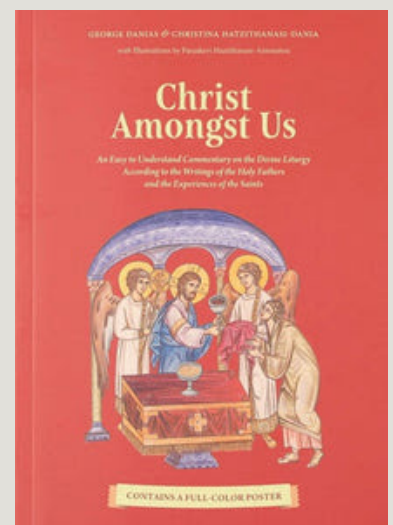
## DID YOU KNOW...?

### The First Part of the Divine Liturgy

*"Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever unto ages of ages."*

From that moment onwards, the earth around us begins to be transformed to a heavenly realm. The temple where the faithful have gathered now becomes a place for angels and archangels-it becomes God's palace! It is at this moment that Christ allows us to enter and see his Kingdom. What a great honor this is, and how very observant should we be at this time! The first act of the Divine Liturgy is the sign of the Cross formed by the priest with the sacred Gospel. This has a deeper meaning: the Divine Liturgy is the Kingdom of God and the Cross is the road that leads to it. The Cross is Christ the King's banner. It is the symbol of his Kingdom. He opened the formerly closed gates of Paradise for us.

Page 32 "Christ is Amongst Us" by George Danias & Christina Hatzithanasi-Dania with Iconography by Paraskevi Hatzithanasi-Anthonatou



Book is on sale  
in the bookstore





*"I hope parishioners have that feeling of belonging, loving and caring to grow in this Community Family within Saint Athanasios. I feel it's happening with Fr. Panagiotti and Faith-filled parishioners who lead by example. I see that. It's a beautiful thing. It's sacred!"*

- Diakonissa Argie Smith

by Penny Panayiota Deligiannis

"While living in Michigan, Argie and I wanted to move to a metropolitan area close to an Orthodox parish. My job at DOW Chemical brought us to Illinois. We looked at a map of the area and housing options. Our Κουμπράς Chris is also Κουμπράς with Fr. Chris and Angie Constantinides whom we met at Ionian Village. Their realtor-parishioner Rose Pagonis led us to buying an Aurora property in 1992. We built our home in the good School District #204 and enrolled our young daughters Amalia, Markella, Aiki and (eventually) Anna in Saint Athanasios' Sunday School! I started going into the altar to help Fr. Chris—then, he began talking to me about the Diaconate. **Everything fell into place!** Very loving Parish Council leaders (cradle Orthodox and Orthodox converts) organized Saint Athanasios' Consecration...October 4-6, 1996. As that banquet's Master of Ceremonies, I was seated at the podium. My paperwork wasn't yet approved to become a Deacon. Fr. Chris understood I was antsy with no set date/answer. During his speech, +His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos of Chicago turned to me announcing 'We will soon have an ordination!' Fr. Chris joked 'How was that?' Given one month's preparation, I was ordained to the Diaconate on November 16, 1996!," Archdeacon Vasilios fondly remembers.

Thoughtful Diakonissa Argie expressed **"I personally feel when we started in this parish, this is the first place where it felt like a family! It was so comforting to know we could come as a family to this very family-oriented parish!** The New Year's Eve dances and Consecration were family affairs. **Saint Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church is like no other community! It's our Greek Orthodox Faith! In my mind, there's no other option. Why wouldn't you run toward the Orthodox Church where you receive love, peace and gain strength? That's where you want to be...in church...for the well-being of your family!"**

Due to similar backgrounds leading Greek dance troupes, this dedicated couple worked with Presvytera Angie upgrading the repertoire of dances and costumes within Saint Athanasios' Neophyte Dance Group—having fun teaching the youth traditional dances to perform at Greek Festivals. For 18 years, they also led the JOY Youth Group continuing this ministry long after their daughters had grown up.

Archdeacon Vasilios shares **"In our lives, we are very blessed not to experience tragedies. I remember being a little kid when one of our parishioners was killed in a head-on crash in Jamestown, New York. For one year, that family stayed away from attending Church/Divine Liturgy. I asked my mother 'Shouldn't they be coming to Church more?' One Holy Thursday during Lent, +Metropolitan Iakovos served Divine Liturgy to the elderly independently living at the Hollywood House—I had such a moving experience! From 1996-2004, it became an annual field trip providing amazing fun experiences for our daughters and youth spending much time together studying Liturgies!**

**Meeting life's challenges, our spiritual journey is made easier within our Greek Orthodox community sharing joys and tears!** Our family was working towards making progress through the prayers of teachers Betsy & Peter Nassos and George & Sheila Pullos who also had children—it was easy to raise a family within this extended family. Our kids wanted to go to Church—it became a part of the experience! **We've tried to live our Faith!** There have been days we don't feel like going to Divine Liturgy—then, we decide we're going! When on vacation, we visit a parish. **It's difficult to grow in the Faith by yourself. The more you stay plugged into parish life when you have multiple touch points, it becomes more difficult to lose community!** Youth/parishioners counted on us to lead JOY/ Neophytes. **The sacrament of Confession in our Church plays a vital role.**

**A washing...A regeneration...A renewal of baptism! Receiving this reflection/perspective from your Spiritual Father affects your soul/self...speaking to him about life situations. During confusion, having control becomes important to bring you back!"**

"Our daughters' involvement with sports was creeping into Sundays after church. We did it for a while—rushing out after Divine Liturgy... changing clothes in parish parking lot. We weren't popular when we pulled them out of sports! **Individual growth comes from continuous challenges we face! We now have grandchildren. I feel very thankful to be here!**," reflects Diakonissa Argie.

Grateful for God's blessings, Archdeacon Vasilios confessed **"Parishioners view me as a product of Saint Athanasios.** Christina Kandalepas always tells me 'You are our Deacon!' Dena Deligiannis lovingly exclaims 'You were taken from this parish!' **It's very touching!** It's so cool to come back and see friends growing older like the Nassos, Metrou and Poulakidas parents, their children (Neophyte Dance Group participants) who are parents now and their grandchildren! They know us in Aurora!"

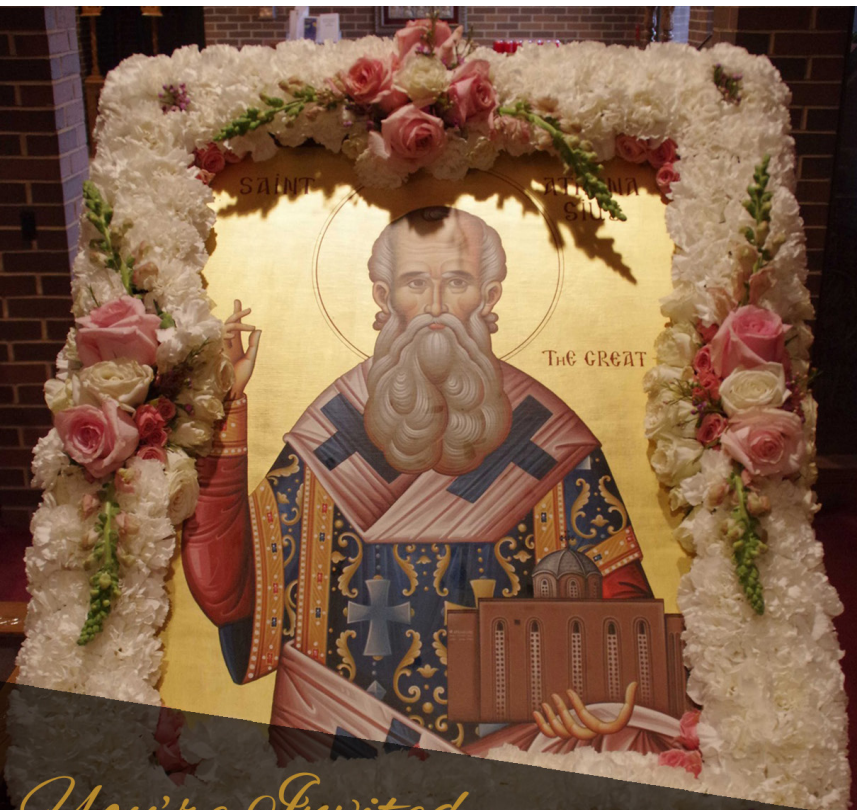


Archdeacon Vasilios and Diakonissa Argie Smith



2025 SAINT ATHANASIOS

# Christmas Pageant



*You're Invited*

SAINT ATHANASIOS

**FEAST DAY LUNCHEON**

JANUARY 18, 2026 | 11:30 AM | SAINT MATTHEW HALL

**ADMISSION:**  
COMPLIMENTARY

**QUESTIONS?**  
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