



*Coming Together In Our Hearts and Homes, We Form An Icon Of God's Kingdom*



from Fr. George

**"All her glory is from within"**

*"Listen, O daughter, behold and incline your ear, and forget your people and your father's house; for the King desired your beauty." ~ Psalm 44:11-12*

These words of the Prophet David were spoken regarding a specific person, and that person is the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary. What David saw in the Spirit was a three-year-old child leaving her parents' house, only to enter God's house, because the King of All saw her virginal beauty and desired her to become His living temple. **This is the event the Church celebrates on November 21 every year: The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple of the Lord.**

Mary's beauty is merely glimpsed at by the Prophet, as he continues his song to the Virgin with these words: "All her glory is from within, adorned and embroidered with golden tassels" (Psalm 44:14).

Note that **the beauty and splendor which David sees is "from within," the inner radiance of a pure and humble soul**, whiter than snow, glowing brighter than the sun and aflame with love for her Lord.

So she runs, no, joyfully skips into the temple, into the Holy of Holies, into her heav-

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## Welcoming the Non-Orthodox

The adult inquirer has begun the journey to Orthodox Christianity long before entering the doors of our parish. It may begin with a sense of emptiness or a feeling that there exists something more than they are finding in their current faith tradition.

Inquirers may come to the Orthodox Church from a faith tradition that has disappointed them in some way. **More and more, inquirers are coming to the Orthodox Church through intermarriage.**

Though our responsibility as a Church is first of all to support marriages, whether spouses are of one faith tradition or two, we are always glad to welcome the non-Orthodox Christian spouse that chooses to become Orthodox.

As the visible presence of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, each parish is called to witness to those with-

in and those outside the community of believers.

If we believe that in Orthodoxy we have the fullness of the Truth, then we have the great responsibility to share it with all people. **Bringing people to Christ and strengthening their faith is a person-to-person process.**

In the early days of the Church, people became Christians not because of what they read in the Bible – there was no Bible to read. **People became Christians because of what they experienced in the Christian community.**

People will come through the doors of our parish for a variety of reasons. Their first impression is critical to their decision to come back. Will we be ready for them? We need to ask ourselves, if ours was the only Orthodox Church a person ever visited, or if I were the only Orthodox Christian that

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**FOOTBALL + FELLOWSHIP**



**W**inning isn't everything ... especially when tailgating together! Although the Bears fell short against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, a great time was had by all with food, friends and fellowship.



Approximately 120 people attended wearing their favorite Bears gear. A special thank you to Eleni Chechopoulos for baking and donating the fantastic dessert table and to Elaine Katziotis, Cindy Clark and Nick Kirkeles for planning and chairing the event.



## THE HOLY APOSTLES CAREGIVERS HALF-DAY SEMINAR

Packed into a few hours, attendees at the Holy Apostles Caregivers Seminar on October 14 learned important information and were provided guidance on a variety of issues for taking care of loved ones as they grow older.

Alexandra Bednar, RN presented a session on "Checking Out of The Hospital. What Do I Need to Know and Do?"

## All Her Glory *(continued)*

only Father's house, to remain with Him in steadfast prayer and worship. And she would have gladly remained there the rest of her days, in prayerful silence and communion with her Lord, had she not a greater task to fulfill in bringing forth the Son of God in the flesh for the salvation of the world.

There in the temple of the law young Mary lived as though in Paradise. As St. Gregory Palamas said, "She lived for God alone and was sustained and preserved only by Him who was to pitch His tent among us through her. She saw only God, making God her delight and continually waiting on Him."

Thus the pure one became even purer, living in holy stillness, desiring to be one with God, as much as God the King desired her inner beauty.

In the temple, she was being prepared to become the living temple of the Word of God. Rather, she was preparing herself in holy quiet and divine contemplation to become the receptacle of Divinity.

In this way, dear brothers and sisters, **our sweet Panagia is an example of holy silence and of the fruit borne by such stillness and waiting on God.** Of course, her role was absolutely unique, in that she alone brought forth in the flesh Christ, the Son of God.

**But if we look to the manner of her life, we will see how we too can bring forth Christ within us, how He can come to dwell in our hearts, and how we can come to feel and experience the divine movements of the Holy Spirit within.**

To quote St. Gregory Palamas once more, "Thus those whose hearts have been purified by holy stillness see God within themselves as in a mirror. The immediate proof of this is the Virgin, who, having kept company with quietness from the earliest age, brings the greatest benefits to us, and commends to God those in need as no one else can.

She alone lived in holy quiet from such early childhood in a manner surpassing nature, and she alone of the human race bore the Word, who is the God-man, without knowing man."

By the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior save us.

+Fr. George

## Welcoming the Non-Orthodox *(continued)*

a person ever met, would that person want to become Orthodox?

Because the Orthodox Christian worship experience is so unique – it fills the five senses – it may seem foreign to the inquirer. **Reaching out to those who enter our doors with a sincere handshake, greeting and a welcoming smile could be the most important missionary work we do.**

Friendliness can have eternal implications. Remember that Zacchaeus was converted merely by Christ's acceptance of him.

**In reaching out to inquirers, it is helpful to find those aspects of faith that we share.** One Jewish inquirer meeting with the priest to find if she would be able to reconcile her faith with that of her Greek Orthodox fiancé was visibly moved when the priest turned to his bookshelf and took down a copy of the Tanakh (Sacred Writings of Judaism).

She gradually came to accept that these sacred writings, which make up what we call the Old Testament, are the foundation upon which Christianity rests. Over a year later she was baptized into the Greek Orthodox Church.

In all discussions, we must show respect for the individual inquirers and their faith, culture and tradition. Though they may choose to become Orthodox Christians, their faith, culture and tradition are an integral part of who they are. They will also have family and friends who remain faithful to their previous traditions.

**We bring others to Orthodoxy, not by criticizing their faith tradition, but by respecting that which is good in it, and pointing out those aspects of faith that we share.**

A good priest once asked "Doesn't renewal have to come first before we can evangelize others? Don't we have to be infected with Christ before we can be contagious?" This is why education is the key to bringing others to Orthodoxy – education of faithful Orthodox and education of the inquirer.



Education leads to a more personal participation in worship, a more personal faith and ongoing development toward theosis. Many of the actions we take to reach out to inactive Orthodox Christians and inquirers are also effective in revitalizing the faith of our active Orthodox.

Forty days after His Resurrection, at the time of His Ascension, Jesus gathered His disciples with Him and promised that they would soon receive the Holy Spirit. He called upon them to be His witnesses. This same calling is directed to each one

of us. **The front lines of Jesus' army today are faithful men and women who live ordinary lives in the world, attending school, making a living, raising families, participating in the daily life of our society.**

In Acts 2 we read, "The Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." If we do the work of ministry, reflecting the light and the love of Christ, others will come.

As He called upon His disciples on the day of His Ascension, He has also called upon each one of us to be His witnesses "...in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

# Holy Apostles Christmas Pageant

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

We are pleased to announce that the children of Holy Apostles will be presenting the annual Christmas Pageant on December 17.

**Kindergartners through third graders** will play the silent roles of the characters in the Nativity scene.

**Fourth through eighth grade** students will sing traditional Christmas Carols for the program, some serving as narrators.

**High school students** are encouraged to sign up to be assistants.

**High school vocalists and instrumentalists** who are interested in joining the musical ensemble please call or text Zoe Tomaras (630-476-0223) or email [christmaspageant@holypostleschurch.com](mailto:christmaspageant@holypostleschurch.com).

**Information was mailed to all Sunday School students in mid-October** with complete details of rehearsals and forms to register to participate.

**Non-registered youth are welcome to perform.** These forms will also be available at church. The first rehearsal will take place on Sunday, November 19.

**An informational table will be set up in the multipurpose room on November 5 and 12 for registration** as well. Please feel free to contact Sandy Pihos, Pageant Director, for more information at: [christmaspageant@holypostleschurch.com](mailto:christmaspageant@holypostleschurch.com) or call/text 630-640-5811.



## PRACTICAL PARENTING

"Enjoying a Christmas Free from Stress and Excess"

Friday, November 17 ~ 8:00 PM  
Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church  
Multi-Purpose Room

Our presenter for this evening is Randa K. Anderson, PH.D. Dr. Anderson is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist who treats adults, adolescents and children in her private practice both online and in her Park Ridge office.

She is committed to offering her professional knowledge and skills to the Orthodox community through volunteer work at the intersection of faith and clinical practice. She currently serves as the President of the Orthodox Christian Association of Medicine, Psychology and Religion ([www.OCAMPR.org](http://www.OCAMPR.org)).

She is a consultant to the Mental Health Ministries of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops. Committed to serving clergy and their families, she serves on the board of Thriving in Ministries within the Orthodox Church in America, and she facilitates a Pan Orthodox clergy wives peer learning group here in the Chicago area.

She has been a guest speaker on various programs for both the Orthodox Christian Network and Ancient Faith Radio. Dr. Anderson is married and has two young adult sons.





## HOLIDAY FOOD COLLECTION

Sunday, Oct. 22 - Wednesday Nov. 8

**NOTE: EXTENDED DATE!**

The holidays can be very difficult for those with food insecurity. Our most recent HOPE collections have been going to the Hillside Food Pantry (HFP) at Immanuel Lutheran Church while HOPE is researching a new storage facility.

The Hillside Food Pantry feeds an additional 275 families each holiday and would really appreciate **non-perishable add-ons** to give away with turkeys they will provide.

Please consider making a non-perishable holiday donation to help those less fortunate.

**ANY donation is greatly appreciated.**

A turkey themed collection box will be set up in front of the HOPE collection counter to receive donations. This holiday collection is in addition to our on-going HOPE bags.

Please feel free to contact either Maria Patt ([mdpatt59@comcast.net](mailto:mdpatt59@comcast.net)) or Faye Adams ([geofaye.adams@gmail.com](mailto:geofaye.adams@gmail.com)) with any questions.

### Suggested Donation Items:

- Boxed stuffing
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Canned cranberry sauce
- Canned or packets of turkey gravy *(no glass jars please)*
- Canned pumpkin
- Biscuit or cornbread mix and
- Pasta/spaghetti sauce – *They run out of this on a regular basis. Although not a traditional "holiday food", donations are greatly appreciated. NOTE: Only item that they accept in glass jars.*

*"Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help." ~ Isaiah 58:7*

*Thank You For Your Support!*

*Together we can make the holidays a little brighter for those in need.*



## THE CEREAL CHALLENGE

Thank you so much to the Holy Apostles Parish for your generous support of "The Cereal Challenge".

We collected **255 boxes** of hot and cold cereal (many of which were super-sized) and 52 additional individual packets of hot cereal! The Metropolis Project HOPE team is thrilled with the results!

The number of boxes we collected required **TWO PICK-UPS** as they could not fit it all in one trip.

We could not have done this without your donations. We are truly grateful and humbled by your support.

*Thank You!*

## Birthday Greetings

Beginning in January, we will devote a small section of the Mosaic to list those who are celebrating birthdays that month.

The birthday list will be sourced from PDS, our parish's database.

Please contact the church office to make sure we have your family's birthdates on record, adults and children alike, in addition to your current contact information.

phone: 708-562-2744

email: [office@holypostleschurch.com](mailto:office@holypostleschurch.com)

*Happy Birthday*





## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AUGUST 24 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

PC SECRETARY: STEVE MILAK EDITED BY: VAL DRANIAS

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by Norm Pomrening. Attendance: Absent-Jim Maragos; Guests-Joan Berg, Jim Sotirakos, Greg Arzoumanidis (members of the Foundation Committee-present only for Foundation Update). Father George gave the opening prayer and Norm read the Mission Statement.

**Old Business:** Proposed HA Foundation Update: Joan Berg. Patty Pappas presented a brief history of the proposed HA Foundation. Joan Berg, our pro bono legal advisor to the Foundation Committee, presented drafts of the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the Foundation. A Q & A session will be held for the Parish Council on October 3, to review and make any additions or corrections to the documents before being presented to the Parish Assembly for approval on 10/22.

N. Kirkeles moved to approve the August, 2023 minutes, L Theotikos seconded. Unanimously approved. Val Dranias presented the correspondence. Thank you from the Brandows for our support of their missionary work in Central America; invitation to the 30th anniversary celebration for Fr. S. Demetriou from Assumption-Homer Glen, Info from St. Iakovos Retreat Center about rental opportunities.

**Ecclesiastical Report: Father Dokos** –presented a brief resource guide for Orthodox Christians on Orthodox Evangelism: asked the PC to learn from the points presented in the article.

**Building & Grounds: Chris Pepke.** *Annual Roof Inspection*-will receive the report in a week. *Church Drawings*-have been professionally scanned to pdf. They will have a digital home and will be printed to have on file. *Shades for MPR*-there will be 2 shades per opening (one a blackout and one for daylight). The cost will be approximately \$4000. *Painting MPR*-looking at installing a commercial wall covering below the chair rail and removing wallpaper on the west wall and then painting. C. Pepke moved to do the work on the west wall and beneath the chair rail at a cost of 25%-30% above the original estimate for the MPR (without these additions). B. Leider seconded. Passed – 2 opposed. *Landscaping*-in the design process again. New designer and bids. Will have the design for next PC meeting. The hope is to have it done by Pascha. *Design Group* – an Aesthetics or Design Group is being formed to help with decisions concerning the physical esthetics of the Church. There are about 100 projects to be completed of those 60 are maintenance and 30-40 are capital projects.

**Finance: Steve Milak:** The Operating account cash balance has increased by \$83,659, year-to-date. As of 8/31, the total Operating account cash balance, including monies parked to earn higher rates of interest is \$775,152. The Capital account cash balance has increased by \$54,513 year-to-date. This positive flow is due to a \$60,000 transfer of Dinner Dance surplus revenues from the Operating to Capital account in August. As of 8/31, the total Capital account cash balance, including monies parked to earn higher rates of interest is \$417,080. The church's total operating and capital cash balance as of 8/31 is \$1,192,232. Although our YTD Net Revenue is \$83,663, our goal of finishing the year ahead of budget will be challenging, as our monthly expenses will easily outpace our revenues from now until the end of the year. In general, the books were clean for August. Having to catch up on Fr. Nicholas' health insurance payment. Cloud storage of all budget reports in church's Google Workspace.

**Technology: Steve Milak.** Purchased and setup a new laptop for Fr. Nicholas. Outsource Solution Group is using a new backup provider, Veeam; verified backed up data will remain in the U.S. *WiFi:* Equipment has arrived; need to set aside time for installation. *MP Room A/V:* Started requirements gathering of the church's need, which will be used to fit to an appropriate solution with contractors. *HARC Point of Sale System:* S. Milak moved to spend up to \$2000 and \$50 a month service fee on a new point of sale system for HARC. L. Theotikos seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Stewardship & Welcoming: Sandy Pihos.** *Stewardship Data in comparison to 2022:* The 612 YTD pledges are 3% less than the 633 we had received by the end of August 2022. We have achieved 82% of our Stewardship Goal of 750 pledges. \$752K pledged is more than the \$625K we had received by the end of August 2022. We have achieved 66% of our goal to fund our entire operating budget through pledges. \$656K collected is 4% more than the \$633K received by the end of August 2022. Median pledge is \$600 which is equal to the August 2022 median pledge. Average pledge of \$1,229 is 7% more than the \$1,146 YTD August 2022 average pledge. *Tailgate Report:* Approximately 120 people attended. They were an enthusiastic crowd. Lots of good food. Special thank you to Eleni Chechopoulos for baking and donating the fantastic dessert table. Overall gross income was \$6,035. After expenses and prize payouts, profit is estimated to be below \$3,000. Thank you to Elaine Katzioris, Cindy Clark and Nick Kirkeles for planning and chairing the event. **Welcoming:** Ministry Fair went well –

looking to some improvements for next year. Emily Rehn is looking for young adults who would be willing to be introduced to young adults who are visiting our church. Considering a bingo night after January 1. Need ideas for 5th Saturday Serve Days.

**Ushering: George Chechopoulos:** Usher Interns from SS have started. They will be with us every other Sunday. George will remind us in his weekly email.

**Greek School: Lena Theotikos:** Tuition will amount to \$88,000. \$10,000 more than expected. Teachers will undergo the Youth Protection training of the Archdiocese. Parents and students will be required to sign a code of conduct. Patty Pappas is creating the document. First grade has 21 students so the class will be split, and Zoe will take the second class, L. Theotikos moved that we pay Zoe for the year as a teacher in addition to her Principal's salary. B. Leider seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Missions: Peter Bell.** Thank you from the Brandows.

## Old Business:

**Employee Handbook Revision: Emilia Linardakis and Sandy Pihos.** Changes will be made and the Handbook is to be approved at the next PC meeting.

**Mosaic Update: Val Dranias.** First issue out. Mailing was delayed because we didn't have enough for bulk mailing and had to be sent first class that we needed to pay for upfront. We have enough (200) for bulk mailing from now on.

**Bronze Welcome Sign: Sandy Pihos.** The sign will be 44 X 20 at a cost of \$4,418. N. Kirkeles moved that we purchase the sign at a cost not to exceed \$4500. V. Dranias seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Website Update: Father Georgiou.** Checked with Nicole Dahdal, a professional website developer, on any changes needed to the new website. Some were made and Nicole signed off on it. Once we have the new pictures, it's good to go.

## New Business:

**Formation of Interior Design Ministry: Norm Pomrening.** Message will be sent to the congregation for volunteers.

**Parish Council Nominations: Norm Pomrening.** T. Chiganos nominated both candidates, Andrew Kraulus and Jim Clohessy. Secret ballot took place. Andrew Kraulus is our new PC member.

**Confidentially Policy: Sandy Pihos.** PC was reminded that discussions should not be taken outside of the meeting especially concerning individuals. Careful what we say about people. There is a lack of trust that PC members will keep things confidential.

**Zoom Account for HA: Emilia Linardakis.** E. Linardakis moved to purchase a Zoom account for the Parish Council. Sandy Pihos seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Request for use of the MPR.** Spero Demakis asked for approval that the AHEPA District Convention be held at HA in our MPR. No action was taken.

**Youth Basketball** – N. Kirkeles moved that \$2000 be added to the basketball budget because of an additional team, practice gym rental and uniforms. L. Theotikos seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Special Meetings** – 10/3 for Foundation documents and TBD for Budget Approval.

Next Meeting: 10/19

Key Dates: Clergy-Laity – 10/11 – 10/13; Fashion Show – 10/21; Parish Assembly – 10/22; Stewardship Sunday – 11/19

Closing Prayer: Father Georgiou

Adjourn: Norm Pomrening at 10:10 pm.



## STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY - NOV. 19

“EACH OF YOU SHOULD GIVE WHAT YOU HAVE DECIDED IN YOUR HEART TO GIVE, NOT RELUCTANTLY OR UNDER COMPULSION, FOR GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER.”

— CORINTHIANS 9:7



## THE NATIVITY FAST

During the Nativity Fast or Advent, which is the **40 days from November 15 until Christmas**, the Church encourages us to intensify our spiritual lives in order to ready our souls and bodies for the Feast of Christ's First Coming.

We do this through fasting, prayer, almsgiving, Holy Confession and increased attention given to "preparing for His coming", to make sure we've done what we can to make a "fit dwelling place for Him" in our hearts and lives.



**Nov. 15 - Dec. 25**

During this sacred period of preparation, the **Divine Liturgy is offered every day**. Please take advantage of the increased amount of services to sanctify your souls and to also make sure to go to Holy Confession. Your priests are always available to hear confessions, which is not an optional Sacrament, but necessary, for through Confession we receive God's mercy and forgiving grace.

## LENTEN RECIPES TO TRY FOR THE NATIVITY FAST

### BRAISED OKRA

1 1/2 lbs. fresh okra (or 10 Oz. frozen)  
1 can diced tomatoes  
1 large onion, chopped

2 garlic cloves, minced  
1/2 cup vegetable oil  
1/2 tsp. sugar

1/2 cup vinegar  
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley  
salt and pepper to taste

Wash okra and trim stalks but do not remove the cone-shaped tops. Place in a bowl, pour the vinegar over and let sit for 30 minutes (this prevents the okra from coming apart while cooking). Drain, rinse well and dry on a paper towel. Heat oil in a pan. Add onions and garlic and sauté for a few minutes. Add okra and cook until lightly browned. Add remaining ingredients, season to taste with salt and pepper. Cover and simmer for 30-40 minutes until tender.

NOTE: Green beans or zucchini can be substituted for the okra.

### PEANUT BUTTER BARS

1 cup light corn syrup  
2 teaspoons vanilla

1 1/2 cups creamy peanut butter  
1/2 cup light brown sugar

1/2 cup granulated sugar  
4 cups Rice Krispies

Mix corn syrup, white and brown sugars in a pot and bring to a boil. Remove from heat and mix in the peanut butter and vanilla. Add cereal and mix. Transfer to a 9 X 13 pan and press down. Cut in squares.

### FASOLADA (WHITE BEAN) GREEK SOUP

1 lb. white beans  
2 finely chopped onion  
1 1/2 teaspoon salt

1 cup canned or fresh tomatoes  
2 tablespoons chopped, fresh parsley  
1/4 teaspoon pepper, or to taste

1/2 cup tops, chopped celery  
3 small, diced carrots

3 tablespoons fresh chopped herbs, such as parsley or chives  
1/2 cup olive oil (for strict fast, use vegetable oil)

Wash the beans well and let them soak in a medium bowl filled with water.

In the morning drain off the water and put in a saucepan with 8 cups of cold water.

Bring to a boil on medium-high heat, reduce heat and allow to simmer for 1 hour on low heat.

Add remaining ingredients and cook gently for about an hour or until the beans and vegetables are tender. Garnish with fresh chopped herbs, if desired.



# Holy Apostles Greek School Bake Sale

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

After Divine Liturgy  
Holy Apostles Multi-Purpose Room

Prices  
As Marked



Coffee  
Served

Join us for coffee and fellowship after  
Divine Liturgy! All proceeds benefit the  
Holy Apostles Greek School.

• GREEK & AMERICAN SWEETS \* FROZEN PITA TRAYS TO GO \*

## JOAN BERG HONORED AT CHOIR CONFERENCE

The annual Chicago Metropolis Choir Conference was hosted at SS Constantine & Helen Church in Palos Hills October 6-8.

Among the highlights of the weekend was **Joan Berg being awarded the Patriarch Athenagoras Medallion for her lifetime of contributions to the Music Ministries of the Church.** Joan was specifically recognized by His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael and the Choir Federation Board for **nearly 25 years of service to the Holy Apostles Choir and for her legal council on behalf of the Choir Federation** for leading their efforts toward becoming a non-for-profit organization.

**Bette Schieber was also recognized for her 35 years of leadership in Music Ministries,** singing in choir and as Director of the Children in the Loft program. AXIA!

Sunday's Federation choir included 62 singers from 14 parishes in our Metropolis. Holy Apostles participants were Joan Berg, Joanne Volakakis, Nick Kumis, Mike Stefanos and Nick Paloumpis. Volakakis and Paloumpis were re-elected to the Federation board for another 2 year term.



*Recognizing the Gift of Music: Nick Paloumpis, Joanne Volakakis, Bette Scheiber, Father George, Father Nicholas, Deacon Perry, Joan Berg and Nick Kumis.*



### H.A.R.C. BOOKSTORE



**S**tart your Christmas shopping at HARC Bookstore! Come see us after Sunday Liturgy during Coffee Hour, and see the many items including gifts, books, icons, and cards for all ages.

For all our customers we have a **Rewards Program too!** So, please, stop by after Sunday Liturgy in the back of the multipurpose room. See the many treasures we have for you.

See Presvytera Michelle Georgiou with questions and information.

*OPEN Every Sunday  
During Coffee Hour*



## Women's Pilgrimage to St. Paisius Monastery

Safford, AZ

February 6 - 10, 2024

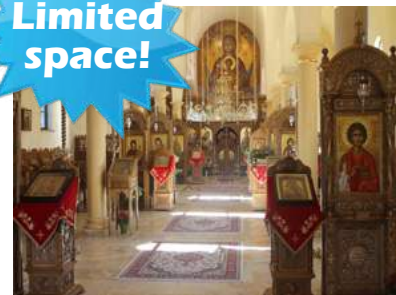
Contact Evie Dokos for more information:  
[eviedokos@gmail.com](mailto:eviedokos@gmail.com)




<https://stpaisiusmonastery.org/>



**Limited space!**



**NOVEMBER 2023**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>5</b> GOYA RETREAT AT ST. IOAKOVOS RETREAT CENTER 8:15 AM ORTHROS 9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY 11:30 AM GOYA BOARD MEETING	<b>6</b> 4:30 PM GREEK SCHOOL 7:00 PM GOYA DINNER & SHOPPING FOR NEEDY CHILDREN 7:00 PM PHILOPTOCHOS BOARD MEETING	<b>1</b> FEAST DAY OF STS. COSMAS & DAMIANOS 8:00 AM ORTHROS 9:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY 7:00 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 PM YAL MEETING	<b>2</b> 6:45 AM BROTHERHOOD OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE 10:00 AM TOTS 1:00 PM ADULT BIBLE STUDY 4:30 PM GREEK SCHOOL 5:00 PM GREEK SCHOOL PTO FUNDRAISING MEETING 7:00 PM DISCOVERIES IN ORTHODOXY	<b>3</b> GOYA RETREAT AT ST. IOAKOVOS RETREAT CENTER 4:30 PM ADVENTURE THEATER 7:00 PM PARAKLESIS SERVICE	<b>4</b> GOYA RETREAT AT ST. IOAKOVOS RETREAT CENTER 9:00 AM PHILOPTOCHOS FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN 5:00 PM VESPERS	
<b>12</b> 8:15 AM ORTHROS 9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY	<b>7</b> 4:30 PM GREEK SCHOOL 7:00 PM GOYA DINNER & SHOPPING FOR NEEDY CHILDREN 7:00 PM PHILOPTOCHOS BOARD MEETING	<b>8</b> FEAST DAY OF THE SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGELS 8:00 AM ORTHROS 9:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY 7:00 PM STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY MEETING	<b>9</b> FEAST DAY OF ST. NEKTARIOS 8:00 AM ORTHROS 9:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY 12:00 PM KOULKA'S KAFENIO 4:30 PM GREEK SCHOOL 7:00 PM DISCOVERIES IN ORTHODOXY	<b>10</b> 6:00 PM GREEK SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT	<b>11</b> 5:00 PM VESPERS	
<b>19</b> STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 8:15 AM ORTHROS 9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY 11:30 AM GREEK SCHOOL PTO BAKE SALE	<b>13</b> FEAST DAY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 8:00 AM ORTHROS 9:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY 7:00 PM GOYA FRIENDSHIP & GIFT WRAPPING	<b>14</b> 1:00 PM CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP 4:30 PM GREEK SCHOOL 6:15 PM JOY 7:30 PM LEAGUE OF CHANTERS PRACTICE/MEETING	<b>15</b> CHRISTMAS FAST BEGINS 8:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY 7:00 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:30 PM JR. GOYA	<b>16</b> 6:45 AM BROTHERHOOD OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE 8:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM TOTS 1:00 PM ADULT BIBLE STUDY 4:30 PM GREEK SCHOOL 7:00 PM YAL MEETING 7:30 PM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	<b>17</b> 8:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY 4:30 PM ADVENTURE THEATER 7:00 PM PARAKLESIS SERVICE 8:00 PM PRACTICAL PARENTING DINNER	
<b>26</b> 8:15 AM ORTHROS 9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY	<b>14</b> 8:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY	<b>21</b> ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE 8:00 AM ORTHROS 9:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY NO GREEK SCHOOL	<b>22</b> 6:00 PM THANKSGIVING LITURGY - ST. KATHERINE OBSERVED	<b>23</b> THANKSGIVING 	<b>24</b> OFFICE CLOSED	
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Kyriakos Panagakos  
Ioannis Tsapas

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Michael Burtzos  
Panagiotis Fosses

## FUNERALS

Theodore (Ted) Adams  
Byron Collis  
Christ Rozos

## BAPTISMS

Emmeline, Daughter of Ryan and Emily Clark  
*Sponsor: Benjamin Kubesh*

Ariana, Daughter of Steven and Andrea Ebbole  
(rescheduled to 11/26 from 10/1)  
*Sponsor: Alaina Hausen*



## VIDEO: Vested in Grace: The Liturgical Dress of Orthodox Clergy

This video explains how a deacon, priest, and bishop vest for a Divine Liturgy. Each vestment is seen, its significance and history briefly discussed, and the prayers the clergy recite when placing the garment on are included.

YouTube: [https://youtu.be/dWxTqhPmD\\_Y?si=nNq2XHXj3DCx1nIY](https://youtu.be/dWxTqhPmD_Y?si=nNq2XHXj3DCx1nIY)