

# MOSAIC

FEBRUARY 2026

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



from Fr. George

## What Love is All About

February is known as the month of love because of St. Valentine's Day. But instead of writing about the Holy Martyr Saint Valentino, a third-century priest in Rome, I thought I would share some "thoughts on love" from an incredible work written by Saint Maximos the Confessor in the seventh century.

This work is called *Four Hundred Texts on Love*, and it is literally just that: four hundred short theological maxims on what Christian love is.

At a time when love can mean so many different things to different people, it is good to be reminded by our Holy Father Maximos what love should mean for us.

> The very first of the four-hundred sayings reads as follows:

*"Love is a holy state of the soul, disposing it to value knowledge of God above all created things. We cannot attain lasting possession of such love while we are still attached to anything worldly."*

If you love someone, you strive to know that person; to have an intimate relationship with him or her. St. Maximos, then, is telling us that real love is when our soul longs to know God more than anything else; to want to be in communion with Him more than anything in the world.

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## 2026 Dive for the Cross

On Sunday, January 11, our parish joyfully gathered with Assumption Church at the Oak Brook Park District for a special Dive for the Cross celebration.

The evening began with a delicious shared dinner, giving families a chance to connect and enjoy fellowship together.

Following dinner, Father George led a beautiful Blessing of the Waters for children ages 3 through high school. It was a meaningful moment as our young people participated in this cherished tradition in a joyful and welcoming setting.

After the blessing, the fun truly began! The kids were given full access to the pool—including the water slide—and spent the rest of the evening swimming, playing, and laughing together.

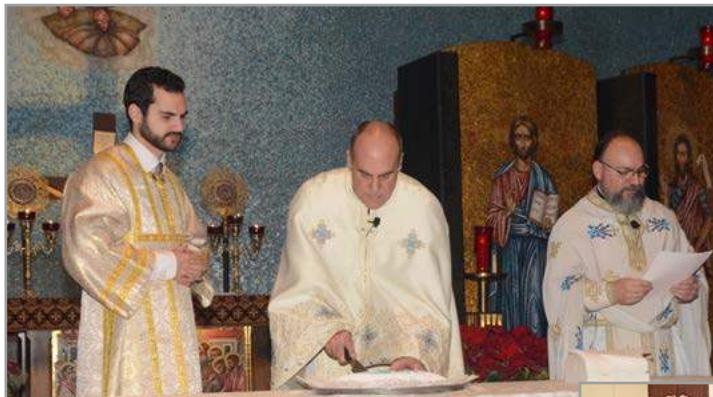
It was a wonderful night of faith, community, and fun, and we are grateful to Father George, the Assumption Church, and the Oak Brook Park District for hosting such a memorable event.



# Koliva



# Vasilopita



Philoptochos sponsored the January 11, 2026 Vasilopita for the Holy Apostles faithful. Wanita Loupacos and her committee offered the lovely vasilopita and other treats.

**Kali Chronia!**

## What Love is All About (continued)

And such love demands that we break our unhealthy attachments to the things and objects of this world. So, the question is: what do we love more than God that is preventing us from truly knowing Him in the most intimate way?

> Continuing through this amazing text, we come upon another teaching of the Saint about love:

*"Whatever a man loves he inevitably clings to, and in order not to lose it he rejects everything that keeps him from it. So he who loves God cultivates pure prayer, driving out every passion that keeps him from it."*

St. Maximos is very straightforward here, telling us that we cling to that which we love. So, if we truly love God, we will spend time in prayer with Him, wishing to cling to Him alone, driving away every thing, thought, and excuse that would keep us from prayer and from growing in our relationship with God.

> And one more maxim on love from St. Maximos is the following:

*"First the mind marvels when it reflects on the absolute infinity of God, that boundless sea for which the mind lovingly longs so much. Then it is amazed at how God has brought things into existence out of nothing. But just as 'His magnificence is without limit' (Psalm 145:3), so 'there is no penetrating His purposes' (Isaiah 40:28)."*

This one reminds us to long for God, to yearn after Him with a spiritually ecstatic love, marveling at the infinitude and incomprehensibility of His majesty. The Saint reminds us that God is the only One that truly exists because everything else is created and has been brought into existence out of non-being and non-existence; therefore, everything in the universe—seen and unseen—depends on God's providence to remain in existence, for it is only by His sustaining grace that created things remain in being.

Furthermore, we cannot "penetrate His purposes," we cannot understand the ways of God. Our thoughts are not His thoughts, and our plans are not His plans.

**By faith we trust and hope in Him because we cannot comprehend His providence and His will.**

And so, we strive to love God above everything. We long to be with Him. We yearn for His company in prayer. And we desire union with Him in the most intimate of ways by partaking of Him in the Holy Eucharist.

+Fr. George



## HOLY APOSTLES PHILOPTOCHOS EASTER

# Drive-by Food Sale

Save  
the Date!

**KOULOURAKIA | KOURAMBIEDES | PASTITSIO |  
SPANAKOPITAS | TIROPITAS | TSOUREKI**



**SAVE THE DATE - Pick-Up is April 4**

Mark your calendars for the annual Philoptochos Drive-By Easter Food Sale! Enjoy tsoureki, pastichio, spanakopites, tiropites, baklava, melomakarona, kourambiedes, and koulourakia - perfect for your Easter celebration, while supporting Philoptochos. Pickup will be the day before Palm Sunday (April 4) and full ordering details will be shared soon.



TO CARE FOR THOSE WHO ONCE CARED FOR US  
IS ONE OF LIFE'S HIGHEST HONORS.

## CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

*A Holy Apostles Ministry*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
DISCUSSION & COFFEE!

Tuesday, February 10  
1 PM - Philoptochos Room

*Please contact Kathy Steffenson at [gksteff@gmail.com](mailto:gksteff@gmail.com) or Val Dranias at [valdranias@aol.com](mailto:valdranias@aol.com) with any questions.  
We hope that you will join us.*

## SAVE THE DATE!

## MACARONATHA LUNCHEON

Sunday, February 22  
following Divine Liturgy

Reservations  
Required

On behalf of the Holy Apostles Parish Council, please join us after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, February 22 for our 67th Annual Macaronatha Luncheon. As we begin Great Lent, let us nourish our souls and begin our efforts together as a church community with love and camaraderie. Your generous free will contributions are going to be donated to support sending participants from Holy Apostles to Project Mexico.

### RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.

**IN-PERSON:** In the Multi-Purpose Room after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 25, February 1, February 8, February 15.

**PHONE, TEXT, EMAIL:** Contact Sandy Pihos, either by phone/text at (630) 640-5811 or at [greeks1@gmail.com](mailto:greeks1@gmail.com) stating your name, contact phone number, email address, the total number of people in your party and the names of any family you would like to be seated with. Put RESERVATIONS in the subject line.

**VIA WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER:** Use the registration form provided in the Holy Apostles Weekly Newsletter and submit ALL the required information, including the specific names of families you want to sit with. Make sure to fill in all the spaces, especially names and contact information.

**ONLINE:** Visit <https://form.jotform.com/holy.apostles.westchester.il/2025-macaronatha-luncheon-reservati>

**RESERVATION DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

*scan to register*



Please join us for our  
**Philoptochos**  
**General Meeting**

Wednesday, February 18th at 6:30 pm  
Holy Apostles - Multi-purpose Room  
Refreshments & Appetizers will be served

**Special Guest Speaker**

**Dr. Lena Nikolas MD**  
**Women's Health Through the Years**

Please RSVP by 2/13 to Aleka Ernst  
philotreasurer@holyapostleschurch.com or (630) 561-1660

Please join our Philoptochos Chapter to continue  
its philanthropic missions -  
Online Membership registration link/QR code below

[www.tinyurl.com/haphilo2501](http://www.tinyurl.com/haphilo2501)

or



# Breakfast with Santa



Thank you to co-chairs Tina Dillon & Leah Brinkmeyer, all the wonderful chefs and volunteers for making the December 14 Christmas Breakfast such a wonderful and memorable event for all families! And a special thank you to Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule to come visit us!



## The Meaning of Kyrie Eleison

Keep this in mind when you respond "Lord, have Mercy" during the liturgical services.

The word mercy in English is the translation of the Greek word eleos. This word has the same ultimate root as the old Greek word for oil, or more precisely, olive oil; which was poured onto wounds and gently massaged in, thus soothing, comforting, and making the injured part whole again.

The Hebrew word which is also translated as eleos and mercy is "hesed", which means means steadfast love.

The Greek words for "Lord have mercy" are "Kyrie, eleison" meaning "Lord soothe me, comfort me, take away my pain, show me your steadfast love."

Thus mercy does not refer so much to justice or acquittal but to the infinite loving-kindness of God and His compassion for His suffering children.

Fr Anthony Coniaris



**FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN**

Philoptochos is volunteering at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora on **Saturday, March 7 from 9-10:45 am**. They will pack specially formulated meals for malnourished children from around the world at this Lenten service project. There are also some seated jobs available attaching labels to food bags. This is a great opportunity to earn service hours. Families with children ages five and older are also invited to help.

To volunteer or get more information, please contact Emily Rehn at [platovalentine@hotmail.com](mailto:platovalentine@hotmail.com) or 708-369-9365.

# PROJECT MEXICO

## The Opportunity Returns

July 16 – 22, 2026 | Total Participants 12-14 Holy Apostles Parishioners

*Building homes. Transforming lives. Serving Christ.*

Project Mexico and St. Innocent Orphanage is an Orthodox Christian nonprofit dedicated to transforming lives through service, shelter, and faith. Since 1988 they have built 450+ homes for impoverished families in Mexico and provided loving care, education, and spiritual guidance to orphaned and vulnerable children at the only Orthodox orphanage in the Americas.

Homebuilding is more than just construction, it's a life-changing experience. A team of Holy Apostles parishioners will travel to Northern Mexico, to build a safe, secure, and weather-tight home for an impoverished family.

The home is constructed over four days and built entirely with volunteer labor. No prior construction experience is necessary. Tasks will include a variety of jobs such as mixing cement, sawing, painting, meeting the recipient family, and playing with the neighborhood children. You will be housed in tents on a campground on the property shared with the St Innocent Orphanage. You will have the opportunity to meet the staff and the boys who live there. The evenings will be spent together talking about the missionary experience and getting acquainted. The trip is open to:

- Parishioners of Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church
- Individual participants should be 18 years of age or older
- Participants between 12-17 years must be accompanied by a parent or guardian
- Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) college chapter
- Mission-minded families and individuals

We are fortunate to have Thania Panopoulos and Norm Pomrenning organizing and co-leading the second team from Holy Apostles to have this transformational experience. This trip will leave you with a new perspective, feeling that you have left an important piece of yourself behind and brought a part of a new community home with you. We especially encourage our young adults to consider this opportunity. Check out [projectmexico.org](http://projectmexico.org) to learn more.

The cost to participate in a Project Mexico Home Building Project is \$900 per person which includes a non-refundable registration deposit. This cost includes building materials, three meals per day, tools, supplies, staffing and other costs necessary to sustain the program. Additionally, participants are responsible for their roundtrip flight from Chicago to San Diego.

Holy Apostles will be supporting this trip through their Missions Ministry and free will contributions from parishioners. Money raised for this trip will be applied to the associated costs, the amount to be determined by how successful our fundraising efforts are. All net proceeds from the Macaronatha will help defray some expenses for the Project Mexico team.

If you are interested in being a Project Mexico participant, or have questions, please click on the jot form link below as soon as possible, so we can gauge interest. Thania will contact you and is happy to answer any questions. You can reach Thania at [tdpanopoulos@gmail.com](mailto:tdpanopoulos@gmail.com) or Norm at [pomrenning@comcast.com](mailto:pomrenning@comcast.com)

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I'D LIKE TO DONATE TO PROJECT MEXICO ►





## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DECEMBER 2025 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 18, 2025

PC SECRETARY: PATTY PAPPAS EDITED BY: VAL DRANIAS

The meeting was called to order by President James Maragos at 7:36 PM. The opening prayer was offered by Father Nicholas Georgiou. The Mission Statement was read aloud by Sandra Pihos: "The mission of the Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church is to proclaim and live our Orthodox faith as One Church and One Body of Christ through worship, ministries, education, and youth guidance. For we walk by faith, not by sight (II Corinthians 5:7)." A motion to approve the November 20, 2025 Parish Council Meeting Minutes was made by Bill Leider and seconded by Sandra Pihos. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Correspondence – Report by Patty Pappas:

- a. Letter from YAL Chicago Conference requesting donation in support of the February 2026 Conference. Motion made by Chris Pepke to donate \$1,000 to the YAL Chicago Conference; seconded by Valentia Vourlos. Motion carried with one nay.
- b. Metropolis of Chicago Direct Parish Support information letter and ACH enrollment form .
- c. Christmas Card from Missionaries Jesse and Juanita Brandow and family.
- d. Project Mexico annual report and donation envelope.
- e. Hodges Loizzi - Billings summary from Vanessa Clohessy for pro bono legal services provided.

**Ecclesiastical Report** – Father Nicholas Georgiou Father Nicholas distributed a handout and led a group reading of "A Christmas Reflection" by Fr. Lawrence Farley, focusing on preparing our hearts for Christmas. A brief group discussion followed.

#### Ministry Reports

**Financial** – Report by George Antonopoulos: Year-to-date (January–November) revenue is ahead of budget by \$178,000, primarily due to \$82,500 in cemetery plot sales and \$43,000 in stewardship. Expenses are \$8,600 ahead of budget; administrative and ecclesiastical costs are under budget, offset by maintenance and repair overruns. Ministries are under budget by \$14,000, Missions by \$32,000, and Hellenic Academy by \$15,000, largely due to unbudgeted fundraiser income. Nonrecurring donations were budgeted at \$16,000; approximately \$10,000 spent, leaving \$6,700 under budget. Church picnic collected approximately \$1,500, applied toward budgeted expenses (total expenses just under \$10,000).

Missions budget discussion for 2026:

1. Missions budget split into recurring and nonrecurring categories.
2. Continued support for Albania via IOCC, even though the missionary Nathan Hoppe is no longer present in Albania.
3. Nonrecurring missions budget set at \$10,000.
4. Recurring total not yet finalized; to be discussed and voted on at the January meeting.
5. Emphasis on tracking remaining budget balances.

Checks are typically cut at the beginning of each month; January checks will be held pending Parish Council approvals.

**Stewardship** – Report by Steven Milak: A 3% year-over-year decrease in the number of pledges was reported.

**Stewardship challenges include insufficient revenue to address capital needs** and the need to change the culture of giving. A 12-month execution plan and education program are being developed, including a stewardship information booth and parish ambassadors. Materials will be sent to Parish Council members for review; feedback requested. Only 79 of 683 pledges (11.6%) meet or exceed the \$2,250 fair share as of November 30.

Metric	Nov 2025 YTD	Nov 2024 YTD	% Change
Number of Pledges	683	703	-3%
Total Pledged	\$872,525	\$871,767	0%
Amount Collected	\$849,053	\$843,119	1%
Median Pledge	\$600	\$600	0%
Average Pledge	\$1,277	\$1,240	3%

**Building & Grounds** – Report by Chris Pepke: Motion by Chris Pepke to enter into a three-year landscaping contract at \$6,400 per year for the first two years, with a \$25/month increase thereafter; seconded by Sandra Pihos; motion approved unanimously. Motion by Chris Pepke to replace an expired classroom AC unit at a cost of \$18,500 (Carrier product), due to obsolete refrigerant and end-of-life status; seconded by Bill Leider; motion approved unanimously. HVAC issues resulted in approximately \$7,000 in maintenance costs; the service contract saved nearly \$2,000. Boiler, thermostat, office heater, and shed issues were addressed.

The parking lot project will not occur in 2026 due to other projects and funding; patching estimated at \$40,000. Electrical panel identified as a safety concern; lighting noted as a capital need.

**Ushering** – Report by Ted Dres: The ushering schedule for January-April 2026 is nearly complete; 148 slots, with highlighted openings needing coverage, especially during Lent. Christmas coverage includes additional ushers during the daytime service.

**Hellenic Academy** – Report by Nicole Ostendorf: Christmas party and teacher conferences were held; Kallanda performance will occur on Sunday, December 21 after Divine Liturgy. Classes resume January 6 with Vasilopita cutting. An adult-focused Greek language class will be offered; a minimum of five adults required per class.

## Old Business

**FEED 6** – Report by Norm Pomrenning: 2025: 154,000 meals were packed by 387 volunteers. Through 65 donors, approximately \$54,000 was raised. 2026: 136 volunteers, 32 donors, approximately \$28,000 raised to date. The funds would cover a 75,000 meal event (meal cost has increased). Recommendation to cap donations at the exact required amount by December 24.

**Fundraising Campaign Strategy** – Report by James Maragos: Vision materials developed with Thania Panopoulos and Steven Milak distributed for review. Discussion guide developed as a template for contacting parishioners.

Discussion of using a professional fundraiser to conduct interviews and surveys in order to gain valuable feedback. Emphasis on gathering parish feedback via focus groups or surveys.

**Chapel Hill Cemetery Plots** – Report by Patty Pappas: Four plots sold since last meeting: 200 B1, B2, B3, and B4.

Year-end report forthcoming to summarize plot sales, available plots, older transactions that require finalization.

**Youth Worker Protection Training** – Report by Patty Pappas: Six Parish Council members recently became out of compliance; training to be completed immediately.

**Vulnerability Review/Safety Committee** – Report by Steve Milak / Mike Parafink: Draft scope completed; focus on low-cost, low-effort items first. Demetri Malamis will assist with completion of items. Report expected in January. Grant funding sought for additional cameras.

## New Business

**Calendar Committee** – Report by Sandra Pihos: The Westchester Community Open House is scheduled for July 18 and is intended to welcome the Westchester community, promote goodwill, and increase awareness of Holy Apostles. Parish Council elections anticipated December 6 or 13.

**Audit committee** to report in Q1 prior to Archdiocese submission.

**Parish Directory** – Report by Lou Kafkes: Forty sittings completed; additional dates scheduled December 29–30 and May 29–30. Volunteers requested to assist.

**October 26, 2025 Bears Game Potluck** – Report by Lou Kafkes: Attendance of approximately 35–40 people. Future potluck may include church-sponsored staple items.

**Employee Handbook** – Report by Sandra Pihos: Updates to the Employee Handbook include Illinois Human Rights policy - sexual harassment training requirements, AI usage for generating work product, office closure dates, verbiage change for Cook County compensated time. Employees are to sign the Employee Handbook within 7 days. Motion by Sandra Pihos to approve the Employee Handbook updates with a revision made to the AI language paragraph; seconded by Steven Milak; approved unanimously.

**Illinois Sexual Harassment Training** – Report by Jim Maragos: Annual sexual harassment training is required by all church employees, priests and Parish Council members. Signed compliance forms to be submitted to the church office, with the office maintaining record keeping of compliance.

**Macaronatha Luncheon** – Report by Sandra Pihos: Scheduled for February 22; Parish Council to assist. Co-chairs: Val Vourlos, Mike Parafink, Sandra Pihos.

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 7:30 PM. Key Dates to Remember: Wednesday, December 24 – Vespers Liturgy 5:00 PM; Christmas Choir Concert 6:15 PM; b. Thursday, December 25 – Christmas Day Orthros 8:45 AM; Liturgy 10:00 AM; Tuesday, January 6 – Theophany; Sunday, January 11 – Vasilopita Cutting after Divine Liturgy; Saturday, January 24 – FEED 6

Closing Prayer: Offered by Father Georgiou. Adjournment: Motion to enter executive session made by James Maragos, seconded by Peter Bell at 9:24 PM; motion carried unanimously.

# OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2026

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
<b>Fast - Free Week</b> <b>FEBRUARY 1st</b>	<b>TRIODION WEEKS</b> <b>Publican and the Pharisee</b> Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14	Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
<b>Normal Fast Week</b> <b>FEBRUARY 8th</b>	<b>The Prodigal Son Returns!</b> Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.
<b>Meatfare</b> <b>FEBRUARY 15th</b> FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY	<b>The Last Judgement</b> Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
<b>Cheesefare</b> <b>FEBRUARY 22nd</b> FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY	<b>Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise!</b> <b>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</b> Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
<b>1st Sunday of Lent</b> <b>MARCH 1st</b>	<b>GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</b> <b>SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY</b> Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
<b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b> <b>MARCH 8th</b>	<b>ST GREGORY PALAMAS</b> Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
<b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b> <b>MARCH 15th</b>	<b>VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b> <b>HALF WAY TO PASCHA!</b> Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!
<b>4th Sunday of Lent</b> <b>MARCH 22nd</b>	<b>ST JOHN of the LADDER</b> Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
<b>5th Sunday of Lent</b> <b>MARCH 29th</b>	<b>ST MARY of EGYPT</b> Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
<b>FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY!</b> <b>APRIL 5th</b> GREAT WEEK BEGINS	<b>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</b> <b>ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM</b> Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
<b>GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY</b> <b>APRIL 10th</b>	<b>GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY</b> <b>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</b> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
<b>FEAST OF FEASTS!</b> <b>APRIL 12th</b> NO FASTING!	<b>BRIGHT WEEK</b> <b>HOLY PASCHAI (CHRIST IS RISEN!)</b> Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

## Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church

## FEBRUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 8:15 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy (Sunday School following Communion) 11:30 am Godparent Luncheon 5:30 pm Sunday School Teacher Dinner & Workshop	<b>2</b> Presentation of Our Lord 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy	<b>3</b> 11:00 am OCCA Meeting 4:30 pm Greek School Staff Meeting 6:15 pm JOY 7:00 pm Philoptochos Board Meeting	<b>4</b> 7:00 pm Jr GOYA Meeting	<b>5</b> 1:00 pm Bible Study 4:30 pm Greek School PTO Meeting 5:30 pm Greek School PTO Meeting 6:15 pm Neolea Dance Troupe	<b>6</b> Feast Day of St Photios the Great 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Small Paraklesis	<b>7</b> 8:30 am Westchester Food Pantry Volunteer Day 9:00 am Journey of Marriage 5:00 pm Vespers 7:00 pm Trivia Night
<b>8</b> 8:15 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy (Sunday School following Communion) 11:00 am Visit 4, 5, 6th grade for confession 11:30 am Fellowship Hour	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Feast Day of St Haralambos 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 1:00 pm Caregivers Support Meeting 4:30 pm Greek School 7:00 pm GOYA Meeting	<b>11</b> Feast Day of St Blaise 10:00 am TOTS 6:00 pm Evening Divine Liturgy	<b>12</b> 6:45 am Brotherhood of St Peter the Apostle 1:00 pm Bible Study 4:30 pm Greek School	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Saturday of Souls 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm Vespers
<b>15</b> Meatfare Sunday 8:15 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:30 am Fellowship Hour 4:00 pm Greek School	<b>16</b> Office Closed	<b>17</b> 4:30 pm Greek School 6:15 pm JOY	<b>18</b> 1:00 pm Bereavement Group Meeting 6:30 pm Philoptochos General Meeting	<b>19</b> 1:00 pm Bible Study 4:30 pm Greek School 6:00 pm Evening Divine Liturgy - St Philothei of Athens 6:00 pm YAL Liturgy & Dinner 6:15 pm Neolea Dance Troupe 7:30 pm Parish Council Meeting	<b>20</b> 6:30 pm Greek Heritage Night - Windy City Bulls 7:00 pm Small Paraklesis	<b>21</b> Saturday of Souls 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 11:30 am Baptism 3:00 pm Baptism 4:00 pm Open Confession 5:00 pm Vespers
<b>22</b> Forgiveness Sunday 8:15 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy (Youth in the Loft / Sunday School following Communion) 11:30 am Macaronatha Luncheon 7:00 pm Forgiveness Vespers (at Holy Trinity)	<b>23</b> Clean Monday/Great Lent begins	<b>24</b> 10:00 am Open Confession 7:00 pm Holy Unction	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10:00 am TOTS 5:30 pm 9th Hour / Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm Jr GOYA Meeting 7:00 pm Pre-sanctified Dinner	<b>27</b> 7:00 pm Salutations to the Theotokos 8:00 pm Communing With the Saints	<b>28</b> Saturday of Souls 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 4:00 pm Open Confession 5:00 pm Vespers

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Paul & Pauline Franks  
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Hercules Vlangos  
Joanne Pekras  
Kallianthi Vainikos  
Chrisoula Banakis  
Gus & Mary Psychogios  
Roussa Stolis  
Konstantinos (Dene) Stamas

## FUNERALS

Helen Damergis  
Pauline Franks  
Bess Peterson  
Hercules "Ray" Vlangos

## BAPTISMS

Joseph, son of Joseph & Lauren Dellaria  
*Sponsor: Dana Coon*

Nikolaos, son of Demi and Kyle Fritz  
*Sponsor: George Poletes*



**F**anari Summer Camp is just around the corner! This is a wonderful opportunity to engage Orthodox Christian youth in an exciting, Christ-centered camp experience that brings them closer to God, the Church, and their community.

Families registering for Fanari Camp this year who need financial assistance should note that, in addition to applying for a camp grant, the Holy Apostles Philoptochos Society awards scholarships each year to two campers. Scholarship consideration is handled directly through the camper's registration with Fanari Camp.