



from Fr. George

## Time for Renewal

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind."  
~ St. Paul the Apostle

Whenever January 1st rolls around, there is always a lot of talk about New Year's resolutions and renewal. There are even lists and suggestions to be found out there in the media as to what resolutions people should be resolved to make.

Some of the more common and popular resolutions are: exercise more, trim off some fat, lose weight, quit smoking, quit drinking, enjoy life more, get out of debt, and the like.

In some way, these things do indeed have to do with some sort of renewal; a renewal of eating and drinking habits, a renewal of a particular lifestyle, even the renewal of one's behavior.

**But these are often superficial and, realistically, short-lived.** In contrast to this, what our Holy Scriptures speak so often about is a renewal of the inner

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## Miracle of St. Theodora - Sept. 11 Feast Day

**S**aint Theodora of Vasta, commemorated on September 11th, was born in Greece during the 10th century.

At that time, each family had to provide a male to serve in the military or pay to subsidize the army. Having no male children and being poor, Theodora's elderly father faced the possibility of going to war.

**Out of love for her family, Theodora disguised herself as a man and enlisted, adopting the name "Theodore."**

Her inner and outer beauty attracted attention, leading a jealous woman who frequented the barracks to accuse "Theodore" of impregnating her.

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### The Miraculous Site

#### The Church and Trees:

Seventeen large oak trees grow from the roof, matching the 17 years of her life.

#### The Water:

A river constantly gushes from directly beneath the stone chapel.

#### The Mystery:

The heavy trees stand without any visible roots inside or outside the walls, defying standard structural expectations for centuries.

## St. Theodora *(continued)*

Refusing to marry the woman meant a death sentence. Yet, Saint Theodora remained silent, not wanting to betray her identity and endanger her family, thus choosing martyrdom.

As Saint Kallinikos of Edessa would say when slandered, *"Heaven will speak. When Heaven speaks, the earth trembles."*

Indeed, Heaven and Earth spoke for the silent Theodora, whose final words were: *"My Christ, forgive my enemies. Let my body become a church, my hair a forest of trees, and my blood a spring to water them."*

**A stone chapel was later built on the site of her martyrdom.** Seventeen 100-foot tall trees, many weighing over a ton, grow from the roof with no visible roots.

Scientists have found that the roots are thin and somehow thread their way into the chapel walls, and are irrigated from the spring below.

They cannot explain how the chapel has not collapsed under the constant pressure of the massive trees.

**At this miraculous chapel, people find healing for their souls and bodies, reflecting the enduring power of faith and the divine.**



*Holding a cross symbolizes sacrifice and holding a scroll indicates wisdom*



## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

**NEXT VOLUNTEER DAY:  
SAT. 11/7  
11:30 AM**



**P**hiloptochos members and Holy Apostles parishioners met at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora on August 8 to pack specially formulated meals for under nourished children.

The meals they packed, along with other volunteers at their session, were **enough to feed 64 children a daily meal for one year.**

The final destination of the meals is not yet known. Philoptochos thanks all the volunteers for taking time to serve others.

Philoptochos will again volunteer there on Saturday, November 7 at 11:30 AM, located on the border of Naperville and Aurora.

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person; the radical and ontological change in the core of one's being that only the grace of God can bring about.

This is what St. Paul is speaking of when he says: *"Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind"* (Romans 12:2).

The working of God's renewal in us began at Holy Baptism, when *"He saved us through the bath of rebirth and through the renewal of the Holy Spirit"* (Titus 3:5). From that point on, we have hopefully been living a transfigured life in Christ.

**From time immemorial the Church has celebrated the inauguration of the New Year on September 1st.** This makes sense to me and feels right. Growing up in Minnesota, when September rolled around, I could feel the winds of change. Autumn was in the air, school was just around the corner, and things just got back into full swing. It is no different here at our parish.

**All the ministries—from JOY to Bible Study to Sunday School and the rest—will begin again.** The New Ecclesiastical Year will be here before we know it, and together with the New Year we ask for the Lord's blessings upon us and upon the year to come.

One of the hymns from September 1st reads: "Creator of the universe, setting times and seasons by Your sole authority, bless the cycle of the year of Your grace, O Lord, guarding our rulers and Your nation in peace, at the intercession of the Theotokos, and save us."

**My prayer for the Church New Year, beloved, is that we indeed make it "new."** The old saying, "Every day is a new day," certainly applies to every New Year as well.

**This year can be new**—a fresh start for our faithful community—if we are joined in our efforts and joined in a common fellowship of love and cooperation. This year can be personally new as well, through being renewed in our hearts and minds.

**Let us be resolved, then, not to be conformed to the world's resolutions, but to be transformed in Christ.** Let us be resolved to hear and keep the Gospel teachings of our Lord by sitting at His feet as true disciples by attending as many of the Church's services as possible.

Let us be resolved to increase in love for God and for our fellow man. Let us be resolved to build up the Body of Christ as God's fellow workers, unto the salvation of all those with whom we come into contact.

If, brothers and sisters, we do indeed make these our common New Year's resolutions and work at them, the Lord God will shower down His divine grace and mercy upon each of us and upon our holy church.

Let this be our communal goal and prayer, as we beseech our good and loving God: *"You who created all things in Your infinite wisdom, and set the times by Your own authority, grant Your Christian people victories. Blessing our comings and goings throughout this year, guide our works according to Your divine will."* Amen.

With love in Christ,

+Fr. George

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## BIRTHDAY BAGS FOR WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY



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## CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

*A Holy Apostles Ministry*

**Tuesday, September 8  
1 PM  
Philoptochos Room**

*We meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month*

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

Here at Holy Apostles, we have a Caregiver Support Group as one of our parish ministries.

Many of our parishioners are faced with caring for elderly parents, disabled family members, spouses or parents with dementia or Alzheimers, terminally ill family members either at home or in assisted living or long term nursing care facilities.

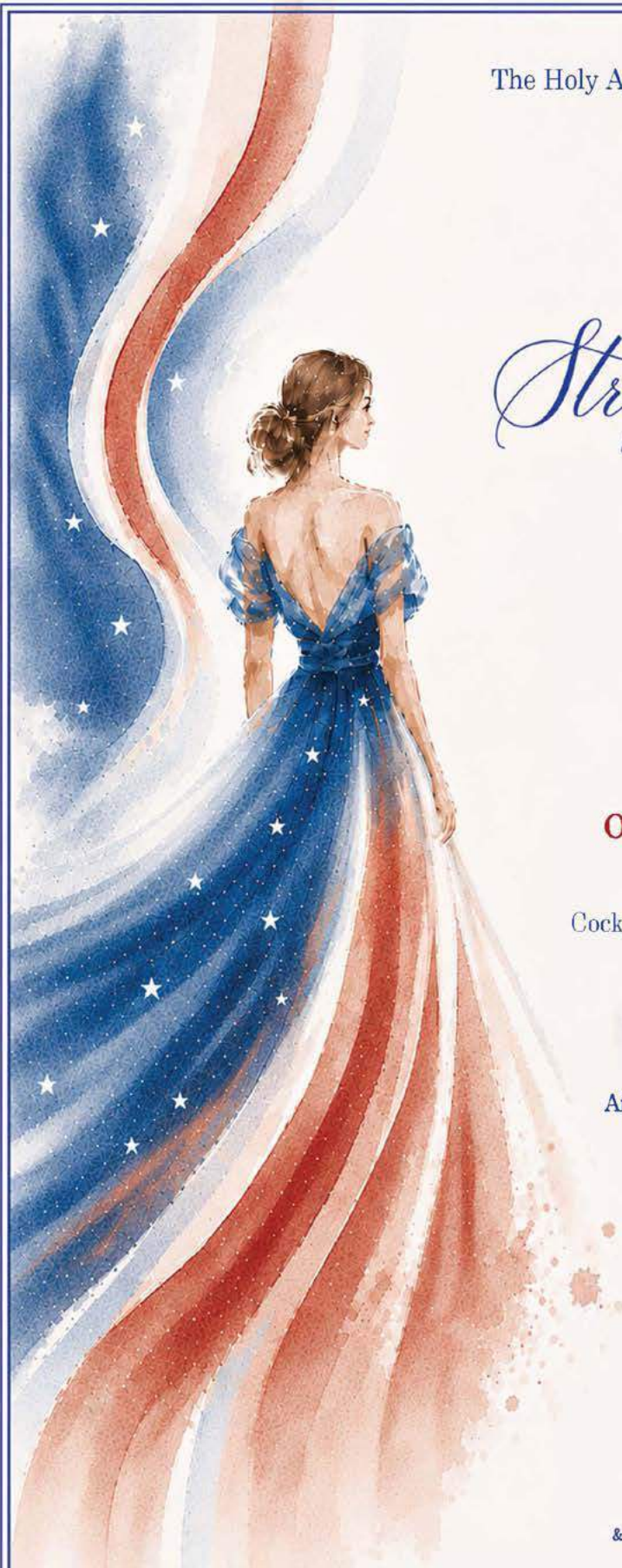
**Our Caregiver Support Group is a safe and confidential space within our parish community to share concerns, resources, receive advice, to share experiences and to understand that you are not alone.**

Our members are either going through the caregiving experience or have remained as part of our group even after the passing of their family member to help others. We are here to offer a helping and understanding hand to our parishioners.

***Please Join Us For Discussion & Coffee!***

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.*



The Holy Apostles Philoptochos Society Presents

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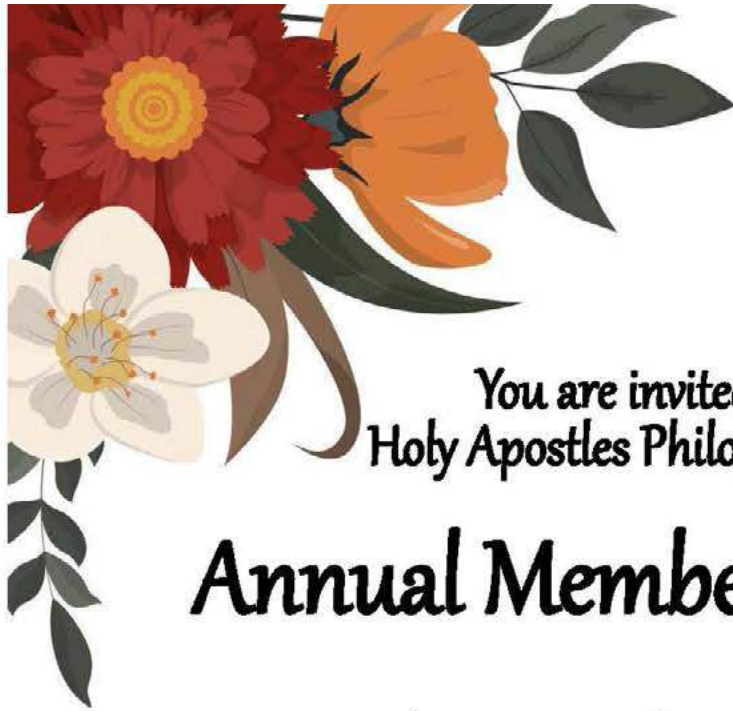
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# Annual Membership Night

Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:30pm

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## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JULY 16 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

PC SECRETARY: PATTY PAPPAS; EDITED: VAL DRANIAS

President James Maragos called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM. Father Nicholas Georgiou offered the opening prayer. Ted Dres led the recitation of the Holy Apostles Mission Statement.

*"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)."*

Sandra Pihos moved to approve the June 18, 2026 Parish Council Meeting Minutes. Mike Parafink seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence - Patty Pappas:** A handwritten thank-you note was received from Deacon Perry expressing his gratitude for the parish's thoughtfulness and generosity in recognizing his 10-year anniversary as a deacon and for the gift of the complete Synaxarion of Saints book set.

A thank-you letter was received from Metropolitan Nathanael expressing his appreciation for the parish's hospitality and kindness during his recent visit in celebration of the Metropolitan's Name Day. Father Nicholas distributed a handout entitled *"Strengthening Parish Leadership: Best Practices of Christ-Centered Servant Leadership for Clergy and Laity,"* by Dr. Bill Marianes and Dr. Peter Tarhanidis. Council members took turns reading portions of the handout, followed by a brief group discussion.

### Ministry Reports

#### Financial – Report by George Antonopoulos

For January through June, the parish budgeted a profit of approximately \$77,000, compared with an actual profit of approximately \$148,000. The favorable variance was primarily attributable to stewardship, cemetery plot collections, and the Hellenic Academy. Operating cash was reported at approximately \$1,091,000, compared with approximately \$943,000 at the beginning of the 2026 calendar year. The capital account balance was approximately \$592,000, compared with the previously reported \$556,000 at the beginning of the 2026 calendar year. The Hellenic Academy was approximately \$18,000 above budget and received two grants.

#### Stewardship – Report by Steven Milak

Stewardship pledges for 2026 are approximately \$100,000 higher than 2025, with the amount collected at approximately \$85,000. Despite the increase in dollars collected, the number of stewards continues to be a concern and is at its lowest level since the COVID period, with only 2020 being lower. The Council discussed the continuing gap between stewardship revenue and the amount necessary to fully fund parish operating expenses. Members emphasized that increased stewardship revenue should not create complacency regarding the downward trend in the number of stewards. Discussion focused on the need to identify why individuals and families who celebrate sacraments at Holy Apostles do not necessarily become stewards of the parish. Additional efforts should focus on attracting new stewards and retaining existing parishioners.

| STEWARDSHIP REPORT |            |            |          |
|--------------------|------------|------------|----------|
| Metric             | 2026 TOTAL | 2025 TOTAL | % Change |
| Number of Pledges  | 568        | 566        | 0%       |
| Total Pledged      | \$860,880  | \$761,192  | 13%      |
| Amount Collected   | \$708,825  | \$625,070  | 13%      |
| Median Pledge      | \$700      | \$700      | 0%       |
| Average Pledge     | \$1,516    | \$1,345    | 13%      |

#### Building & Grounds – Report by Chris Pepke

An extensive update was provided regarding the church HVAC system and the work being performed by Hill Mechanical. Hill Mechanical assumed responsibility for the system at the end of April and identified numerous installation and operational

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issues. It was reported that approximately 75% of the technical portions reviewed were not installed in accordance with applicable installation guidelines. Hill Mechanical has made numerous corrections to the system, including addressing connections and refrigerant issues. The company is documenting its work with photographs and conducting pressure and other system testing. The system has been restored to a temporary operating condition and has been maintaining temperatures near 70 degrees.

Additional compressor and system issues remain under review. Because extensive repairs may require shutting down the system, the current plan is to maintain the temporary solution and undertake additional repairs in the fall when cooling demands are lower. A significant concern involves the underground refrigerant lines. If the current repair efforts are unsuccessful, relocating the units closer to the rear property line may need to be considered to shorten the refrigerant line runs.

Preliminary estimates discussed included approximately \$20,000 for mechanical room work and potentially an additional \$60,000 if the units must be relocated. Hill Mechanical cannot guarantee the ultimate extent of the repairs because additional issues are being identified as work progresses.

The Council discussed concerns regarding the original HVAC installation by Heat Engineering, including whether warranty requirements were properly completed and whether the system was appropriately designed, installed, and supported. The Council also discussed the economizer/control system that was added after the original HVAC installation at an additional cost of approximately \$25,000–\$40,000 and whether it should have been included in the original design. Renting a temporary air-conditioning system of sufficient size for the church was estimated at approximately \$50,000, if needed.

Repairs to the men's and women's restroom toilets were also reviewed. Toilet seals were replaced, the sewer lines were inspected with a camera, and no imminent drainage problems were identified. The repairs are currently holding. The Council discussed communicating the HVAC situation to parishioners in simplified terms and explaining the significant capital needs facing the parish.

### **Ushering** – Report by Ted Dres

Parish Council members were asked to provide Ted Dres with their vacation and unavailable dates for September through December so that the ushering schedule for the remainder of the year can be prepared as soon as possible. The upcoming holiday season will include numerous services requiring adequate usher coverage.

### **Missions** – Report by Peter Bell

The Project Mexico participants departed on July 16. The Council discussed the recent passing of Father John Ketchum of Racine, Wisconsin, following a lengthy battle with kidney cancer. Father Ketchum served the clergy, Archdiocese, and Metropolis and is survived by his Presvytera and five children. The family is facing significant financial hardship. Father Nicholas discussed the family's circumstances and the importance of assisting them. The Council discussed previous precedent for donations to families in similar circumstances and the possibility of publicizing the family's story and providing parishioners with an opportunity to contribute. Steven Milak moved to donate \$2,000 to the family of Father John Ketchum based upon Father Nicholas's report. Terry Chiganos seconded the motion. Motion carried by majority vote. The Council also agreed to provide parishioners with an opportunity to contribute through a collection basket and electronic giving link.

## **Old Business**

### **Front Office Employee Search** – Report by Sandra Pihos

The Front Office Employee Search was discussed in the Executive Session.

### **Fundraising Committee** – Report by James Maragos

Jen Morgan of the Winkler Group is conducting interviews as part of the capital campaign assessment process. The coordinators, Joanna Farris and Georgia Kass, have contacted approximately 150 individuals identified for the interview and research process. Terry Chiganos, Steve Savas, and Peter Bell met with Jen Morgan and provided additional names for interview consideration. Jen Morgan will present her findings report to the Parish Council on August 20 at 6:00 PM, prior to the regularly scheduled Parish Council meeting. Following the presentation, the Council will determine whether to proceed to the next phase of the campaign. The anticipated cost to retain the Winkler Group for the silent/quiet campaign phase is approximately \$12-15,000 per month. A steering committee of approximately 12–15 individuals will be needed if the campaign proceeds.

### **Pushpay Update** – Report by Andrea San Luis

Andrea distributed a handout providing an overview of the Pushpay platform. Pushpay provides an integrated ecosystem consisting of four primary components: Giving, Church App, Church Management Software (ChMS), and Insights & Analytics. Initial development of the church app has been completed.

Toni Milak, Alexa Kakis, and Andrea participated in the development process, and information from the church website was used to build the initial version. Additional modifications are underway. The ChMS will replace or integrate functions currently performed

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through PDS, including member information, directories, groups, attendance, communications, and volunteer management. Parishioner information from PDS has been migrated to the new system. Activation emails were sent to parishioners; approximately 50 individuals had activated their accounts as of the meeting. As parishioners register for programs and activities, their information will automatically update within the system. The Insights & Analytics component will provide tools to analyze parish trends and engagement once implementation is complete. It was noted that the system uses a closed AI environment and parish data is not shared externally. Implementation is progressing in phases, with the first component completed, two components in progress, and the final analytics component pending. The goal had been to roll out the system by August 1 in connection with youth registration; however, meeting that date may be challenging.

Holy Apostles will eventually have its own branded app. During implementation, the app will operate under the MyChurch platform. Additional volunteers are needed to assist with implementation.

### **Youth Worker Protection & Sexual Harassment Prevention Training** – Report by Patty Pappas

All Parish Council members are currently compliant with required Youth Worker Protection and Sexual Harassment Prevention training. Several youth volunteers need to update their compliance; however, they are not currently participating in youth activities. Andrea San Luis is aware of the outstanding requirements and will contact those volunteers before fall youth activities begin.

### **Open House Review** – Report by James Maragos and Patty Pappas

Appreciation was expressed to all volunteers who assisted with the Open House and to the bakers who provided Greek pastries. Approximately 20 or more visitors attended the event. The church tours, desserts, and beverages were well received. Several visitors expressed interest in learning more about Orthodoxy or returning to the Orthodox faith.

Volunteers reported that they enjoyed meeting visitors, and the tour guides particularly enjoyed providing church tours. The Council discussed the need for significantly more publicity and community outreach to increase future attendance. If the Open House becomes an annual event, a larger planning committee and longer-range planning will be necessary. The timing of the event was discussed, as June is a particularly busy time of year.

A fall date may be considered for future events. Suggestions for future events included marketing it as an "Open House & Bake Sale," incorporating food trucks or a food festival component, or coordinating the Open House with another parish event such as the Family Picnic.

Combining the Open House with the Family Picnic could provide efficiencies because tents, tables, and chairs would already be rented and available.

### **Safety Committee** – Report by Steven Milak and Mike Parafink

The security grant application was submitted prior to the July 6 deadline. The State of Illinois confirmed receipt of the application and will apply to the federal government on behalf of the church. The parish is seeking grant funding of up to \$200,000 for safety improvements to our building.

### **Archdiocese Clergy-Laity Congress Review** – Report by James Maragos and Sandra Pihos

Father Nicholas, President James Maragos, Vice President Sandra Pihos, and parishioner Joan Berg attended the Clergy-Laity Congress. The Congress included presentations covering numerous aspects of church life, such as stewardship, leadership, safety, youth engagement, and parish administration. Attendees commented positively on the liturgical environment, choir, cantors, presentations, and overall organization of the Congress.

Stewardship discussions emphasized that median giving may provide a more meaningful measure than average giving. The importance of creating leadership paths for young adults was discussed. Parishes were encouraged to engage newcomers personally within their first six months, as individual contact can significantly improve long-term parish involvement and retention.

The same personal-engagement model can be used with existing stewards by identifying their interests and connecting them with appropriate ministries. One concept discussed was asking ministry leaders to personally engage approximately 10 stewards. Stewardship was presented not simply as giving, but as a ministry of caring and connecting.

The Congress also discussed proportional giving and encouraging parishioners to identify their current percentage of giving and gradually increase it toward tithing. Personal testimonials regarding how tithing changes an individual's perspective on church and life were suggested as a potential stewardship tool. A church insurance initiative was discussed in which Chubb has been identified as a potential carrier. The concept would involve identifying the insurance needs of participating churches and developing a group program if approximately 150 churches participate.

Father Nicholas reported on several additional Archdiocese initiatives, including a 403(b) pension plan for nonprofit employees, and a newly developed Sunday School curriculum anticipated for the 2027-2028 school year.

## **Parish Council Meeting Notes** *(continued)*

Father Nicholas reported that the Archdiocese is in a significantly stronger financial position, with improved transparency and systems in place to maintain financial stability. The Leadership 100 initiative will provide funding support for various projects, including the seminary and orphanage.

The Archdiocese budget increased approximately 3.2%, generally consistent with inflation. Sandra Pihos suggested establishing a mechanism for individuals to submit ideas before future meetings so they can be considered in advance. The Council also discussed improving parish financial reporting and auditing, including financial statements from our accountants and greater involvement by parishioners with CPA expertise for the Audit Committee. Further exploration is anticipated before year-end.

### **Church Directory** – Report by Andrea San Luis

No report.

### **Volunteer Meeting/New Initiatives Protocol** – Report by Sandra Pihos

Approximately 20 individuals participated in a meeting focused on volunteerism and ways to attract and engage additional volunteers. The group generated numerous ideas, and the initiative will continue. Information from a Clergy-Laity session on volunteer engagement will be shared with the group.

Any proposed new programs or initiatives should be presented to the Parish Council before implementation so that parish efforts remain coordinated and ministries do not operate in silos. Future discussions will focus on identifying gaps in parish programming, barriers to successful volunteer engagement, the types of volunteers needed, and methods for reaching different groups within the parish.

### **Hellenic Academy** – Report by Nicole Ostendorf

No report.

## **New Business**

### **Golf Outing** – Report by James Maragos

Approximately 90–95 golfers participated in the Golf Outing. The dinner was well received. Peter Poteres coordinated sponsorships for the event. Approximately \$28,000 was raised, with anticipated net proceeds of approximately \$20,000–\$24,000. Appreciation was expressed to Parish Council members Ted Dres, Terry Chiganos, Mike Parafink, and Mike Thiakos who attended and supported the event.

### **Church Insurance** – Report by James Maragos and Sandra Pihos

The church insurance initiative was discussed as part of the Clergy-Laity report above.

### **Key Dates**

Saturday, August 15 – Dormition of the Theotokos Liturgy, 9:00 AM.

Thursday, August 20 – Winkler Group Presentation at 6:00 PM, followed by the Parish Council Meeting.

### **Executive Session**

The Parish Council entered Executive Session at 9:25 PM to discuss personnel matters. The Parish Council concluded Executive Session at 9:42 PM and returned to the regular meeting.

### **Closing Prayer**

Father Nicholas offered the closing prayer.

### **Adjournment**

Steven Milak moved to adjourn the meeting. Terry Chiganos seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

President James Maragos adjourned the meeting at 9:43 PM.

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                    | Mon                                                                                            | Tue                                                                                                                                                                  | Wed                                  | Thu                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Fri                                                  | Sat                                                                                                                                                                  |
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|                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                | <b>1 Ecclesiastical New Year</b><br>8:00 am Orthros<br>9:00 am Divine Liturgy<br>7:00 pm Philoptochos Board Meeting                                                  | <b>2</b>                             | <b>3</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>4</b><br>7:00 pm Small Paraklesis - for the sick  | <b>5</b><br>5:00 pm Vespers                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>6</b><br>8:15 am – 9:30 am Orthros<br>9:30 am Divine Liturgy<br>11:30 am Fellowship Hour<br>3:00 pm Wedding                                                         | <b>7 LABOR DAY</b><br>Office Closed                                                            | <b>8 Nativity of the Theotokos</b><br>8:00 am Orthros<br>9:00 am Divine Liturgy<br>4:30 pm Hellenic Academy<br>Agiasmos / Meet & Greet (MPR)<br>7:00 pm GOYA Meeting | <b>9</b><br>10:00 am TOTS            | <b>10</b><br>6:45 am Brotherhood of St. Peter<br>1:00 pm Bible Study<br>4:30 pm Hellenic Academy (First Day of School)<br>7:30 pm YAL Bible Study (GOYA Room)                                                   | <b>11</b>                                            | <b>12</b><br>3:00 pm Wedding<br>5:00 pm Vespers                                                                                                                      |
| <b>13</b><br>8:15 am Orthros<br>9:30 am Divine Liturgy (Sunday School following Communion)<br>11:30 am Ministry Fair<br>Coffee Hour<br>12:30 pm Baptism                | <b>14 Feast Day of the Elevation of the Cross</b><br>8:00 am Orthros<br>9:00 am Divine Liturgy | <b>15</b><br>4:30 pm Hellenic Academy<br>6:30 pm JOY<br>7:00 pm Neighborhood Bible Study - LaGrange                                                                  | <b>16</b><br>7:00 pm Jr GOYA Meeting | <b>17 Feast Day of St. Sophia &amp; Daughters</b><br>1:00 pm Bible Study<br>4:30 pm Hellenic Academy<br>6:00 pm Evening Divine Liturgy<br>7:30 pm Parish Council Meeting<br>7:30 pm YAL Bible Study (GOYA Room) | <b>18</b><br>7:00 pm Small Paraklesis - for the sick | <b>19</b><br>5:00 pm Vespers                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>20 Feast Day of St. Eustathios</b><br>8:15 am Orthros<br>9:30 am Divine Liturgy (Sunday School following Communion)<br>11:30 am Fellowship Hour<br>12:30 pm Baptism | <b>21</b>                                                                                      | <b>22</b><br>4:30 pm Hellenic Academy<br>6:30 pm Philoptochos General Meeting – Purple Pig Oakbrook<br>7:00 pm GOYA Meeting                                          | <b>23</b><br>10:00 am TOTS           | <b>24</b><br>6:45 am Brotherhood of St. Peter<br>1:00 pm Bible Study<br>4:30 pm Hellenic Academy<br>6:15 pm Hellenic Academy Staff Meeting<br>7:15 pm Discoveries in Orthodoxy                                  | <b>25</b>                                            | <b>26 Feast Day of St. John the Theologian</b><br>8:00 am Orthros<br>9:00 am Divine Liturgy<br>10:00 am GOYA/Jr GOYA Car Wash<br>11:00 am Baptism<br>5:00 pm Vespers |
| <b>27</b><br>8:15 am Orthros<br>9:30 am Divine Liturgy (Sunday School following Communion)<br>11:30 am Fellowship Hour                                                 | <b>28</b>                                                                                      | <b>29</b><br>4:30 pm Hellenic Academy                                                                                                                                | <b>30</b>                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                      |

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Sophia Acitelli

### SEPTEMBER

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George and Demetra Papadakis  
Peter and Maria Magdalinos  
Sam (Sotirios) Magdalinos  
Athanasia Maillis  
Angela Koutsis  
Daniel Koutsis  
Ioanna Burtzos

## BAPTISMS

### AUGUST

Valentina Athanasia, daughter of Anthony & Stephanie Pacilli  
*Sponsor: Michael Bagnole*

### SEPTEMBER

Anthony Alexander, son of Anthony & Maria Monaco  
*Sponsor: Agelo Reppas*

Harrison James, son of Anthony & Maria Monaco  
*Katherine Anargyros*

Henry, son of Michael & Alexa Levy  
*Sponsor: Niki and Elena Chronis*

## WEDDINGS

Christian Keys and Anastasia Polihronidis  
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