



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST GREEK ORTHODOX

An Orthodox Christian community striving to glorify God in all things, to embody the True Faith in our lives, to grow together as a parish family, and to serve our neighbor in love.

SUNDAY BULLETIN

MARCH 15, 2026

Today we commemorate:

- ◆ *Sunday of the Holy Cross*
- ◆ *Agapius & his Companions*
- ◆ *Manuel of Crete*

On duty this Sunday:

Pangari: Team A (St. Andrew)
Acolytes: Team B (Archangel Gabriel)

*Solemn Vespers at 6pm at
Sts. Peter & Paul, Glenview*



COME AND SEE THE RISEN LORD!

Join us each Sunday morning for
Orthros/Matins conducted
in Greek & English.

- ◇ Orthros Binders are in the narthex with service text
- ◇ Proper attire is required during church services.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Matins/Orthros..... 8:30am
Divine Liturgy 9:45am

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Matins/Orthros..... 8:00am
Divine Liturgy 9:00am

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ENTRANCE HYMN

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ
προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς
Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν,
ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Come let us worship and bow down
before Christ. Son of God, who rose
from the dead, save us who sing to
Thee, Alleluia.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION

GRAVE TONE

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν
θάνατον· ἠνέωξας τῷ ληστῇ τὸν
Παράδεισον· τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν
θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς
Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας, ὅτι
ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ
κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

You destroyed death by Your Cross,
You opened Paradise to the Robber.
You turned the Myrrh-bearing
Women's lament into joy, and You
commanded Your Apostles to preach
that You rose, O Christ God, granting
the world the great mercy.

APOLYTIKION FOR THE HOLY CROSS

IST TONE

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου, καὶ
εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου,
νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων
δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων,
διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless
Your inheritance, granting victory to
the faithful over the enemy, and by
Your Cross protecting Your
commonwealth.

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. AGAPIOS & HIS COMPANIONS

4TH TONE

Ἀγάπη τοῦ Κτίσαντος,
πεπυρσευμένος τὸν νοῦν, χορείαν
συνήθροισας, πανευκλεῶν Ἀθλητῶν,
Ἀγάπιε ἔνδοξε, ὅθεν σὺν τούτοις
Μάρτυς, ἀριστεύσας νομίμως, ξίφει
τὸν σὸν αὐχένα, σὺν αὐτοῖς
ἀπετμήθης, μεθ' ὧν ἐκδυσώπει,
δοῦναι ἡμῖν ἄφεσιν.

Agapios, lover of the Creator, having
set your mind aflame, you gathered a
company of illustrious athletes,
Agapios, glorious one. With them you
also became a martyr, having lawfully
excelled, kyou were beheaded with a
sword. With them you were beheaded,
and with them you intercede, granting
us forgiveness.

APOLYTIKION FOR THE GUARDIAN ANGEL

3RD TONE

Φύλαξ Ἄγγελε, φρούρει και σκέπε, τὸν δοθέντα σοι εἰς προστασίαν, ἀπὸ παντός σκοτεινοῦ παραπτώματος. Ἐκ κατηγήσεως γάρ ο Φιλάνθρωπος, πρὸς τὸν πιστὸν σε κατέστησε φύλακα. Ὅθεν Ἄγγελε, Χριστὸν τὸν Θεὸν ἰκέτευε, φυλάττων μέ πιστὸν Θεοῦ θεράποντα.

Guard and shelter me, who am entrusted to your guardianship, Guardian Angel, lest I fall into a dark sin of any kind. The Lord who loves all humanity assigns your kind to each believer at the time of their baptism as their guardian. And therefore entreat Christ our God, and guard me the believer, as the servant of God.

APOLYTIKION OF THE PARISH - ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

2ND TONE

Μνήμη Δικαίου μέτ' ἐγκωμίων, σοὶ δὲ ἀρκέσει ἡ μαρτυρία τοῦ Κυρίου Πρόδρομε· ἀνεδείχθης γὰρ ὄντως καὶ Προφητῶν σεβασμιώτερος, ὅτι καὶ ἐν ρείθροις βαπτίσει κατηξιώθης τὸν κηρυττόμενον. Ὅθεν τῆς ἀληθείας ὑπεραθλήσας, χαίρων εὐηγγελίσω καὶ τοῖς ἐν Ἄδῃ, Θεὸν φανερωθέντα ἐν σαρκί, τὸν αἴροντα τὴν ἀμαρτίαν τοῦ κόσμου, καὶ παρέχοντα ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

The memory of the just is observed with hymns of praise; for you suffices the testimony of the Lord, O Forerunner. You have proved to be truly more ven'erable than the Prophets, since you were granted to baptize in the river the One whom they proclaimed. Therefore, when for the truth you had contested, rejoicing, to those in Hades you preached the Gospel, that God was manifested in the flesh, and takes away the sin of the world, and grants to us great mercy.

KONTAKION FOR ANNUNCIATION

2ND TONE

Τῇ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, Ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια, Ἀναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε. Ἄλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, Ἐκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, Ἵνα κράζω σοι· Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

O Champion General, to you belongs our prize of victory! And since you saved us from adversity, we offer you our thanks. We are your people, O Mother of God! So, as you have that invincible power, continue to deliver us from danger that we may cry out to you: Hail O Virgin and Bride ever pure!



THE EPISTLE— HEBREWS 4:14-16; 5:1-6

Ας κρατήσουμε, λοιπόν, σταθερά την πίστη που ομολογούμε. Γιατί έχουμε μέγαν αρχιερέα —τον Ιησού, τον Υιό του Θεού— που έφτασε ως το θρόνο του Θεού. Δεν έχουμε αρχιερέα που να μην μπορεί να συμμαριστεί τις αδυναμίες μας. Αντίθετα, έχει δοκιμαστεί σε όλα, επειδή έγινε άνθρωπος σαν κι εμάς, χωρίς όμως να αμαρτήσει. Ας πλησιάσουμε, λοιπόν, με θάρρος το θρόνο της χάριτος του Θεού, για να μας σπλαχνιστεί και να μας δωρίσει τη χάρη του, την ώρα που τη χρειαζόμαστε. Κάθε αρχιερέας που προέρχεται από ανθρώπους, εγκαθίσταται για να υπηρετεί το Θεό για χάρη τους και για να προσφέρει δώρα και θυσίες για τις αμαρτίες τους. Είναι σε θέση να δείχνει ανοχή σ' όσους ζουν στην άγνοια και στην πλάνη, αφού κι ο ίδιος έχει ανθρώπινες αδυναμίες. Εξαιτίας τους είναι υποχρεωμένος να προσφέρει, όπως για το λαό, έτσι και για τον εαυτό του, θυσίες για τη συγχώρηση των αμαρτιών. Επίσης, κανένας δεν παίρνει μόνος του αυτή την τιμή, αλλά όταν τον καλέσει ο Θεός, όπως ακριβώς κάλεσε τον Ααρών. Έτσι κι ο Χριστός, δεν τίμησε ο ίδιος τον εαυτό του με το αξίωμα του αρχιερέα, αλλά του το έδωσε εκείνος που του είπε:

Εσύ είσαι ο Υιός μου, εγώ σήμερα σε γέννησα. Σ' ένα άλλο σημείο η Γραφή λέει: Εσύ είσαι ιερέας για πάντα όπως ο Μελχισεδέκ.

Brethren, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."



THE HOLY GOSPEL MARK 8:34-38; 9:1

Ο Ιησούς κάλεσε τότε τον κόσμο μαζί με τους μαθητές και τους είπε: «Όποιος θέλει να με ακολουθήσει, ας απαρνηθεί τον εαυτό του, ας σηκώσει το σταυρό του κι ας με ακολουθεί. Γιατί όποιος θέλει να σώσει τη ζωή του θα τη χάσει· όποιος όμως χάσει τη ζωή του εξαιτίας μου και εξαιτίας του ευαγγελίου, αυτός θα τη σώσει. Τι θα ωφεληθεί ο άνθρωπος, αν κερδίσει ολόκληρο τον κόσμο αλλά χάσει τη ζωή του; Τι μπορεί να δώσει ο άνθρωπος αντάλλαγμα για τη ζωή του; Όποιος, ζώντας μέσα σ' αυτή τη γενιά την άπιστη κι αμαρτωλή, ντραπεί για μένα και για τη διδασκαλία μου, θα ντραπεί γι' αυτόν και ο Υιός του Ανθρώπου, όταν έρθει με όλη τη λαμπρότητα του Πατέρα του, μαζί με τους αγίους αγγέλους». Τους έλεγε ακόμη ο Ιησούς: «Σας βεβαιώνω πως υπάρχουν μερικοί ανάμεσα σ' αυτούς που βρίσκονται εδώ, οι οποίοι δε θα γευτούν το θάνατο, πριν δουν να έρχεται δυναμικά η βασιλεία του Θεού».

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."



This Week at St. John the Baptist

Sunday, March 15

- **8:30am Orthros 9:45am Divine Liturgy (MC)**
- 9:15am Sunday School
- **6pm Solemn Vespers for the Vicariate of the North Suburban Chicago (Sts. Peter & Paul, Glenview)**

Monday, March 16

- 9am Philoptochos Dream Team Baking (kitchen)
- **6pm Great Compline**
- 6pm Faith (Kindergarten - 2nd Grade) Youth Night (begins with Great Compline)
- 7pm March Finance Committee

Tuesday, March 17

- **9am PreSanctified Liturgy St. Alexios Man of God (MC)**
- 6pm Philoptochos Board Meeting
- 7pm Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 18

- 10am Martha & Mary Women's Study Group
- 4:30pm Greek Immersion Program
- **6pm 9th Hour & PreSanctified Liturgy** followed by:
Lenten Dinner (hosted by Pythagoras Greek School) &
Lenten Lecture Series (speakers: Georgia Katsis & Joanna Christopoulos;
(Topic: *Building Together: In Faith, In Language, In Culture*)

Thursday, March 19

- 9am Philoptochos Dream Team Baking (kitchen)
- 7pm Guardian Angel School Board Meeting

Friday, March 20

- **9am PreSanctified Liturgy (MC)**
- 10am Meal Prep for Feed My Neighbor & 5pm Curbside Pickup
- 5pm Catechumen Class
- **7pm Salutations to the Theotokos 4th Stanza (GAC)**

Saturday, March 21

- 11am Pythagoras Greek School Independence Day Program
- 9am Ellinomatheia
- **5pm Great Vespers (MC)**

Sunday, March 22

- **8:30am Orthros 9:45am Divine Liturgy (MC)**
- 9:15am Sunday School
- 12pm Pasta for a Purpose following Divine Liturgy
- 1pm BAPTISM of: Ioanna Parents: Renaldo Jovani & Leonora Mema
Godparent: Margarita Kreka

Community Focus

Find more info on these events on the church website.



Jr. Olympics Coaches Needed: We are in need of coaches for Jr. Olympics! If you are interested in coaching, please email Pericles Petropulos at athletics@stjohnthebaptistgoc.org and let him know which sport and age group you would be interested in.

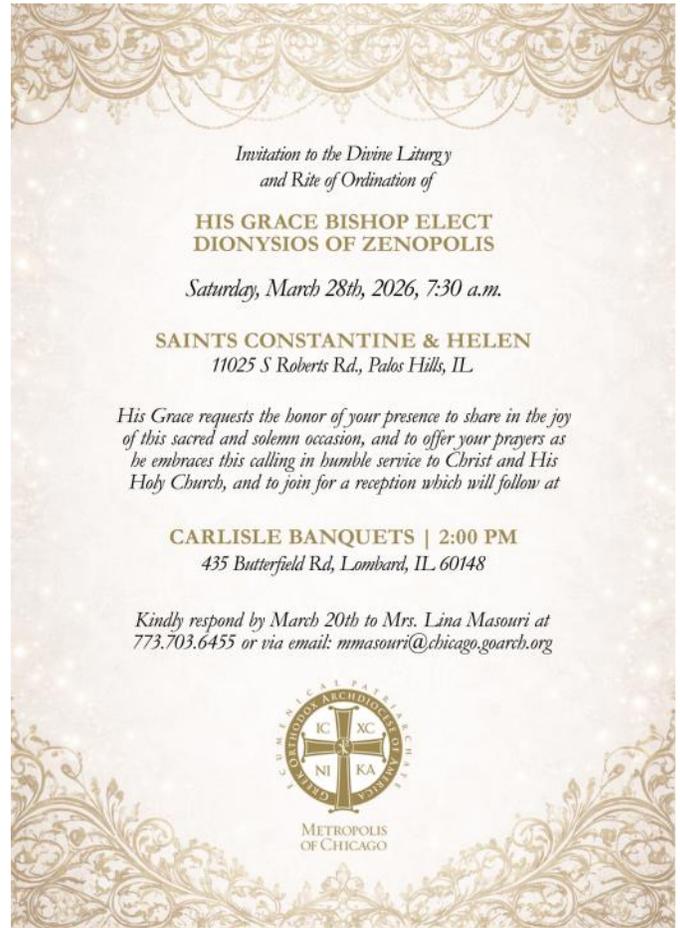
Calling all Altar Boys/Acolytes from 1996-2026: We will host a reunion on the Sunday of St Mary of Egypt. (March 29th) of the many generations of altar boys who served during Fr. John's ministry from 1996 to 2026, allowing them to stand together in the altar and participate in the Divine Liturgy as one body. We hope this will be a meaningful opportunity to honor Fr. John's pastoral legacy and celebrate three decades of faithful service. If interested, please contact Nick Kladis. (312) 848-963, nickkladis123@gmail.com

Visit the Church Website Under *Around the Metropolis and beyond* for more information on the following:

- Illinois Pro-Life March
- Outdoor Orthodoxy - A Hike with the Saints

A Message about Stewardship

“A different pattern of behavior is exhibited by a small number of people who are pleasing to God. They have become the masters of their own wealth. And they have used it, as if it were their faithful slave, to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, to free the debtors who are insolvent and in prison. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Job, Joseph, David acted like this. Money was not the master of these people; they were the masters of their money.”
St. Philoxenus



It is the season for us to renew our commitment as part of the New Creation in Christ and as Stewards of St. John the Baptist.

If you haven't already, please review the invitation sent by mail or follow the QR code.

St. John the Baptist Pythagoras Greek School Presents:

Greek Storytime

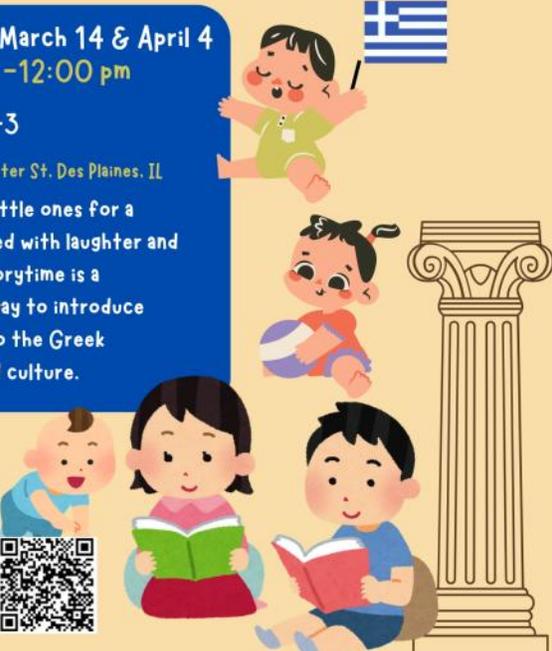
Saturday, March 14 & April 4
11:00 am - 12:00 pm

For ages 0-3

2350 E Dempster St. Des Plaines, IL

Bring your little ones for a morning filled with laughter and learning! Storytime is a wonderful way to introduce your child to the Greek language and culture.

REGISTER HERE

PYTHAGORAS GREEK SCHOOL
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

GREEK SCHOOL FAMILY NIGHT with the



CHICAGO WOLVES

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21 AT 7PM
VS. ROCKFORD ICEHOGS**

**ALL MINISTRIES
ARE WELCOMED!**

\$30 PER PERSON

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TICKETS
BY 3/15/26



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6920 N. Mannheim Road
Rosemont, IL 60018
*PARKING NOT INCLUDED

JOIN THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF PYTHAGORAS GREEK SCHOOL OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST FOR AN EXCITING NIGHT OF HOCKEY AND COMMUNITY FUN AT A CHICAGO WOLVES GAME!

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- GROUP SEATING SO WE CAN ALL CHEER TOGETHER
- A FREE CHICAGO WOLVES HAT FOR EVERY ATTENDEE
- A SPECIAL GREEK SCARF
- OUR GROUP NAME FEATURED ON THE LED BOARDS DURING THE GAME
- POSTGAME SKATE ON THE ICE (PLEASE NOTE: SKATE RENTAL IS NOT INCLUDED)

DON'T MISS THIS FUN-FILLED EVENING OF HOCKEY AND CELEBRATION WITH OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY!



ΕΠΙΣΗΜΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ ΠΥΘΑΓΟΡΑΣ

Pascha Lambades Sale

Available for purchase after
Divine Liturgy
Beginning March 15
and during Holy Week
at the church office

PRICES BEGIN AT \$20

For inquiries please email:
pto@sjbpythagoras.org



SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Palm Sunday Fish Fry

April 5th following the Divine Liturgy

Delicious Fried Cod, Salad, Vegetables, Fruit, Apple Pie!



All proceeds to support GOYA endeavors

Adults: \$25
Children under 18: \$15
Children under 5: Free

RSVP TODAY!



Order your
Pascha Tsourekia!
\$18



2026 Lenten Lecture Series

Sponsored by the Stewardship Committee



The Light of Christ Illumines All!
Lenten Lights of our Parish

Wednesday Evenings during Great Lent

6:00 PM -9th Hour followed by Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

7:30 PM - Dinner followed by Presentation

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church



Lent affords all Orthodox Christians a time of reflection and spiritual strengthening with increased fasting, prayer, and services as we move towards the Passion and glorious, saving Resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. Each Wednesday evening during Great and Holy Lent we will be offering edifying lectures at St. John the Baptist. These Lectures will take place after the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy and meal provided by one of our many wonderful Ministries.

FEBRUARY 25
Mr. Antoni P...
Mrs. ...
RESILIENCE IN OUR WORLD
& FAITH
Host: Youth Ministry

MARCH 1
Fr. John Rallis
PROUD TO BE EUROMPIA
- RAINING PAISIT
Host: ...
Orthodox ...

MARCH 8
Mrs. ...
Mrs. ...
CHANGING THE WORLD
PHILANTHROPY
NATIONAL ...
Host: ...

MARCH 18
Mrs. Georgia Katsis &
Mrs. Joanna Christopoulos
BUILDING TOGETHER: IN FAITH,
IN LANGUAGE, IN CULTURE
Host: Pythagoras
Greek School

APRIL 1
Mr. Peter Stamatis
A VISION: THE STORY
OF OUR SCHOOL
Host: Parish Council



More Information

www.stjohnthebaptistgoc.org



In support of Taras, Liuda & David

This year, our community will rally around the Ivakh family, beloved parishioners who face significant medical challenges. Husband and father, Taras, is working hard to provide 24/7 care for his wife, Liuda, who is wheelchair-bound due to rapid onset of Multiple Sclerosis and kidney failure, requiring dialysis every other day. Their 10-year-old son, David, who is autistic and nonverbal, is a cherished member of our ALL IN Ministry and special education Sunday Church School class. All funds raised will provide financial relief for medical and living expenses and legal fees for this Ukrainian immigrant family working toward American citizenship.



PASTA FOR A PURPOSE

Sunday, March 22

after Divine Liturgy, Dine In or Carry Out

PASTA Marinara with Shrimp \$25

or
PASTA Marinara \$20

Served with side salad, garlic bread, roast vegetables and spanakopita

Pre-Order by Friday, March 20,
in any of three ways:

Fill out an order form and submit to the church office with a check or cash

or

Order online at www.stjohnthebaptistgoc.org/philoptochos

or

Use the QR code to order:



Write your check to "Ladies Philoptochos of St. John the Baptist" with "P4aP2026" in the memo section.

Walk-in's are welcome as long as the food lasts!

Questions? Email philoptochos@stjohnthebaptistgoc.org or call 312-802-2854.

LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE

PRE-ORDER NOW!



Pick up on Saturday, April 4th 11am-1pm
Sunday April 5th after Divine Liturgy

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR ORDER FORMS OR ORDER ONLINE NOW THROUGH APRIL 1st
WWW.STJOHNTHEBAPTISTGOC.ORG/PHILOPTOCHOS

More Treats and Desserts for sale at pick-up!

Proceeds will go towards local charities

QUESTIONS? CONTACT VICKIE SYREGGELAS 847-736-5518

SAVE THE DATE

ROSÉ

and

RADIANCE

A SISTERHOOD
in bloom

Saturday, May 2nd, 2026
at 11 am
Concorde Banquets, Kildeer, IL

formal invitation to follow





Guardian Angel Orthodox Day School

Ημερήσιο Ορθόδοξο σχολείο «Φύλαξ Άγγελος»

Πρόσκληση-Invitation



Η Έξοδος του Μεσολογγίου
200 χρόνια (1826-2026)

Το σχολείο «Φύλαξ Άγγελος» της κοινότητας του Αγίου Ιωάννη του Βαπτιστή, σας προσκαλεί στην εκδήλωση εορτασμού του Ευαγγελισμού της Θεοτόκου και της Εθνικής μας Επετείου της 25^{ης} Μαρτίου 1821 την Τετάρτη 25 Μαρτίου μετά την Θεία Λειτουργία στην αίθουσα εκδηλώσεων του σχολείου μας.

The Guardian Angel Orthodox Day School invites you to celebrate with us the Annunciation of The Theotokos at 9 am, at the Parish of St. John The Baptist followed by our Greek Independence Day Program

Wednesday, March 25th, (following Divine Liturgy) in the Great Hall of St. John, The Baptist

We look forward to seeing you all!
Θα είναι χαρά μας να μας τιμήσετε με την παρουσία σας!

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JOIN US FOR THE
2026

Men's Weekend Retreat

FRIDAY, MARCH 20 - SUNDAY, MARCH 22

Please help welcome featured speaker Very Rev. Fr. Theodore Petrides.
TWO SPECIAL SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS ON SATURDAY, FOLLOWED BY SMALL LITURGY ON SUNDAY.

JOIN US FOR MEN'S FELLOWSHIP, WITH OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATIONS & LENTEN DINING!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MATTHEW MIGLAUTSCH AT
STS.CH.ORTHODOXMENFELLOWSHIP@GMAIL.COM

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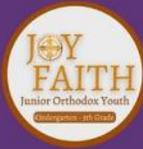
✠ SOLEMN LENTEN VESPERS ✠

Sunday, March 15, 2026
6:00 PM

Hosted by
Saints Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church
Glenview, Illinois

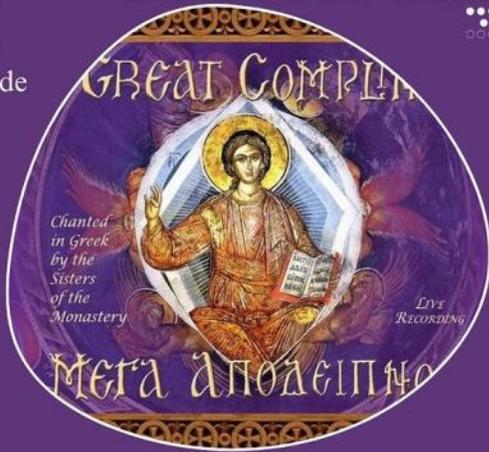
Participating Parishes:
Holy Taxiarchai & Saint Haralambos
Ascension of Our Lord
Saint Demetrios
Saint Nektarios
Saint John the Baptist
Saints Peter & Paul

*"Before Thy Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master,
and Thy holy Resurrection we glorify."*



March YOUTH NIGHT

FAITH
K - 2nd Grade



Lenten Prayer of St. Ephraim

MONDAY
MARCH 16, 2026

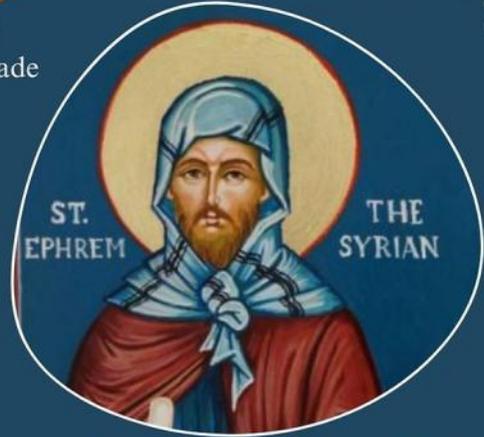
6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Join us for Great Compline followed by a discussion and activity.



March YOUTH NIGHT

JOY
3rd - 5th Grade



Lenten Prayer of St. Ephraim

MONDAY
MARCH 23, 2026

6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Join us for Great Compline followed by a discussion and activity.



FAMILY NIGHT OF SERVICE

MARCH 30, 2026

5-6 PM

Before Great Compline Service



Join us as we pack non-perishable food items for **Loving Lunches**, a local Des Plaines organization that provides meals to those in need. Children can also create motivational cards to include with the meals at hands-on stations.

This is a free event, but please sign up!

What a beautiful opportunity to practice almsgiving together during Great Lent. We hope to see you there!



Goodwill donations are encouraged to cover our cost of lunch items.



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

GOOD FRIDAY RETREAT



And a Sword Shall Pierce Your Own Soul The Theotokos at the Foot of the Cross

Friday, April 10, 2026
Noon until Apokathelosis Service
Check-in starts at 11:45 am
Kindergarten to 12th grade



FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CONTACT THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEAM AT
SUNDAYSCHOOL@STJOHNTHEBAPTISTGOC.ORG



BRIGHT FRIDAY CELEBRATION

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH - DES PLAINES
Friday, April 17, 2026
DOORS OPEN 6 PM
DINNER 7 PM



**Στα βήματα της Μεγαλόχαρης:
Από την Τήνο στο Σικάγο**

Music & Fun Activities



SCAN TO RESERVE YOUR SEATS



PLEASE REGISTER BY 4/5/26

Honoring Father John and Presvytera Irene Rallis



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

SAVE the DATE

MAY 17, 2026

An Evening of Love and Gratitude

HONORING
FR. JOHN & PRESVYTERA IRENE RALLIS

Invitation and details to follow




Jr. Olympics Registration is going live after Divine Liturgy today!




JUNIOR OLYMPICS

MAY 22-24
(FRIDAY-SUNDAY)

Events include:

- Soccer Coed (Ages: 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-18)
- Basketball Coed (7-10, 11-15)
- Track & Field (7-18)
- Swimming (7-18)
- Girls Volleyball (13-18)
- Boys Volleyball (13-18)
- Softball Coed (13-18)
- Chess/Checkers/Backgammon (7-18)
- Tennis (13-18)
- Table Tennis (13-18)
- Bowling Coed (13-18) - On Friday

REGISTER HERE:



REGISTER NOW!

COACHES STILL NEEDED!!!
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS EMAIL:
ATHLETICS@STJOHNTHEBAPTISTGOC.ORG




Daddy Daughter Dance

April 26
4-7 PM

St. John the Baptist Great Hall

\$60 per couple
\$30 for each additional daughter

Dinner will be provided

Please RSVP by 4/19



SAINTS COMMEMORATED THIS WEEK

March

Mon, 16

Sabine of Egypt, Christodulus of Patmos

Tues, 17

Alexios the Man of God, Patrick of Ireland

Wed, 18

Cyril Patriarch of Jerusalem, Trophimos & Eukarpion

Thurs, 19

Chrysanthus & Daria, Demetrios the New Martyr

Fri, 20

Fathers slain at the Monastery of St. Savas

Sat, 21

James the Confessor, Thomas Patriarch of Constantinople