



# 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 29, 2026

*Today we commemorate:*

- ♦ *Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt*
- ♦ *Mark Bishop of Arethusa,*
- ♦ *Cyril the Deacon*

### Today's Memorials

*ΑΙΩΝΙΑ Η ΜΝΗΜΗ ΑΥΤΩΝ!  
May their memory be eternal!*



- 40-day: Kathy Pantazis
- 3-mo: George Liosatos
- 1-year: Maria Psarrakos
- 3-year: Epaminondas (Peter) Broustis
- 7-year: Panagiota (Bertha) Broustis

### On duty this Sunday:

**Pangari:** Team A (St. Andrew)  
**Acolytes:** Acolytes who have served from 1996 to present  
*(Acolyte Team B: Archangel Gabriel during the week)*



## 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

### PLAGAL OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> TONE

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν  
Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν  
φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα,  
ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος  
τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ  
Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι  
Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου  
Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ  
οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

The stone having been sealed by the  
Pharisees and chief priests, and Your  
all-immaculate body being guarded by  
soldiers, You rose on the third day, O  
Lord and Savior, granting life unto the  
world. Then the powers of the heavens  
cried out to You, O Giver of Life, and  
shouted, “Glory to Your resurrection,  
O Christ! Glory to Your eternal rule!  
Glory to Your plan for saving us, only  
benevolent God!”

## APOLYTIKION FOR ST. MARY OF EGYPT

### 4<sup>TH</sup> TONE

Ἐν σοὶ Μηῆτερ ἀκριβῶς διεσώθη τὸ  
κατ’ εἰκόνα· λαβοῦσα γὰρ τὸν  
Σταυρόν, ἠκολούθησας τῷ Χριστῷ,  
καὶ πρᾶπτουσα ἐδίδασκες, ὑπερορᾶν  
μὲν σαρκός, παρέρχεται γὰρ·  
ἐπιμελεῖσθαι δὲ ψυχῆς, πράγματος  
ἀθανάτου· διὸ καὶ μετὰ Ἀγγέλων  
συναγάλλεται, ὅσια Μαρία τὸ πνεῦμά  
σου.

O Mother, is preserved undistorted  
what was made in the image of God;  
for taking up the cross, you followed  
Christ and by example taught, that we  
should overlook the flesh, since it  
passes away, and instead look after  
the soul, since it is immortal. And  
therefore, O devout Mary, your spirit  
rejoices with the angels.

## MEMORIAL APOLYTIKION

### PLAGAL OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> TONE

Μνήσθητι, Κύριε, ὡς ἀγαθὸς τῶν  
δούλων σου, καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῳ, ἥμαρτον  
συγχώρησον· οὐδεὶς γὰρ  
ἀναμάρτητος, εἰ μὴ σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος,  
καὶ τοῖς μεταστᾶσι, δοῦναι τὴν  
ἀνάπαυσιν.

Remember Your servants, O Lord,  
since You are good, and forgive them  
for all their sins in life; for no one is  
without sin except for You who are  
able to give rest to those who have  
passed away.

## APOLYTIKION FOR THE GUARDIAN ANGEL

3<sup>RD</sup> 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

2<sup>ND</sup> TONE

Μνήμη Δικαίου μέτ' ἐγκωμίων, σοὶ δὲ ἀρκέσει ἡ μαρτυρία τοῦ Κυρίου Πρόδρομε· ἀνεδείχθης γὰρ ὄντως και Προφητῶν σεβασμιώτερος, ὅτι και ἐν ρείθροις βαπτίσει κατηξιώθης τὸν κηρυττόμενον. Ὅθεν τῆς ἀληθείας ὑπεραθλήσας, χαίρων εὐηγγελίσω και τοῖς ἐν Ἄδη, Θεὸν φανερωθέντα ἐν σαρκί, τὸν αἴροντα τὴν ἁμαρτίαν τοῦ κόσμου, και 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

2<sup>ND</sup> TONE

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης, ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, και σπεῦσον εἰς ἰκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα αἰεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

O Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.



## THE EPISTLE— HEBREWS 9:11-14

Αντίθετα, ο Χριστός ήρθε ως αρχιερέας των αγαθών πραγμάτων που προσμένουμε. Η σκηνή στην οποία μπήκε είναι ανώτερη και τελειότερη. Δεν είναι ανθρώπινο κατασκεύασμα, μέρος δηλαδή αυτής της δημιουργίας. Ο Χριστός μπήκε μια για πάντα στα άγια των αγίων, για να προσφέρει αίμα όχι ταύρων και μοσχαριών, αλλά το δικό του αίμα· κι έτσι μας εξασφάλισε την αιώνια σωτηρία. Το αίμα των ταύρων και των τράγων, και το ράντισμα με τη στάχτη του δαμαλιού εξαγνίζουν τους θρησκευτικά ακάθαρτους καθαρίζοντάς τους εξωτερικά. Πόσο μάλλον το αίμα του Χριστού! Αυτός, έχοντας το Πνεύμα του Θεού, πρόσφερε τον εαυτό του άψογη θυσία στο Θεό, κι έτσι θα καθαρίσει τη συνείδησή σας από τα έργα που οδηγούν στο θάνατο, για να μπορείτε να λατρεύετε τον αληθινό Θεό.

Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.





Ανέβαιναν προς τα Ιεροσόλυμα. Ο Ιησούς προχωρούσε μπροστά από τους μαθητές του, που ήταν κυριευμένοι από δέος και τον ακολουθούσαν φοβισμένοι. Ο Ιησούς πήρε πάλι τους δώδεκα χωριστά κι άρχισε να τους λέει τα όσα ήταν να του συμβούν.

«Ακούστε», τους έλεγε· «τώρα που ανεβαίνουμε στα Ιεροσόλυμα, ο Υιός του Ανθρώπου θα παραδοθεί στους αρχιερείς και στους γραμματείς, που θα τον καταδικάσουν σε θάνατο και θα τον παραδώσουν στους εθνικούς. Θα τον περιγελάσουν, θα τον μαστιγώσουν, θα τον φτύσουν και θα τον θανατώσουν· και την τρίτη ημέρα θ' αναστηθεί». Πλησιάζουν τότε τον Ιησού ο Ιάκωβος και ο Ιωάννης, οι γιοι του Ζεβεδάιου, και του λένε: «Διδάσκαλε, θέλουμε να μας κάνεις τη χάρη που θα σου ζητήσουμε». «Τι θέλετε να κάνω για σας;» τους ρώτησε εκείνος. «Όταν θα εγκαταστήσεις την ενδοξη βασιλεία σου», του αποκρίθηκαν, «βάλε μας να καθίσουμε ο ένας στα δεξιά σου κι ο άλλος στα αριστερά σου». Ο Ιησούς τότε τους είπε: «Δεν ξέρετε τι ζητάτε. Μπορείτε να πιείτε το ποτήρι του πάθους που θα πω εγώ ή να βαφτιστείτε με το βάπτισμα με το οποίο θα βαφτιστώ εγώ;» «Μπορούμε», του λένε. Κι ο Ιησούς τους απάντησε: «Το ποτήρι που θα πω εγώ θα το πιείτε, και με το βάπτισμα των παθημάτων μου θα βαφτιστείτε· το να καθίσετε όμως στα δεξιά μου και στα αριστερά μου δεν μπορώ να σας το δώσω εγώ, αλλά θα δοθεί σ' αυτούς για τους οποίους έχει ετοιμαστεί». Όταν τ' άκουσαν αυτά οι υπόλοιποι δέκα μαθητές, άρχισαν ν' αγανακτούν με τον Ιάκωβο και τον Ιωάννη. Τους κάλεσε τότε ο Ιησούς και τους λέει: «Ξέρετε ότι αυτοί που θεωρούνται ηγέτες των εθνών ασκούν απόλυτη εξουσία πάνω τους, και οι άρχοντές τους τα καταδυναστεύουν. Σ' εσάς όμως δεν πρέπει να συμβαίνει αυτό, αλλά όποιος θέλει να γίνει μέγας ανάμεσά σας πρέπει να γίνει υπηρέτης σας· και όποιος από σας θέλει να είναι πρώτος πρέπει να γίνει δούλος όλων. Γιατί και ο Υιός του Ανθρώπου δεν ήρθε για να τον υπηρετήσουν, αλλά για να υπηρετήσει και να προσφέρει τη ζωή του λύτρο για όλους».

At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

## **This Week at St. John the Baptist**

### **Sunday, March 29**

- **8:30am Orthros 9:45am Divine Liturgy (MC)**
- 9:15am Sunday School
- *Coffee hour*: Sponsored by the family of George Liosatos in his memory
- General Assembly following Divine Liturgy

### **Monday, March 30**

- 9am Philoptochos Dream Team Baking
- 5pm Guardian Angel Family Night of Service
- **6pm Great Compline (GAC)**
- 7pm Metropolis YAL Board

### **Tuesday, March 31**

- 9am Philoptochos Dream Team Baking
- 7pm Parish Council Meeting

### **Wednesday, April 1**

- 9am Philoptochos Dream Team Baking
- 10am HOPE
- 4:30pm Greek Immersion Program
- 5:30pm Greek Independence Day Program
- **6pm 9th Hour & PreSanctified Liturgy** followed by:  
Lenten Dinner (hosted by Parish Council) &  
Lenten Lecture Series Speaker: Peter Stamatis  
Topic: *A Vision: The Story of Our School*

### **Friday, April 3**

- **9am PreSanctified Liturgy (MC)**
- 10am Meal Prep for Feed My Neighbor & 5pm Curbside Pickup
- 11am Golden Agers Making Palms
- 5pm Catechumen Class

### **Saturday, April 4**

- **8am Orthros 9am Divine Liturgy: ST. LAZARUS**
- 9am Pythagoras Greek School & Ellinomatheia
- 11am Greek Storytime
- 11am Lenten Breakfast sponsored by Pythagoras Greek School
- Following Divine Liturgy: Palm Sunday Bake Sale, Decorating the church & Making palms
- **5pm Palm Sunday Great Vespers (MC)**

### **Sunday, April 5**

- **8:30am Orthros 9:45am Divine Liturgy (MC)**
- **10am Diving Liturgy (GAC)**
- Following Divine Liturgy: Palm Sunday Fish Fry & Palm Sunday Bake Sale
- **7pm Evening Service of the Bridegroom (MC)**

# 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](mailto:athletics@stjohnthebaptistgoc.org) and let him know which sport and age group you would be interested in.


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

- Ionian Village Summer 2026
- Orthodox Missions in 2026
- National Hellenic Society's Heritage




**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](mailto:SUNDAYSCHOOL@STJOHNTHEBAPTISTGOC.ORG)



## FLOWER OFFERING


Help adorn the church with flowers by either offering your God-given time to help adorn the church and icons on the Saturday of Lazarus or the Kouvouklion and Resurrection Icon on Holy Friday. If you are unable to give of your time, then we ask you to consider offering from your God-given treasure towards the purchase of these flowers. *Flower Offering envelopes are available on the Pangari. Also, this year, if you are able to, please consider bringing a lily plant to the church by Holy Saturday morning.*



## A Message about Stewardship

*“Even if you have only bread or water, with these you can still meet the dues of hospitality. Even if you do not have these, but simply make the stranger welcome and offer him a word of encouragement, you will not be failing in hospitality. Think of the widow mentioned in the Gospel by our Lord: with two mites she surpassed the generous gifts of the wealthy.”*

**St. Theodoros, the Great**




SCAN ME



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** 




## NEED IN-HOME SENIOR CARE?

The Hellenic Foundation provides compassionate home care aides for non-medical support of senior citizens in their own homes.

### OUR IN-HOME CARE MANAGEMENT TEAM

 Vicky Loukis Team Lead	 Edisa Alisic
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 Oksana Konyk	 Maria Sidereas
 Eleri Skoubis	 Jan T. Toleubekova

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**SCAN HERE** 



# Pascha Lambades Sale

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

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**REGISTRATION Ends April 13**

**1ST SESSION - JUNE 16 - JULY 5**  
**IV NEXT - JULY 5 - 15**  
**2ND SESSION - JULY 15 - AUGUST 3**



## 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.



More Information

[www.stjohnthebaptistgoc.org](http://www.stjohnthebaptistgoc.org)

FEBRUARY 2  
Mr. Brandon &  
Mrs. Elizabeth  
RESURRECTION IN OUR WORLD  
& FAITH  
Host: Youth Ministries

MARCH 4  
Fr. John Raftoyiannidis  
PROPHETS AND ESCHATOLOGY  
- REVELATION AT ST. PAVLOS  
Host: St. Panteleimon  
Orthodox Day School

MARCH 11  
Mrs. Theodora & Mr. Nikolas &  
Mrs. Katerina  
DYNAMIC CHANGE OF THE  
NATION THROUGH THE  
NATIONAL ANTHEM  
Host: Philoptochos

MARCH 18  
Mr. George & Mrs. Eleni &  
Mr. Christos & Mrs. Eleni  
BUILDING TOGETHER FAITH  
IN OUR HOME IN CULTURE  
Host: St. John the Baptist  
Greek School

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



FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026  
11AM BLUE ROOM  
MAKING PALM CROSSES

*Golden Agers*

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026  
10AM BLUE ROOM  
WRAPPING EGGS & PREPARING



## LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

# PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE

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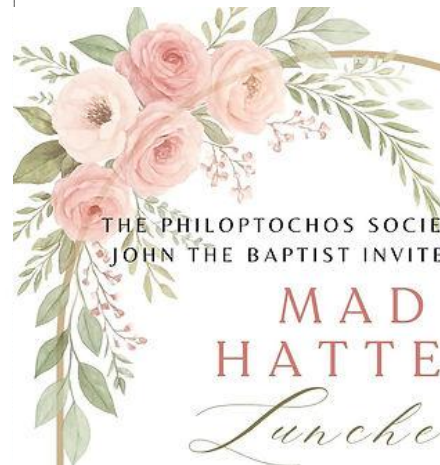
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Sunday April 5th after Divine Liturgy

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*Luncheon*

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SATURDAY, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2026

11 O'CLOCK  
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in our fabulous raffle!



# Love and Gratitude Walk-a-Thon



**SAVE THE DATE**

**May 7, 2026**

**9:00 am - 7:00 pm**



SPONSORED BY  
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ORTHODOX DAY SCHOOL

**More details coming soon!**



## 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  
ATHLETICS PROGRAM**

**JUNIOR OLYMPICS  
MAY 22-24  
(FRIDAY-SUNDAY)**

**Events include:**

- Soccer Coed (Ages: 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-18)
- Basketball Coed (7-10, 11-13)
- 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:  
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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*





# 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**



# *Palm Sunday Fish Fry*

*April 5th following the Divine Liturgy*

*Delicious Fried Cod, Salad, Vegetables, Fruit, Dessert!*



*All proceeds to support  
GOYA endeavors*

*Adults: \$25*

*Children under 18: \$15*

*Children under 5: Free*

*RSVP TODAY!*



## **SAINTS COMMEMORATED THIS WEEK**

**Mon, 30**

John Climacus

**Tues, 31**

Hypatius the Wonderworker,  
Innocent Enlightener of Siberia & Alaska

**Wed, 1**

Mary of Egypt,  
Gerontios & Vasilides

**Thurs, 2**

Titus the Wonderworker,  
Theodora of Palestine

**Fri, 3**

Nicetas the Confessor,  
Joseph the Hymnographer

**Sat, 4**

George of Maleon,  
Plato the Studite

**April**

**March**