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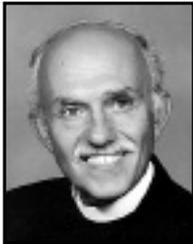
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April 2011

From Father Bill



Not Skeered Of Dyin'

From the musical comedy, *Showboat*, we have the song, "Old Man River."

I trust that most can recall the melody of this song and even as I pen these words, the beautiful melody and words resonate in my heart. The words and music of this song combine to depict the sad plight of the black slave along the banks of the Mississippi. The depths of despondency and grief are vocalized in the lyrics: "Ah gits weary an' sick of tryin', Ah'm tired of livin' an' skeered of dying." When Father Ted Phillips, my schoolmate gifted with a deep bass voice would sing these few words, everything around would reverberate. I can almost hear his beautiful voice.

Father George Nicozisin, a dear friend and classmate, shared a story with us while a student at Brookline, about a black man who worked in his father's tavern. "You know, boys," he would say, "everyone wants to see Jesus, but nobody wants to die." Think about the homespun folk lore and you will discover as I did, that there is truth in these words.

The fear of death is a major psychological problem for humankind. Sigmund Freud once observed that in dealing with death, most of us "are living psychologically beyond our means." St. Augustine, after the death of a very close friend, became so despondent that he wrote: "some incomprehensible feeling arose in me: both loathing of living and fear of dying weighted heavily within me" (Confessions, 4:6-11).

Our attitude toward the subject of death and dying reminds me of the seven-year-old who confided in his Sunday school teacher when he showed her the letter he had written. It read, "Dear God, I would like to know what



Greek school students dance at their annual dinner dance at the Diplomat West in Elmhurst on February 20.

it is like to be dying. I only want to know. I don't want to do it. Love, Michael."

All of us want to know about dying, but nobody wants to do it. We are interested in what is going to happen when we finally face the last days of life. Perhaps we are not as afraid of the actual process of death itself as much as of what will happen between the present good health we enjoy and that moment of death. We are afraid of a period of suffering.

The Orthodox Church through the various ecclesiastical services reminds us of death. In a petition stated often, we pray: "That the remainder of our lives may be passed in peace and repentance let us entreat the Lord."

We are all hesitant to talk about dying to people who are in fact dying because very often we do not know what to say. We think that somehow we have to be eloquent and

experienced to deal with that extremity.

In my first pastorate in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, I had a small parish in the Berkshire Mountains. The first elderly gentleman who passed away during my time of service there knew he was going to die, and I knew it. But when the phone finally rang and I had to go to that home, speak to those who were mourning the loss, and say something about their loved one, I was completely at a loss for words.

I knew so little about dying. No one in my home had died. No one close to me had died. I found that my training was woefully lacking when it came to this experience of saying something to one in that time of need.

Fifty-six years of ministering to my flock altered my thinking and I faced death numerous times. I discovered the deep pain that

See Fr. Bill on P. 3

From Father Nicholas



Developing A Contrite And Humble Heart

Author Kyriacos Markides spoke at the Celebration of Books a few years ago. He discussed the three stages of our relationship with the Lord.

First, slaves of God try to obey the Lord's commandments. God is viewed as a divine chalkboard, keeping track of all our sins. Fear of God propels this group away from sinning.

Second, employees of God do good works and expect to be rewarded in this life and the next. Finally, there are those who are wounded by the Lord's love.

The Lord is our loving Father. When we fall in love with someone, we may initially do things for them out of fear because we do not want to lose them. As people grow together, they may help each other, hoping for something in return. In true, ultimate love, we continually think about that person whom we love. We will do anything for them just because we love them and expect nothing in return!

In Biblical language, to know God is to experience Him in an intimate way. We come into contact with Him in a dynamic, life-changing, transforming way.

On the fourth Sunday of Lent, we remember St. John of the Ladder. He wrote a book detailing the process of growing closer to our Lord. The 30th step is the top of the ladder. Christians wounded by the love of the Lord are on this rung.

How do we get to the top of the ladder? The 25th step, humility, is one of the steps taken. Humility is derived from the Latin word humus. Fertile ground is the translation of this word.

Are we fertile ground for the Lord? On the Feast of the Holy Transfiguration, we chant the following hymn: "You were transfigured on the Mount, Christ God revealing Your glory to Your disciples as much as they could comprehend."

The Lord's glory was revealed in proportion to what the disciples could bear. This challenges us. How much can we bear? Do we have room for Christ? Our challenge is finding a place for Christ to dwell within us. Humility comes through struggle.

Pride blinds us. The Church Fathers continually warn us to be vigilant and guard our hearts from pride. When we struggle, we gain Christian virtues. The spiritual journey begins with humility and ends with love. Repentance



Gavel to Gavel



BY STEVE SAVAS, SECRETARY

Parish Council meeting of February 17

Present: Fr. Bill Chiganos, Fr. Nicholas Georgious, Peter Bell, George Chechopoulos, Tom Gregory, Louis Katzioris, Paul Kallis, James Kapolas, George T. Mannos Jr., Nick Kirkeles, Dennis Poulos, Steve Savas, and Peter Tomaras. Absent: Jim Fotopoulos, Terry Chiganos, Sandy Fiascone, George Alex, Peter Poteres.

Previous Minutes

✦ The minutes for the January 27 meeting were reviewed. A change on old business regarding the final inspection from the State of Illinois was changed from George T. Mannos Jr. to Peter Tomaras who presented the report. Nick Kirkeles moved to approve the report. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

✦ The comparative financial report dated January 31 was reviewed by Paul Kallis. Dennis Poulos moved to approve the financial statements subject to year-end review. The motion passed unanimously.

Stewardship

✦ Tom Gregory reviewed the Stewardship Report for January 31. The church received 416 pledges, 17 more pledges for the same period last year, totaling \$110,914.50 paid in January, favorable \$9,094, for the same period last year, for an average pledge of \$1,002.49.

Correspondence

✦ A thank you note from Mr. Nick Paloumpis, choir director, was read.

Meditation

✦ Fr. Bill's meditation revolved around awareness of preparation for Holy Communion. It is our mission to educate ourselves and others. Some of the basics are to fast on Sunday morning and to teach our children how important it is to fast before partaking of Holy Communion.

If a person has prescribed medications, he should take them. Also it is important to ask forgiveness from your loved ones and friends before partaking of Holy Communion. As parents, it is our responsibility to teach our children the importance of fasting and forgiveness. Fr. Bill also advised us to read the scriptures and daily readings. We need to read the literature in the pews, especially the communion prayer. Alexander Schmemmann has a few books worth reading. One is *The Great and Holy Lent*. He also has a book dealing solely with the Eucharist.

Building & Grounds

✦ A discussion about the heating system running too hot in the multi-purpose room ensued and will be addressed.

✦ A motion was made to purchase a new 75 gallon hot water tank. After discussion, the motion was passed unanimously.

Ways and Means

✦ The golf outing has been set for July 11 at the Indian Lakes Resort. Jim Kapolas has asked for more participation in support of this great event.

✦ This year's annual picnic is scheduled for July 17, the location to be announced.

New Business

✦ George Chechopoulos reviewed the ushering schedule and some of the duties involved. George reviewed some basic signs of a stroke and what to do in case of an emergency.

Old Business

✦ Peter Tomaras received the letter from the State of Illinois Attorney General's Office stating our compliance. The letter noted that Holy Apostles needs to comply with the maintenance requirements set forth in the statutes. Peter Tomaras officially turned over the letter to George T. Mannos Jr.

lifts a person up. Mourning knocks at heaven's door. Holy humility opens the door to heaven.

How can we cultivate humility? St. John says, "First, remember your sins." As we remember the way that we have sinned, we will grow in humility. A monk struggled with pride. He wrote all of the Christian virtues on the wall of his cell. When he was tempted to think he was a holy man, the monk went and stood under each virtue. He remembered all

the times he fell short.

True repentance leads to humility. This should not lead us to despair. Instead, it should lead us back to the Lord. The beautiful Lenten services, the Monday night Compline Service, Noon Prayer Service, and Wednesday Pre-Sanctified Liturgy help us to remember our sins.

Second, remember God's grace. We can humble ourselves by continually remembering

...See Fr. Nicholas on P. 5

Fr. Bill from P. 1

A biblical view of death

death brought into my life when members of our family were taken from us, especially our beloved daughter, Sofia.

Recently, I was placed in another position when my sister, Toula, faced imminent death. One afternoon, the two of us had the opportunity to talk about death. We shared our deep feelings and thoughts and I asked if she would be receptive to my reading from Holy Scripture. She was excited and closed her eyes and reclined on her favorite chair.

I began to read from the Book of Psalms. Between readings, I was convinced that this indeed is what she wanted and needed. She responded by nodding her head in agreement. I looked at her serene face and was convinced the Psalms brought her comfort and peace. I continued to read until her eyes closed shut as she drifted into a deep sleep.

The Bible, we must admit, is almost silent about the experience of death. It records the death of Abraham, Moses, Jacob and others, and notes their ages. It tells how Judas and Stephen died, and of course gives a full account of the death of Jesus, together with his anticipation of how and why he should die.

The scriptural theme for Holy Week revolves around the biblical transmutation of the death of the body. In a sense, it is thereby tied to Holy Week and Easter. From Ezekiel's image of the dry bones and gospel account of the raising of Lazarus, a biblical view can be drawn concerning death.

Yet, we read in the Scripture that ultimate bliss will occur on the day when our bodies are returned to us. Yes, we will be with Christ and there we will live with all the saints and the angels. One day, when Christ returns and everyone is raised, we will have a new body.

The people who fear death are basically those who also fear life. Those who embrace life can also embrace death.

Remember the book, *A Man Called Peter*, when Peter Marshall was taken out of the house in an ambulance? He had had a heart attack. He looked up to Catherine as he was leaving and said, "Darling, I will see you in the morning." It sounds like Paul when he wrote in II Timothy, "Jesus Christ has brought immortality to life in his glorious gospel."

There is no more doubt and no more fear. For until our faith is right, we shall live with that hope of dying, that grand experience which will usher us into the presence of Christ.

Christ is Risen!

Adventure Theater's shadowbox makes a return engagement in spring play

On Sunday, April 10 immediately following Divine Liturgy, the Adventure Theater will present its spring play in the multi-purpose room, preceded by a Lenten luncheon. Since the addition of a shadowbox background was such a hit with our audience at the Christmas play, we decided to try it again. We will take reservations (donation \$10) on Sunday, April 3 in the multi-purpose room following Divine Liturgy. You may also make your reservations by calling Mr. D. at 708.562.0869 or emailing him at fanari@me.com

Preview: In a little, out-of-the-way valley in the Colorado Rockies, three cousins talk about their grandparents who lived long ago, specifically their great, great, great grandfather with the unusual name Pedimoo. His story begins in 1882 in the town of Sandy Springs when Pedimoo was 12 years old. As long as Pedimoo could remember, he was passed from one family to another, and the kind woman with whom he had been staying had just died. The only connection he had to his real family was the gold cross with engraved Greek letters that he wore around his neck. He must have

received it as a baby since the heavy, gold chain was now too small to slip over his head and the chain had no clasp.

Since there was no one else in Sandy Springs who could take Pedimoo in, he had to continue to wander, look for work, and find a place to stay. He eventually found a blacksmith apprenticeship in Buffalo Crossing, and rented a dingy room from Garth Stoneheart. Late one night, with a blizzard raging outside, Pedimoo found Garth in his room stealing his money. Enraged at being discovered, Garth Stoneheart pursued Pedimoo into the cold, snowy night. Pedimoo was lost in the storm and was about to give up when he heard a dog barking in the distance.

Will the dog, which Pedimoo eventually named Lazarus, and a girl named Katie Ringo help Pedimoo end his years of wandering? Pedimoo's moving and unforgettable story, dramatized by our Adventure Theater actors and actresses, is chock full of adventure, suspense, and surprises. It promises to hold your attention to the very end.

By George J. Demetralis

Philoptochos Updates

Easter Candles

Once again, Philoptochos will sell beautiful, handmade, one-of-a-kind Easter candles. They make memorable gifts for children, grandchildren, or others. They will be on sale April 3, 10 and 17.

Philoptochos Bake Sale

The Philoptochos Bake Sale will take place on Saturday, April 16, and on Palm Sunday, April 17. Please plan to purchase tiropites, spanakopites, tsourekia, and red egg dye in time for Easter.

Planning Ahead - Feed the Hungry

On May 10, Philoptochos will prepare and serve a hot meal for the Metropolis Feed the Hungry program at the Annunciation Cathedral in Chicago. Diane Hank will chair this event with the help of many volunteers. For information about helping with this event, please contact Diane Hank at 708.246.3391.

At right, Marita Urban is hard at work decorating Easter candles for this year's sale.



A change of electronic address for GOYA

Our GOYA has a new email address! All future GOYA email communications will come from HolyApostlesGOYA@gmail.com

You are welcome to use this address if you have questions about GOYA and its activities.



Lent begins with pasta and processions



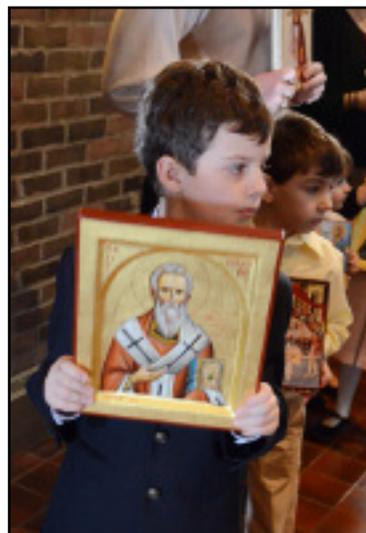
George Mannos Jr. and Nick Kirkeles prepare macaronatha, left, while Tom Gregory and George Chechopoulos serve, above.



Fr Bill, Stephen Berg, Yianni Kinnas, and Elias Paleothodoros, above, stand at the end of the procession on the Sunday of Orthodoxy. James Clohessy, right, takes part too.



Parishioners of all ages join in, as does Nikolas Milak, above.



*Photos by
Peter Bell*

Mysteries of the Jesus Prayer

As we journey through Great Lent to Pascha, the Metropolis is excited to present to its faithful a spiritually uplifting opportunity to attend a screening of *Mysteries of the Jesus Prayer*. It is a new film by Emmy award-winning filmmaker and author Dr. Norris J. Chumley and the noted Orthodox author, Very Rev. Prof. John A. McGuckin. Dr. Chumley will be present to offer a reflection and answer questions from the audience. All proceeds from the sale of tickets will benefit the Saint Iakovos Retreat Center of our Holy Metropolis. With thanks to the owners of the Pickwick Theater of Park Ridge, each ticket will provide admittance to the screening, as well as free popcorn and a soft drink. Free parking is available, and it is certain to be a spiritually rewarding event during this Lenten Season. For additional information about the movie and to view the trailer or order tickets please visit www.chicago.goarch.org.

You may purchase tickets by contacting the Metropolis of Chicago at 312.337.4130 or email directly to get tickets.

The event information is as follows:

Mysteries of the Jesus Prayer

Thursday, April 14,
7:00 p.m.

Pickwick Theater

5 South Prospect Avenue, Park Ridge, IL
847.604.2234

Tickets: \$20.00

Free popcorn and soft drinks included

Stewardship Sweepstakes

WESTCHESTER, APRIL 1 The Parish Council announced today that every parishioner who fulfills his or her annual pledge by the end of the month, will be entered in a sweepstakes for guaranteed seats in the front row pews for next year's Holy Week. Just think, you'll be able to arrive for the Resurrection Liturgy at 11:59pm and be assured your front row pew will be waiting for you! And any yia yia who manages to get into your reserved pew and feigns ignorance of English when asked to move, will be courteously assisted to another pew by the ushers. Enter today, for a chance to win peace of mind for Pascha. April Fool!

Help make the altar look great on Sundays

A recent study has indicated that flower arranging is one of the least stressful jobs someone can have. Volunteers are needed to help get flowers ready for the altar on Sundays. Anyone interested in enjoying a quiet, singular task for the church three to four times a year by preparing flowers for the altar should contact Maria Lagios at 630.420.8131.

Flowers are to be delivered on the Friday preceding the assigned Sunday Liturgy.

A new calendar schedule is created in April and will go into effect just after Easter.

Annual 5K fun run

Runners, joggers, fast and even slow walkers of all ages, mark your calendars and join us at the Holy Apostles 5K Family Run and Walk! The event will take place on Saturday, May 7 at 8:30am. Our course begins and ends at the church. All proceeds go to the Philoxenia House in Rochester, MN. Meals and lodging at this house are free for people who travel to the Mayo Clinic for medical treatment. Holy Anagyroi Church established and maintains the residence.

Divisions include: 9 and under, 10-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, and 60 & over. Ribbons will be awarded to the fastest finishers in each division. The entry fee (\$20/person or \$50/immediate family) includes: a t-shirt; light, healthy snacks; water and a gift bag for each participant.

Register at the church office or www.holyapostleschurch.com as well as at 7:30 am on the day of the race. Come join us for the fun.

Fr. Nicholas from P. 2

Climbing the spiritual ladder never stops

God's great mercy for us. Remembering all of the material, physical and spiritual gifts God has given develops thankfulness. Gratitude leads to humility. Last, remember our weakness. Remember how vulnerable and weak to sin we are. Reflect on how easy it is for us to fall. All of us can probably remember mistakes we have made in the past. We can remember that we have fallen into sin. God utilizes our weakness to draw us closer to Himself. The Holy Fathers tell us that physical labor and fasting help us to realize our weakness. Fasting can bring on real hunger, tiredness and physical exhaustion. It demonstrates our weak flesh. Fasting helps us realize our utter dependence on God. Recognizing our own mortality and frailty leads to humility. God allows weaknesses so that He can demonstrate His strength in our lives. The Lord is not impressed with strength or self-sufficiency. He is drawn to people who are weak.

Registry

Baptisms

*Anastasia, Daughter of
Christy & A. Thomas Skallas
Sponsors: Lisa & Aristotle Halikias*

*Guiliana, Daughter of
Chrysanthy & Carmine Dublino
Sponsor: Demetra Clamp*

Weddings

None

Isn't it strange?

Isn't it strange how a 20 dollar bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a small amount when you go shopping?

Isn't it strange how 2 hours seem so long when you're at church, and how short they seem when you're watching a good movie?

Isn't it strange that you can't find a word to say when you're praying but you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend?

Isn't it strange how difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular novel?

Isn't it strange how everyone wants front row tickets to concerts or games but they do whatever is possible to sit in the last row in church?

We read: "The Lord's power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Corinthians 12:9) "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven." (Matthew 5:3) All of these tools help us to become humble and more receptive to the love of the Lord.

The Lenten season is a struggle for anyone who takes it seriously. No shortcuts exist in our relationship with the Lord. If we look at the ladder of St. John, we see people on different rungs. This is the spiritual life. We never get to the top. With the Lord's help and grace, we slowly climb up the steps of the ladder. If you get knocked off the ladder, don't stay on the ground. Get back on the ladder. As we continually grow in humility and united with our loving Lord, at the end of our Lenten journey, we will joyously proclaim: "Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and bestowing life to those in the tombs."



Jr. Goyans display the results of their hard work making blankets.

Jr. Goyans warm hearts with fleece blankets

On February 26 in preparation for the Lenten season, our Jr. Goyans made no-sew, tie fleece blankets for a local shelter catering to families of domestic violence. During a two hour span, Jr. Goyans created 24 soft, colorful blankets, with Spider Man, Snoopy, Sponge Bob, frog, flower, and heart patterns. Making these blankets was a wonderful way for our Jr. Goyans to start the Lenten season and begin their journey to Pascha. They experienced firsthand the joy of giving and supporting an important cause as these blankets provide a basic necessity to families in need, especially during this cold and damp season.

The twin-sized blankets were donated to Family Shelter Service in Downers Grove. The Shelter was founded in 1976 by a group of caring and concerned individuals who wanted to help the growing numbers of homeless people in DuPage County. Their mission is to serve those affected by domestic violence by providing a network of dynamic, interconnected programs and by empowering individuals and families to realize their potential. The website is: www.familyshelterservice.org

After the blankets were completed and while our Jr. Goyans enjoyed a lunch of pizza, salad and fruit, we discussed Lenten preparation and how serving the community was a great way to start the Lenten season. We also discussed the importance of fasting, prayer, confession, reading the Bible and attending more church services during Lent.

Each Jr. Goyan received the brochure *A Journey to Lent* to share with their families.

The Jr. GOYA thanks the families who contributed to this service project. Jr. GOYA is comprised of 7th and 8th graders. It's never too late to join! Check out the weekly bulletin and Mosaic for future meeting dates and fun, social activities.

By Pamela Ziogas

Early birds get the lower Fanari fee

Applications for Fanari Camp have been mailed to children who attended last year. For those children who are entering 6th grade in the fall or those who have never been to camp, applications are now available in the church office. The session this year is one week. The children leave on Sunday, June 19 and return home on Saturday, June 25.

The Early Bird Registration Special is \$450 and the application must be in before April 11. The fee is \$475 with an application deadline of May 1, \$500 with an application deadline before June 1 and \$525 after June 1.

Parents, please read the cover letter carefully as there are new guidelines this year.

The office is open everyday from 8:30 to 4:00 or you can pick up an application after Liturgy on Sunday.

The HARC CORNER

Way of the Ascetics

By Tito Colliander

This rich compact book is an introduction to the Eastern Christian spiritual tradition and provides insightful reflection on self-control and inner peace. Colliander includes profound extracts from the spiritual Fathers with illuminating commentary and practical applications for daily devotion.

The author states "the rediscovery of Orthodoxy in the West is not only important in terms of the quest for Christianity unity, it is essential if we are to recover that lost sense of the mystical and prayerful character of all theology."

The book not only contains chapters devoted to prayer, but also on the Jesus Prayer, fasting, self-denial, obedience, on times of darkness and other topics.

Colliander writes with humor, common sense and warmth for persons living fully in the world and for monastics as well.

Way of the Ascetics is an excellent resource for authentic spiritual guidelines and a revitalized religious life.

Tito Colliander was born in Russia but lived most of his life in Helsinki where he was an Orthodox layman and author of several books in both the religious and secular fields.

Softbound \$13.00

Return Repentance and Confession Return to God and to His Church

By Arch. Nektarios Antonopoulos

What is sin? What is repentance? How do we prepare for confession? How do we confess? What is the meaning of penance?

This small book in simple words attempts to answer these as well as other questions and helps to offer a *Return* back to the original attitude and to a correct approach to the great mystery of repentance and confession.

Softbound \$20.00

Lenten Readings and Easter Gifts

HARC has many books to help guide us through Lent and Holy Week. In addition, there are wonderful children's books and gift items for the Easter season. Stop in after Liturgy and anytime during the week.

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Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

<p>Sunday</p> <p>8:00am Orthros 9:15am Awaken To God 9:30am Divine Liturgy Fellowship Hour</p>	<p>Monday</p> <p>4:30pm Adventure Theater 6:30pm Great Compline</p>	<p>Tuesday</p> <p>10:00am TOTIS 12:00pm Sixth Hour 4:30pm Greek School</p>	<p>Wednesday</p> <p>1:00pm Adult Christian Fellowship And Study Group 6:00pm Pre-sanctified Liturgy</p>	<p>Thursday</p> <p>12:00pm Sixth Hour 4:30pm Greek School</p>	<p>Friday</p> <p>4:30pm Adventure Theater 7:00pm Fourth Heretismi 8:15pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>Saturday</p> <p>8:45am Parea Trip To Passion Play 11:30am Adventure Theater Rehearsal</p>
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<p>PALM SUNDAY 8:00am Orthros 9:15am Awaken To God 9:30am Divine Liturgy Fellowship Hour Philoptochos Bake Sale 7:00pm Nymphios Service 17</p>	<p>7:00pm Nymphios Service</p>	<p>4:30pm Greek School 7:00pm Nymphios Service & Hymn Of Kassiani</p>	<p>Holy Week 10:00am Holy Unction 3:30pm Holy Unction 7:00pm Orthros Of Holy Thursday & Anointing With Holy Unction 20</p>	<p>6:30am Divine Liturgy NO Greek School 7:00pm Twelve Holy Gospel Readings 21</p>	<p>9:00am Royal Hours 3:00pm Apokathelosis 7:00pm Lamentations 22</p>	<p>8:00am First Anastasi Liturgy 10:30pm Easter Choir Concert 11:00pm Pre-Pascha Service 12:00am Sunday Resurrection Liturgy & Communion 23</p>
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<p>EASTER SUNDAY 11:00am Agape Service</p>	<p>FEAST DAY OF ST. GEORGE 8:00am Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>4:30pm Greek School 6:30pm GOYA Anastasi Dinner</p>	<p>4:30pm Greek School</p>	<p>4:30pm Greek School</p>	<p>7:00pm YAL Anastasi Dinner</p>	<p>8:00am First Anastasi Liturgy 10:30pm Easter Choir Concert 11:00pm Pre-Pascha Service 12:00am Sunday Resurrection Liturgy & Communion 23</p>

This year's Junior Olympics competition is fast approaching.
 The Olympics is for all Orthodox youth in the Chicago Metropolis and offers many competitive events including: basketball, soccer, volleyball, softball, track and field, tennis, swimming, chess, etc. This event is held annually on Memorial Day Weekend (May 28 to May 30) at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Palos Hills. Please consider proudly representing our Holy Apostles community by participating in this year's events. Register early so that the Olympics Committee and our coaches can plan accordingly. Our parish representative is Mara Tsudis. If you have any questions or are interested in helping out, please contact her at either 412.915.6877 or margaret.tsudis@gmail.com

Weekday Services

Heretismi

Fridays, April 1 & 8
7:00pm

Great Compline

Mondays, April 4 & 11
6:30pm

Sixth Hour

Tuesdays, April 5 & 12
Thursdays, April 7 & 14
12:00pm

Pre-sanctified Liturgy

Wednesdays, April 6 & 13
6:00pm

Saturday of Lazarus

Saturday, April 16
8:00am Orthros
9:00am Divine Liturgy

Feast Day Of St. George

Monday, April 25
8:00am Orthros
9:00am Divine Liturgy

Holy Week

Monday, April 18
Nymphios Service 7:00pm

Tuesday, April 19
Nymphios Service
& Hymn Of Kassiani 7:00pm

Wednesday, April 20
Holy Unction 10am & 3:30pm

Orthros Of Holy Thursday
& Anointing With Holy Unction
7:00pm

Thursday, April 21
6:30am Divine Liturgy
7:00pm Twelve Gospel Readings

Friday, April 22
9:00am Royal Hours
3:00pm Apokathelosis
7:00pm Lamentations

Saturday, April 23
8:00am First Anastasi Liturgy
11:00pm Pre-Pascha Service
12:00am Sunday, Resurrection Liturgy

Memorials

Constantine Chrisanthakes
Louis Chrisos
Mary Chrisos
Liberty Poteres
Angelo Bilder
Lelica Bilder
Dr. Nicholas Patinos
Gail Patinos
Antonio Poulos
Gus Grechis
Mary Jane Grechis
James Mallon

Funerals

Antonio Poulos
Mary Marlas
Gus Grechis
James Mallon

Mosaic Deadline

The deadline for the May Mosaic
is Tuesday, April 5.

Postmaster: Please deliver by the 3rd of May

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