

Have you made
your 2017
Stewardship
Pledge Yet?

Sunday, May 28th, 2017
Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

A blessed week to all!

ARTOKLASIA:

This morning's Artoklasia is offered for the health and wellbeing of the Salapatas Family and in honor of St. John the Russian whose feast is celebrated on May 27th

MEMORIALS:

40 days for the late Nicholas Giannopoulos

40 days for the late Constance Lewis

May their memory be eternal!

MONDAY, MAY 29

Memorial Day - Church Office Closed

Fr. Stamati will be at Elmwood Park Cemetery beginning at 8:30 a.m. and at Memorial Park, Skokie at 10:30 a.m. to offer Memorial Prayers at the gravesites of our beloved brothers and sisters.

Ο π. Σταμάτιος θα είναι στο Elmwood Park Cemetery στις 8:30 π.μ. και στο Memorial Park στις 10:30 μ.μ. για να τελέσει τρισάγια προς την μνήμη των τεθνεώτων αδελφών μας.

TUESDAY, MAY 30

7:00 p.m. – The Fall of Constantinople Commemoration at
The Green House Theater – 2257 N. Lincoln Ave, Chicago

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

8:30 a.m. – Orthros & Divine Liturgy
+Saturday of Souls – Ψυχοσάββατο

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are glad you came, and we hope your visit was memorable and meaningful in every way. Our doors and hearts are always open to you. Please join us for fellowship following the liturgy and visit with our Clergy and with members of our parish council. They will answer questions you may have and provide you with information regarding the programs we offer.

A NOTE TO VISITORS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

We welcome to this celebration those Christians who are not united with us. It is a sad consequence of the divisions in Christianity that we cannot extend a general invitation to receive Holy Communion. We thank you, though, for joining us in prayer and invite you to partake of the blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine

Liturgy. We also invite you to join us for fellowship in the church hall after the Divine Liturgy.

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

Saint Paul said, in his great Epistle on Stewardship, “*He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully, will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful give.*” (2Cor. 9:6-7). ***Please become a steward TODAY!***

125th CATHEDRAL GALA CELEBRATION: Please spread the word and mark the date of the 125th Anniversary Gala Celebration for our beloved Cathedral in your calendars from now! ***Saturday, December 2, 2017 – The Drake Hotel***

GRADUATION SUNDAY

Please submit names of graduates to be recognized on ***Sunday, June 4th***! If you have a graduate in 8th, High School, College, or Masters please let us know so that you may be recognized on Graduate Sunday! We will also give Promotional certificates to our Sunday School and Greek School Students after the Divine Liturgy. We welcome the entire community to join us in congratulating all of our students and youth for all their accomplishments!

SAVE THE DATES

It is time to begin planning for the Gold Coast Greek Fest! This year our Festival will take place over the weekend of ***June 23-25!*** Please mark the dates in your calendar and plan on volunteering to help make this year's festival an even bigger success than last! We need all of our stewards and friends help! Please visit us online to fill out your volunteer form!

2017-2018 GREEK SCHOOL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! Register today for our upcoming Greek School year and save \$100 by July 15th! Spread the word and register your children today! A pre-k (3 & 4 year old class) will be available this year! Register today!!!

FROM THE FATHERS

Do not say, "this happened by chance, while this came to be of itself." In all that exists there is nothing disorderly, nothing indefinite, nothing without purpose, nothing by chance ... How many hairs are on your head? God will not forget one of them. Do you see how nothing, even the smallest thing, escapes the gaze of God?

~St. Basil the Great

FELLOWSHIP HOUR SPONSORS NEEDED

Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour at the Cathedral! We are in need of sponsors so that we may continue this ministry! All Sundays through August are currently available. Contact the cathedral to reserve your date today!

The Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles

IN THOSE DAYS, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesos and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.' " And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

The Holy Gospel According to St. John

At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made.

"I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

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