The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 5:12-20
In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

The Gospel According to John 20:19-31
On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe." Eight days later, His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and My God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, you may have life in His name.

Apolytikion of Thomas Sun. (Grave Tone)
Christ our God. You are the Life that dawned from the grave, though the tomb was sealed. Through closed doors You came to the Apostles. You are the Resurrection of all. And, You renewed us through them with an upright spirit, according to Your great mercy.

Kontakion of Thomas Sun. (Plagal of the Fourth Tone)
Thomas examined Your life-giving side with his probing right hand, O Christ our God. As You entered, though the doors were closed, he cried out to You, with the other Apostles "You are my Lord and my God."
Christ is Risen!!!

Join us for Coffee Hour in honor of Fr. Stamati’s birthday and Mother’s Day!

Artoklasia
Given in honor of Panagia Chryssafitissa.

Monday, May 13
5:00 p.m. - Children Greek Class

Tuesday, May 14
11:30 a.m. - Metropolis Feed the Hungry
5:30 p.m. - Adult Greek Class (intermediate I)
6:45 p.m. - Adult Greek Class (beginner)
7:00 p.m. - Philoptochos meeting

Thursday, May 16
5:30 p.m. - Adult Greek Class (advanced)
6:45 p.m. - Adult Greek Class (intermediate II)

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 feel free to introduce yourself after the liturgy to our Clergy and 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.

2024 Cathedral Greek Language Courses for Children & Adults!
The Cathedral through the efforts of our Greek Language Director, Dimitra Georgouses has been blessed with several semesters of full classes! Continue to spread the word about our amazing Greek Language program for Adults and Children!

We Need Your Email!
When submitting your Stewardship card, please write your email account so that you may receive information about services activities and events that are happening at our church. If you are not receiving our emails, call the church office and submit your email address.

Byzantine Music
We are blessed to have Mr. Niko Kourentzis as our head chanter at the Cathedral. Niko is a trained Byzantine Musician with two degrees and is able to teach the art of Byzantine music. We are exploring the opportunity to have a Byzantine music school formed under his direction for anyone interested. If you would like more information or to be added to the list of people interested in this ministry please email the cathedral office or call the office at 312-664-5485. Children and adults of all ages encouraged!

2024 Sunday School
We invite all children ages 4 and above to join our Sunday School Program. Class begins after Holy Communion. We ask parents to bring the kids to the Narthex and the Sunday School Teachers will escort the students to the classrooms. Parents are encouraged to stay in the Cathedral until the end of the Divine Liturgy.

Join the Cathedral Philoptochos Society
2024 Philoptochos Membership Forms are now available—please pick one up at the Pangari to fill out & return to Polyxeni Kapsalis. If you have any questions please feel free to contact her at 815-353-3999 and/or polyxenikapsalis@gmail.com.

Mommy and Me
A ministry of the Cathedral for parents and children 40 days – 4 years old. If you are a new mom looking to meet the other moms of the community and begin to foster a Christian relationship amongst your families, please join us! For information call the Cathedral office. Classes will meet the third Sunday of every month after Holy Communion in the Sunday School Classrooms!

Stewardship 2024
On behalf of our stewardship committee, we thank all of our 2023 stewards! Our stewardship committee sent out the 2024 stewardship packets. Please prayerfully review the packet and offer your 2024 pledge!

Save the Dates 2024 Greek Fest!
It is time to begin planning for the Gold Coast Greek Fest! This year our Festival will take place over the weekend of June 14, 15 & 16! 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! If you would like to be a part of the festival committee please contact the Cathedral office! We need everyone’s participation!

Annual Metropolis Junior Olympics
This year once again the Metropolis Junior Olympics will be hosted over memorial day weekend at SS. Constantine and Helen, Palos Hills, IL. We encourage all of our parents to have their children participate in this great athletic program and represent our Cathedral Community. Please see Fr. Stamati for information and to Participate.

2024 Stewardship

Studying hard and studying for your state exams are both important, but they require a lot of effort and dedication. It's easy to get railroaded by the stress of preparing for exams, and not focus on other important aspects of your life. Remember to take breaks and make time for other activities that you enjoy. This will help you stay focused and motivated, and ultimately lead to better results on your exams.

In addition to studying hard and making time for other activities, it's also important to get enough rest and eat healthy meals. Make sure you're getting enough sleep each night, and try to eat a well-balanced diet that includes plenty of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains. This will help you stay focused and energized throughout the day, and give you the energy you need to tackle your exams.

Lastly, don't forget to reach out for support when you need it. Whether it's from friends, family, or professionals, getting help from others can make a big difference in how you approach your exams. Don't be afraid to ask for help if you need it, and don't hesitate to take breaks and enjoy some free time when you can.

Remember, you're not alone in this. You've got this!
With the love and generosity of our faithful we are looking to purchase some new items for the Cathedral Altar. If you are able to offer one of the below items, please contact the Cathedral Office.

- 1 pure silver Kantzion (Hand Censor for Lent and Holy Week) - $4500
- 1 pure silver zeon (Hot water vessel for Holy Communion) - $1500
- 1 white altar table covering directly below the embroidered vestments - $500
- 2 sets of embroidered bishop candle ribbons - $350 each set ($750 total)
- 3 sets of Christ is Risen Anastasi decorative ribbons $200 each set ($600 total)
- 1 set of Anastasi chalice set covers with embroidered icon of the Resurrection - $2500
- 1 set of Lenten chalice set covers with embroidered icon of the Nymphio - $1500
- 1 set of feast day blue embroidered chalice set covers with icon - $2000
- 3 altar boy processional lanterns $325 each ($975 total)

Any of the above items may be donated in memory of a loved one or for the health and well-being of an individual or family. The names that are offered for health or in memory will be commemorated at all the Divine Liturgies at the Cathedral.
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Commemoration of the Fall of Constantinople
The Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople: Past, Present and Future Responsibilities

All are invited to come learn about Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and our Patriarchate in Constantinople.

A short film on Constantinople will be shown.
The Ascension of Our Lord Girls Chanting Group will sing Byzantine hymns and light refreshments will be served by the St. John the Baptist Philoptochos following the program.

- Thursday, May 10th at 7p.m.
- St. John the Baptist
  Greek Orthodox Church
  2350 E. Dempster Street
  Des Plaines, IL

ABOUT THE SPEAKER
Archon Dr. John Fotopoulos, Ph.D.

Dr. Fotopoulos is Chair and Associate Professor in the Dept. of Religious Studies and Theology at Saint Mary’s College, Notre Dame, IN. He graduated as valedictorian with a Master of Divinity degree from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology and received his Ph.D. from Loyola University Chicago. He specializes in the New Testament and early Christian literature.

Sponsored by the Metropolis of Chicago, the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Chicago and the Hellenic Society of Constantinople.

John G Adinamis was a 3rd generation funeral director in Chicago. He was known for his compassion and caring and his deep devotion to the Greek Orthodox community.

John was a fervent believer in stewardship especially helping the underserved in Chicago. Giving back was very important to John and his mission was to encourage youth to get involved and volunteer.

The purpose of this scholarship is to give financial assistance to college bound students of Greek American descent who demonstrate a strong commitment to community service and volunteerism.

Two $1000 scholarships will be awarded yearly.

John G. Adinamis
Memorial Scholarship

Application deadline: May 30, 2024

To apply, please visit the following link, or scan the QR code below:
https://memoryeternalfunerals.com/jga-memorial-scholarship/

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Annunciation Cathedral
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May General Meeting

Tuesday, May 14
7:00 pm in the Cathedral Hall

Join us as we plan for the Gold Coast Greek Fest
New Members Welcome

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