



**Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church**  
**THE WEEKLY CHURCH BULLETIN**

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**SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2019**

Κυριακή 23η Ιουνίου 2019

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΑΓΙΩΝ ΠΑΝΤΩΝ

Αποστ: Εβραϊους: 11:33-40; 12:1-2

Ευαγγ: Ματθαιου: 10:32-33 37-38 19:27-30

Sunday of All Saints

Today's Readings

Epistle: Hebrews: 11:33-40; 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30

**IS THERE A THRONE WAITING FOR US?**

In today's Gospel lesson Jesus tells us to plan for the future. In the passage, Peter asks Him, "We have left everything and followed you. What, then, shall we have?" Jesus replies, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or lands, for my name's sake will receive a hundred fold, and inherit eternal life."

But not so fast! This is not the time to think of a future life with the promise of thrones. Jesus pointed out often that to be a Christian is costly. He warned His followers of many persecutions and a cross. He Himself said in today's Gospel lesson, "He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me." Jesus challenges us and He lets us know that in this world it would seem as if goodness did not pay and virtue did not have its just reward. But this world is only one part of our lives, God has all eternity. If our deeds always received an immediate reaction in this world, then our virtue wouldn't be genuine.

He speaks of rewards in today's Gospel lesson. "Everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life." Elsewhere He tells us that the right kind of charity, the right kind of prayer, the right kind of fasting will have their reward. In the Beatitudes, He says, "When men persecute you on my account, rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven." In the Gospel of Luke, He says, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or cousins or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return, and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

Christ is encouraging us to follow, by assuring us that life is not meaningless, that we reap what we sow, that there is a God who rules over the universe, who sees to it that the faithful as well as the unfaithful have their reward.

The world has its own rewards: money, recognition, honor, but none of these can ever compare to the reward God has in store for those who serve Him every day in so many little ways not as slaves or mercenaries but of a spontaneous and grateful love for what He did for us on the Cross: "Everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or lands, for my name's sake will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life."

A prayer by St. Ignatius of the 15<sup>th</sup> Century sums up well what we have said: Teach me, Good Lord, to serve You as You deserve; to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask for any reward save that of knowing that I do Your will, through Jesus Christ, the Lord. Amen.

## CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

JUNE 17 – AUGUST 3

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### KORAES SCHOOL

Orthodox Christian

Preschool – Elementary – Middle School

ENROLL TODAY!

[www.koraes.org](http://www.koraes.org) or call (708) 974-3402

### JUNE FESTIVALS

St. Nectarios, Palatine	Today
Annunciation, Milwaukee, WI	Today
Annunciation Cathedral, Chicago	Today
Holy Cross, Justice	Today
St. George, DeKalb, IL	Today

### JULY FESTIVALS

St. Spyridon, Palos Heights	6-7
St. Sophia, Elgin	12-14
St. Demetrios, Libertyville	12-14
St. Andrew, Chicago	12-14
SS. Constantine & Helen, Merrillville, IN	12-14
St. George, Schererville, IN	18-21
Assumption, Homer Glen	19-21
St. Haralambos, Niles	19-21
Sts. Peter & Paul, Glenview	26-27
St. Demetrios, Chicago	26-28

## PALOS HILLS GREEK FEST 2019

Summer has finally arrived and we invite ALL of our families and friends to attend our Parish's annual Greek Festival. We are excited to announce that this year's event will be on Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. As you know, the Festival always provides a lot of fun and great food for the whole family. This year, there will be NEW rides, games, Greek music and dancing and the BEST FOOD. Support our Parish while having a good time!

Tickets for the drawing will be mailed soon. Every drawing ticket sold helps our Parish and we ask for your help in making this drawing a great success. If anyone needs more tickets, please give the Church office a call.

If you would like to volunteer to help in the preparation, set-up, serving, or transport of food or sweets, or help out in some other way, please contact the Church office.

Ελάτε με την παρέα σας στο πανηγύρι μας!

We look forward to seeing you at the Festival!

Please call the Church Office at  
(708) 974-3400

With any address, phone number or  
e-mail changes  
so that we can keep you informed of  
Church Services and other events.

### SOMETHING NEW AND EXCITING ON OUR WEBSITE

"We are excited to announce something new for our parish. If you have pictures from events that take place in our church and school, please email them to [sschphotos@gmail.com](mailto:sschphotos@gmail.com) and you just might find them on our website soon!"

We have begun posting pictures to our website, come take a look.



Δευτέρα 24η Ιουνίου

Ἀρχεται ἡ Νηστεία  
τῶν Ἁγίων Αποστόλων

Παρασκευή 28η Ιουνίου

Ὡρα 7:00 μ.μ.

Μέγας Ἑσπερινός εἰς τόν  
εορτάζοντα Ἱερό Ναόν των  
Ἁγίων Πέτρου και Παύλου  
Glenview

Σάββατο 29η Ιουνίου

**ΤΩΝ ΑΓΙΩΝ**

**ΠΕΤΡΟΥ και ΠΑΥΛΟΥ**

Ὡρα 8:00 π.μ.

Ὁρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία

Ὡρα 7:00 μ.μ.

Μέγας Ἑσπερινός εἰς τόν  
εορτάζοντα Ἱερό Ναόν  
Των Ἁγίων Αποστόλων  
Westchester

Κυριακή 30η Ιουνίου

**ΤΩΝ ΑΓΙΩΝ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΩΝ**

Ὡρα 8:30 - 11:15 π.μ.

Ὁρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία



**ΤΟ ΦΕΣΤΙΒΑΛ  
ΤΗΣ ΕΝΟΡΙΑΣ ΜΑΣ**



**ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ,  
ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ και ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ  
16, 17 και 18 ΑΥΓΟΥΣΤΟΥ**



**ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΑΓΙΩΝ ΠΑΝΤΩΝ**



Η Κυριακή των Αγίων Πάντων είναι η τελευταία Κυριακή του «Πεντηκοσταρίου». Με αυτήν τελειώνει ο κινητός κύκλος των εορτών που άρχισε από την Α΄ Κυριακή του Τριωδίου (Τελώνου και Φαρισαίου). Η Κυριακή των Αγίων Πάντων είναι η σφραγίδα της εορταστικής αυτής περιόδου, που μας παρουσιάζει τους καρπούς του Αγίου Πνεύματος, τους Αγίους Πάντες. Είναι απόδειξη του έργου της Εκκλησίας και παρουσιάζει όσους αγαθά αγίασε το Πνεύμα το Άγιο στον κόσμο.

Η Εορτή των Αγίων Πάντων τους πρώτους αιώνες ήταν εορτή μόνο των Μαρτύρων. Το Τυπικό της Αγίας Σοφίας της Κωνσταντινουπόλεως κατά τον Ι΄ αιώνα, προβλέπει σύναξη και παννυχίδα στη Μεγάλη Εκκλησία, και στο ναό των Αγίων Μαρτύρων. Η εορτή ονομάζεται "των Αγίων Πάντων" και το συναξάρι επισημαίνει ότι κατ' αυτήν επιτελείται η μνήμη «των αγίων και καλλινίκων μαρτύρων των εν πάση τη οικουμένη κατά διαφόρους καιρούς μαρτυρησάντων υπέρ του ονόματος του Μεγάλου Θεού και Σωτήρος Ημών Ιησού Χριστού». Η Εορτή των Αγίων Πάντων θεσπίσθηκε επί Λέοντος του Σοφού.

Στην εικόνα της σύναξης των Αγίων Πάντων, το άνω τμήμα το καταλαμβάνει σε κυκλική διάταξη η δόξα του Χριστού στο κέντρο, και γύρω οι χοροί των δικαίων. Η Ετοιμασία του θρόνου βρίσκεται πάνω από τη δόξα και οι δύο προφήτες Δαβίδ και Σολομών γονατιστοί με ανοιχτά ειλητάρια. Κάτω εικονίζεται ο παράδεισος και οι προπάτορες Αβραάμ, Ισαάκ και Ιακώβ καθισμένοι σε θρόνους. Μεταξύ τους παρεμβάλλεται ο ληστής, ντυμένος μόνο με περίζωμα και κρατώντας το σταυρό. Δηλαδή, γυμνός από αρετές, αλλά πρώτος στο παράδεισο.

## ACTIVITIES OF THE WEEK

**Monday, June 24:**

***FAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES BEGINS***

**Wednesday, June 26:**

8:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

**Friday, June 28:**

7:00 p.m. Great Vespers – SS. Peter & Paul  
Glenview

**Saturday, June 29:**

**Feast of SS. Peter & Paul**

8:00 a.m. Orthros and Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. Great Vespers – Holy Apostles  
Westchester

**Sunday, June 30:**

***Feast of the Holy Apostles***

8:30-11:15 a.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy

## 2019 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

*Let us all do our Best for Our Church...*

The needs of our Parish are many!  
Please make your commitment now to our  
Stewardship 2019 Campaign.

**You may do so in person,  
by mail or online at:  
[www.stconstantinehelen.org](http://www.stconstantinehelen.org)**

## Would you like to host Fellowship/Coffee Hour?

...a time to gather with our Parish Family

As it has been our tradition for many years, each week, following the Divine Liturgy, we gather in our East Room for coffee and snacks. If you would like to host the Fellowship Hour, please contact the church office at (708) 974-3400 or email Fr Tom at Tomdemed@aol.com

## † MEMORIALS †

40 Days	Frieda Kocoras
1 Year	Julia Costopoulos
1 Year	Marina Dukic
2 Years	Gust Vitogiannis
7 Years	Amelia Vitogiannis
20 Years	Craig Subsits

† May their memory be eternal †

## COFFEE FELLOWSHIP / IN MEMORIUM

Today's Coffee Fellowship  
is hosted by the  
Vitogiannis Families,  
in memory of  
***Gust and Amelia Vitogiannis.***  
Please join them.

## SACRAMENT

### BAPTISM

**We welcome the following into the Orthodox  
Faith and we pray that God grant him many,  
many years!**

*Sunday, June 23, 2019 at 2:30 p.m.*

Niko, son of

Dimitri and Amanda Karas

*Sponsors: Peter Kotsiovos & Valerie Georgelos*

**See you...**



**...Next SUNDAY!**